

## Reedley College

### Syllabus – Spring 2021

**Course**      ESL-212-53237-2021SP HI-BEG RDG/WRT/GRMR (credit - 6 units)  
                  ESL-312-53238-2021SP HI-BEG RDG/WRT/GRMR (credit - 0 units)

#### Course Description

ESL 212/312 is an integrated skills course designed for speakers of other languages who want to learn reading, writing, and grammar at the high-beginning level. This course may be taken concurrently with ESL 212/312 level courses. ESL 212 is five levels below English 1A.

#### Instructor

Ramandeep Brar

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Office hours: One hour after the zoom meeting every week and on appointment.

Zoom Meetings- Tuesdays 9:00 to 10:00 AM and

Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:00 PM

#### Office Hours and Communication Policy

Communication is very important in an online class. If you have any questions and/or concerns about the class and need to contact me, you have multiple ways to contact me:

- Email: [ramandeep.brar@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:ramandeep.brar@reedleycollege.edu) I'll try to respond to your email within 24 hours.
- Canvas Inbox: Like email, I'll respond to you within 24 hours, usually less.
- Zoom Office: 50 minutes after Zoom meeting of the week, can vary depending on student availability and on request.

Besides office hours, I'm often available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you contact me on Saturday or Sunday, I will reply on Monday.

## Important Dates:

Start of the Spring 2021 semester: 1/11/2021

No Classes: 1/18/2021, 2/12/2021, 2/15/2021, 3/29/2021-4/2/2021

Last day to drop a SP2021 full-term class to avoid a "W" in person- 3/12/2021

Final Exam: May 18, 2021

## Materials

1. Required: *NorthStar 2* (5th edition) by Natasha Haugnes and Beth Maher ISBN 978-0-13-523262-7
2. Required: *Iqbal: A Novel* by Francesco D'Adamo, ISBN 978-1-4169-0329-1
3. Recommended: A good English/ English dictionary such as the Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary, ISBN 978-0877795506.

## MyEnglishLab Registration

Course name: **ESL-212-SP2021**

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Course ID: **7XTU-VJUK**

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

## Drop and Attendance Policy

You will be required to complete 'Introductions' assignment, set up MyEnglishLab (MEL) account, and join the class on Remind app by the due date, or you may be dropped from the class. Weekly attendance will be calculated by participation in discussion boards, submission of homework both on Canvas and MyEnglishLab (MEL). If you don't engage in the coursework, you may be considered a no-show and may be dropped from the course. You must communicate with your instructor if you have any questions or concerns about the course.

## Late Work Policy

Due dates for assignments and exams will be posted in advance. Assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated. All work must be completed on time. If you have any technical problems, contact me right away. Unless other arrangements are made, 50 % credit will be given for late work. Exam dates will not be extended or accepted as late.

## Course Objectives

In the process of completing this course, students will

1. read high-beginning materials on a variety of topics from different sources.
2. identify main ideas and supporting details.
3. use strategies to recognize vocabulary in context.
4. use strategies to increase reading comprehension and speed.
5. read an unabridged novel (children's literature).
6. write and edit sentences and paragraphs on familiar topics.
7. develop content, organization, and coherence to communicate effectively in written work.
8. identify and use grammatical structures in written English.
9. identify and correct grammatical errors.

## Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. read and understand high-beginning texts.
2. write paragraphs at the high-beginning level.
3. recognize and use high-beginning grammar structures.

## Grades

This is a pass / no pass course. Current grades will be available to students throughout the semester on Canvas. Final grades will be calculated as follows:

- Pass (P) >70%;
- No Pass (NP) <70%

## Grading Categories

CATEGORIES	WEIGHT
Homework	25%
Writing Assignments	25%
Exams and Quizzes	30%
Final Exam	20%

## Exams and Quizzes

The date for exams will be announced in advance. If you are absent on the day of an exam, you will receive a zero score. You will not be allowed to take the exam on a later day unless you have made other arrangements with the instructor **before** the exam.

## Writing

Your work done for this class will be read by other students in this and future classes. This may include exchanging and reading papers for the purpose of review. This also may include projecting your paper on the screen for the whole class to review. Choose writing topics that you are willing for others to read. Your writing will not be private.

## Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact the instructor.

## Cheating and Plagiarism

You will receive no credit for an assignment or exam if in the opinion of the instructor you have cheated or plagiarized. You may be reported to the college for academic dishonesty.

Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another's work, supplying one's work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor's permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another's words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties,

which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents. (Reedley College Catalog)

## Class Participation

Your active participation in class is important for not only you but also your classmates. Make it your priority to attend every class. You are expected to join class on time with your homework complete, and actively engage in classroom activities, such as group discussions and pair practice. If you miss class, you are still responsible for the homework and activities that went on in your absence. Contact a classmate or your teacher for assignments so you can be prepared for the next class.