

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

ESL 95V: ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

Credit Hours: 3 Lec: 3

PREREQUISITE: Eligibility for ESL Level 4

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to expand the academic vocabulary of users of English as a second language at the high-intermediate and advanced levels. Emphasis will be placed on the meaning and use of lexical terms in context from a variety of academic fields.

1. COURSE GOAL

The goal of this course is to further develop vocabulary skills for academic purposes.

2. OUTCOMES

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

- 2.1 identify the role a word plays in a sentence (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, etc).
- 2.2 infer the meaning of terms using context clues and word parts (roots, prefixes and suffixes).
- 2.3 determine the dictionary definition that best fits the use of a term within a specific academic text.
- 2.4 use the correct form of a word (noun, verb, adjective or adverb) in context.
- 2.5 paraphrase the meaning of terms using synonyms, antonyms, examples, and varied sentence structure.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Use of available classroom technology and written sources of input to introduce unit themes and vocabulary
- 3.2 Individual, pair and group work
- 3.3 Analysis of written texts

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Skimming and scanning
- 4.2 Using unit vocabulary in in-class and online discussions
- 4.3 Creating and maintaining a vocabulary log with definitions and word forms for each unit
- 4.4 Analyzing texts to infer the meaning and grammatical role of words
- 4.5 Paraphrasing the definition of terms
- 4.6 Textbook and dictionary exercises
- 4.7 Dictation and spelling exercises
- 4.8 Presentations

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Unit quizzes
- 5.2 In-class and online participation
- 5.3 Individual and/or group presentations

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 Classroom Assignments: Students are responsible for work missed and for completing all work before the next class meeting. Students are responsible for participating in all oral drills and for taking all exams.
- 6.3 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.4 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.5 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.6 Textbooks and materials: Students are required to bring notebook or looseleaf book, pens, pencils, dictionaries, and purchase textbook required for class.
- 6.7 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.

For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):

- Submitting an academic assignment
- Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
- Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
- Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course