

De Anza College: ESL 272/472

Advanced Reading and Vocabulary

100% Asynchronous Online Class



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Pre-requisites: ESL 261/461 and ESL 265/465; or a qualifying score on the English as a Second Language Placement Test.

Advisory: ESL 272/472 students may also take ESL 273/473 concurrently.

Course Description: This course is an intensive study and application of various methods of learning and reading college material. This course is an intensive study and application of various methods of learning and reading college material. The main focus of this course is on the development of academic vocabulary and critical thinking skills through extensive readings of college-level material in English.

Student Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate comprehension of literal and inferred meanings of fiction and nonfiction texts.
- Demonstrate critical analysis and evaluation of ideas, persuasive techniques, and/or validity of arguments found in readings through responsive writing.
- Demonstrate in writing understanding the use of academic vocabulary with few basic errors.
- Identify main arguments and supporting ideas/examples of expository prose in selected readings.

Texts and Materials:

Required:

1. *Making Connections* by Jessica Williams and Pamela Vottorio; ISBN: 978-1-108-57023-7, Cambridge University Press, 2016
 2. *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue, Random House, 2017
- Use this link to purchase the textbook: [Making Connections \(First edition\) Level 4 - BlinkShop \(blinklearning.com\)](https://www.blinklearning.com)
 - Use this link to purchase the novel: [Behold the Dreamers: A Novel - Kindle edition by Mbue, Imbolo. Literature & Fiction Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](https://www.amazon.com/Behold-the-Dreamers-A-Novel-Kindle-edition-by-Mbue-Imbolo-Literature-Fiction-Kindle-eBooks/@_Amazon.com)

Recommended: a monolingual English dictionary, such as *Longman's Advanced American*

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Participation

ESL 272/472.50 class is fully online. It is **asynchronous**, which means that you are not required to be online at any specific time during a week. However, you are required to submit assignments online twice a week. The due dates for the assignments are posted on the ESL 272/472 Canvas site. **Please read all instructions carefully to make sure that you understand when the assignments are due.**

Online ESL 272/472 class is a four-unit class, 4 units represent hours that must be spent working in the online environment. In addition, each college unit requires 2 hours of preparation, which transfers into 8 additional hours of work for this class. Some students can complete class assignments in less time, while others need more time.

Since this is an online asynchronous class, your participation in the class is determined by the completion of assignments, as well as your active participation in online discussions. In order to avoid being dropped from the course, you are required to complete all Week 1 assignments by Sunday of the first week of the quarter. If you do not complete Week 1 assignments, you will be dropped from the class, and your seat will be given to a student on the waitlist. If you miss more than 3 consecutive assignments during the rest of the quarter, you will receive a warning about a possibility of being dropped from the class for the lack of participation. If you do not respond to the warning within 48 hours, you will be dropped.

Course Assignments:

Course assignments will include reading, analysis of fiction and non-fiction, writing and discussions. Traditional on-campus ESL 272/472 class includes a lot of discussions; those will take place in the online environment beginning Week 2.

Every week, you will have to complete **two online submissions on Canvas**:

Tuesday-11.59pm

Sunday- 11.59pm

Some of these assignments will be focused on reading; some of them will be focused on writing; while others will be discussions.

You will be allowed to submit assignments early, but you **cannot submit any assignments late**. **The Canvas submission link will close at 9.00am**, so *you must plan on submitting your assignments before 8.30am on Tuesdays and Fridays*. Once the link is closed, you will not be able to submit your assignment!

Failure to submit your assignment will result in zero points. Therefore, **you must manage your time wisely and make sure that you keep track of all due dates.**

Late homework will not be accepted unless you inform the professor about the reasons that prevent you from submitting an assignment on time. All submissions must be completed on Canvas; **homework cannot be submitted via e-mail**. All Canvas submission links are connected to Turnitin, so assignments go through a plagiarism review.

Attendance: You are expected to attend every class. If you miss more than 3 classes for any reason, you may be dropped. If you miss a class, you are responsible for finding out what you have missed and come to the next class prepared.

Participation: You should make every effort to participate actively in all class activities. Class participation will include individual, pairs, and group work. Your contribution to class activities and being prepared will help your grade.

Homework: Homework assignments will include reading various texts, answering comprehension questions, writing of reflections, structured responses, and other preparation necessary for class work. You are expected to do all your homework assignments in order to be prepared for the class. Late homework will not be accepted.

Journals: Each week, you will write a journal in which you will summarize and respond to reading selections in the novel *Behold the Dreamers*. You must write at least 150 words long summary and at least 250 words long response in which you express your opinion about the events, actions of the characters, or specific moments expressed in the chapters. All entries must be submitted on Canvas before 9.00am every Tuesday (beginning Week 2).

Tests and Exams: There will be reading and vocabulary tests during the quarter to evaluate the improvement of your skills, a midterm exam, and a final exam.

Schedules of all assignments and deadlines are posted in the weekly modules.

Grading Criteria:

Journals- 25%

Discussions- 25%

Vocabulary and Reading Tests- 20%

Fiction and Non-fiction Analysis- 20%

Final Exam- 10%

* Score for all graded assignments is posted in Canvas Gradebook.

Grading Scale:

* 90%-100% = A

* 60%-69% = D

* 80%-89% = B

* 59% and less = F

* 70%-79% = C

* Score for all graded assignments is posted in Canvas Gradebook.

Final Exam: Final Exam is a final reading project that you will submit on Thursday of Week 6.

Helpful Student Resources:

1. **De Anza College Student Support Services:**

Website: <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess>

- [Academic Skills](#) (Location: ATC 302)
- [General Subject Tutoring](#) (Location: ATC 304)
- [Listening & Speaking](#) (Location: ATC 313)
- [Math, Science & Technology](#) (Location: S43)
- [Writing & Reading](#) (Location: ATC 309)

2. **De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB) Senate**

Location: [Hinson Campus Center, Lower Level](#)

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/dasb>

3. **Counseling and Advising Center**

Location: [Student & Community Services](#) Building; 2nd Floor

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/counseling/>

4. **Library**

Location: Library Building

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/library/>

5. **Health Services**

Location: Hinson Campus Center, Lower Level

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/>

6. **Psychological Services**

Location: Registration & Student Services, Rm 127

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/psychologicalservices/>

7. **Disability Support Services**

Location: LCW 110

Website: <https://www.deanza.edu/dss/>