



Mt. San Antonio College
English as a Second Language
Level 6, Fall 2016
August 29 – December 15

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Course Description:

This course is intended for advanced level students to improve their English communication skills and to prepare them for college or vocational institutions. All language skills – listening, speaking, reading, and writing – will be integrated in communicative, meaningful, and content-oriented lessons. Students will participate in presentations, discussions, group projects, quizzes, computer lab visits, homework, and exams to ensure life-long learning, civic participation, and academic/career success.

Required Course Textbook (Students must buy):

Mauer, J. (2012). Focus on Grammar 5: An Integrated Skills Approach. (4th Edition). You can purchase the course textbook at the Mt.SAC bookstore in Building 9A.

Class Materials:

Please bring a **notebook (for notes and English vocabulary)**, **folder/binder**, **pens**, **pencils**, and an **English dictionary** to every class. It is highly recommended that you buy a **USB flash drive** so that you can save any of the work you do in the computer lab.

Attendance:

It is important that you attend every class and that you come to class on time. If you miss more than **4 consecutive classes and/or 26 hours of class**, **you will be dropped from the class**. Remember that when you are late to class, the time you miss counts against you.

Please let me know in advance if you are going to be absent, late, or leave early from class. You can tell me in class, send me an email, or leave a voicemail. For emails and voicemail messages, please mention your name, the date of the class, and the reason for your absence.

Student Responsibilities:

- Participation is very important. Please volunteer responses and ask questions.
- Complete homework and assignments by their due date.
- Please turn off or silence cell phones. If you need to make an emergency call, please step outside of the classroom.
- Be respectful and considerate to your classmates, teacher, and staff.
- You cannot bring your children or friends to class or ask them to wait for you in the hall.
- Try your best, relax, and be positive

How to successfully pass level 6:

To pass level 6, you must:

Area	Student Responsibility	Points
1. Attendance	Attend class on a regular basis and be on time	After missing 4 consecutive classes or 26 hours of class, you will be dropped from the class
2. Participation	Participate in class and in both individual and group activities	20 points per week (5 points per day)
3. Homework	Complete homework packets by due date	10 points each
4. Tests	Grammar quizzes (3), midterm exam, and final exam	30 points each = quizzes 100 points each = midterm/final
5. Writing Samples	Turn in writing samples for the ESL department	10 points each
6. Idiom Group Presentation	Prepare and present English idioms	10 points for each group member
7. EL Civics Project: Career Paths (SLO)	Job Charting and Career Presentation	40 points - 14 points for job chart - 26 points for presentation
Points needed to pass Level 6:		600 Points (Out of 850 points)

Evaluation

1. *Attendance:* See attendance section.
2. *Participation:* Each week you can earn up to 20 participation points (5 points per class session) by attending class, paying attention, and playing an active role in class.
3. *Homework:* After completing each unit in the textbook, you will be given a grammar packet. I will give you the packets in class. These packets are worth 10 points each. If you do not complete the homework by the due date, you will not receive credit.
4. *Tests:*
 - a. Grammar Quizzes – specific dates will be announced in class
 - b. Midterm Exam: Tuesday, October 18 (Week 8)
 - c. Final Exam: Tuesday, December 13 (Week 16)
5. *Writing Samples:* All writing samples will be written in class. There are no make-ups for writing samples. Each student will be responsible for writing the following:
 - a. Narrative: You will write a story about an experience from your past.
 - b. Interview: You will interview a classmate about his/her life and write a summary.
 - c. Review: You will write about your opinion of a movie, restaurant, etc.

6. *Idiom Group Presentation*: Each student, in a small group, is responsible for creating and presenting a PowerPoint of English idioms. Each student is responsible for presenting at least two idioms. Presentations will begin week 4. In your presentation, you can use a conversation, pictures, or videos to explain the idioms' meaning and use(s). Please sign- up for a date and time on the "Idiom Presentation" sheet.
7. *EL Civics Project: Career Paths (SLO)*: Students will complete a chart comparing categories of job information using the Internet. In addition, students will present via PowerPoint, the research results of an identified career path using multiple resources (interview, books, Internet, magazines, newspapers, etc.). A passing score is 36 out of 40 points.

Course Website:

I have created a course website which provides helpful information and resources:

<http://level6class.weebly.com>. If at any time you need a copy of the course syllabus, it can be downloaded on the website.

Remind – Quick, Simple Messages from Your Teacher

Remind is a communication tool that helps teachers communicate instantly with students. Using remind, it is a way to send quick, simple messages to any device. Use the following link to sign up for remind or follow the directions on the last page of the syllabus:

<https://www.remind.com/join/level6pm>

Counseling and Guidance:

The ESL office in Building 66 has a counselor or advisor who can help you with entering Mt. SAC credit classes, problems in school, and other issues. If you want to see a counselor/advisor, visit the ESL office in Building 66 to make an appointment.

Parking:

A parking permit is required and parking regulations are enforced in all student lots during the academic school year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Student permits are valid only in student lots. Students may purchase permits Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Bursar's Office located in Building 4.

MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mt. San Antonio College is to welcome students and to support them in achieving their educational goals in an environment of academic excellence.

CONTINUING EDUCATION VISION STATEMENT

The Continuing Education Division will provide outstanding educational opportunities for students to increase literacy skills, access higher education and employment, and strengthen self-sufficiency

CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

We will prepare all
students to be:

Effective Communicators who
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquire reading and listening skills• Speak and write to be understood• Work productively as part of a team• Use technology to express ideas
Critical Thinkers who
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather, organize, and analyze information from a variety of sources• Form and express a logical opinion or conclusion• Demonstrate problem-solving skills• Apply knowledge to personal, professional, or academic situations
Lifelong Learners who
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take responsibility for setting and implementing educational plans• Recognize and apply learning strengths• Participate productively in the community

Tentative Course Outline:

This outline is subject to change according to the needs of the class. Changes will be announced to the class.

Week	Agenda	Important Dates/Announcements
1	Course introduction, Units 1-3 Verb Tense Review	Buy Textbook and visit Level 6 Website!
2	Units 1-3 Verb Tense Review Unit 4 – Modals: Necessity <i>Idiom Presentation Guidelines</i>	Monday, September 5: NO CLASS, Holiday Wednesday, September 7: CASAS Test #1
3	Unit 4 – Modals: Necessity Unit 5 – Modals: Certainty <i>Grammar Quiz 1</i>	
4	Unit 10 – Noun Clauses	Idiom Presentations Begin
5	Unit 11 –Direct and Indirect Speech	
6	Unit 12 – Adjective Clauses	
7	Unit 13 – Adj. Clauses and Phrases <i>Writing Sample 1: Interview</i>	Wednesday, October 12: CASAS Test #2
8	Midterm Review Unit 14 – The Passive <i>EL Civics: Career Path (SLO) – Guidelines, Start Research</i>	Tuesday, October 18: Midterm Exam Teacher/Student Conferences and Midterm Progress Reports
9	Unit 15 – Stative Passive	
10	Unit 18 – Adverbs <i>Grammar Quiz 2</i>	Tuesday, November 1: VESL Open House
11	Unit 19 – Adverb Clauses <i>Road Trip: Group Presentations</i>	EL Civics Job Chart Test
12	Unit 20 – Adverb and Adverbial Phrases <i>Writing Sample 2: Review</i>	Wednesday, November 16: CASAS Test #3
13	Unit 21 – Connectors <i>Grammar Quiz 3</i>	Thursday, November 24: NO CLASS, Holiday
14	Unit 22 – Conditionals; Other Ways to Express Unreality <i>EL Civics: Student Career PowerPoint Presentations</i>	
15	Unit 23 – More Conditionals; The Subjunctive <i>EL Civics: Student Career PowerPoint Presentations</i>	
16	Review for Final Exam <i>Certificate Party –Thursday, December 15 (last day)</i>	Tuesday, December 13: Final Exam

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...” – Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*



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