

Course: ESOL, Multicultural Lit. and World Lit.
School: Villa Rica High School
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Course Description:

The ESOL program is a standards-based instructional program designed to promote academic and social language development. Instruction is guided by the WIDA English Language Development Standards and grade-level content area Georgia Standards of Excellence. Students in my classes will develop proficiency in the language domains of listening, speaking, reading and writing while simultaneously acquiring academic content knowledge and skills.

Policy & Procedures

Expectations:

- Be on time and prepared to learn
- Be responsible for your education and actions
- Respect your classmates and their education
- Be a good human.
- Follow the WildC.A.T.S. Way!
- Remain professional in your dress, language, and behavior.
- Cell phones need to be put in the pockets at the start of the class.
 - They will remain there until you are dismissed.

Behavior:

- Be respectful
- Come to class prepared
 - charged Chromebook
 - 1 inch 3-ring binder AND composition notebook (no spiral bound notebooks)
 - Something to write with

Grading Plan:

- At least 1 classroom assignment grade per week
- Quizzes or tests will be given on Friday
- If full effort is given on an assignment, the minimum grade will be 80% of the total points.
- If effort is partially given on an assignment, the minimum grade will be 50% of the total points.
- If work is not turned in OR it is clear no effort was given, then the assignment will be marked as "missing" or a "0."
- A note on cheating/plagiarizing: Cheating/plagiarizing will be counted as a zero, and you will have the opportunity to redo the assignment. Some points are better than no points (even if you don't finish an assignment).
 - **This included and extends to the unauthorized use of AI for classroom assignments**

Grade Calculation:

Summative/Major (Tests/Projects/Midterm/Quizzes)	40%
Formative/Minor (Quizzes/Daily Work/Homework)	60%

Make-up Policy

- According to the student handbook, you have three days to complete late assignments from an EXCUSED absence. Special circumstances may be taken into consideration. Please see me **before the assignment is due** if you need additional time to complete make-up assignments.
 - All assignments will be posted to Google Classroom if you are absent.
- If the assignment is turned in after a week, the highest grade that assignment will receive is a 50.
- After each quarter (9 weeks) late assignments will no longer be accepted.

Tutoring:

- Offered Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7:45-8:15.
- Only offered for students enrolled in my ESOL, Multicultural Lit., and World Lit. classes.

Cell Phone Policy:

This class will abide by the school cell phone policy as outlined in the VRHS student handbook, as such the set out rules and consequences will be enforced. Students are expected to put their phones inside their assigned phone pocket at the beginning of class and retrieve it only as they exit the classroom at the end of class. Should the student not comply with this and persist on their cell phone during class, one verbal warning will be given for the student to put their phone away, then a disciplinary write-up will be issued if the problem arises again.

Leaving Class

Students are expected to take care of as much out-of-class business as possible during class change. As per the Villa Rica High School wide policy, students are not allowed to leave class during the first 15 minutes of class, or the last 10 minutes of class. In the time frame in between, students will be required to have a written pass to their requested location, which must be approved by Mrs. Cano. Generally, only one student will be allowed out of the room at one time, and only necessary exits will be allowed.

Dress Code and Hats:

Students are expected to adhere to all expectations and elements of the VRHS dress code policy as outlined in the student handbook, this includes that students are not allowed to wear hats, hoods, toboggans or other head coverings unless for religious reasons. This is important for school safety and the ability to quickly and accurately identify persons in the building.

Tardies:

This class will abide by the school tardy policy as outlined in the VRHS student handbook. Students not inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings are late. If a student is tardy, they are expected to report to the tardy kiosk at the corner of the 100, 500, and 800 halls and get a tardy pass to be admitted to class.

Technology

Students will need his/her CHARGED chromebook/laptop every day for my class. If your chromebook loses battery quickly or throughout the day, you will be expected to have your charger with you. Failure to bring chromebook/laptop to class will result in inability to complete assignment(s) and late points deducted when assignments are turned in.

Technology Resources:

Infinite Campus Mobile Portal: This is where all your grades will be posted.
[Infinite Campus Link](#)

Submission

Parents and students, please sign and return this syllabus to me. This will count as your first classroom grade of the year!

Parent signature: _____

Student signature: _____