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Course Syllabus Level 6 Listening & Speaking	
Class Time	<u>Morning</u> Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. 10:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. 12:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Instructional Mode	Residential training
Prerequisite	Placement by assessment or successful completion of Level 5.
Course Objectives <p>The goal of this course is for you to gain confidence in your ability to speak and write English accurately and fluently by addressing and meeting the learning outcomes listed below. Upon successfully completing this course, you should be able to (1) easily understand virtually everything heard or read, (2) summarize information from different spoken sources, coherently reconstruct arguments and accounts, and (3) express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.</p>	
Learning Outcomes	After you finish this course, you will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) understand with no difficulty various broadcasts specifically designed for native speakers of English;2) define and appropriately apply advanced vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in spontaneous speech;3) convey finer shades of meaning in speech and correct errors with little detection;4) present clear, smoothly flowing descriptions or arguments in a manner conducive to listeners' understanding and retaining information, and;5) take part in debates, group discussions and role-play scenarios at a native proficiency level.
Program Length <p>ESL Level 6 is divided into 3 modules, and each module is 4 weeks in length. However, the length of your individual educational program depends on your commitment to the school.</p>	
Class Materials <p>PBS and History Channel historical documentary series films with corresponding curriculum materials.</p>	

Assessment and Documentation: Your progress will be assessed throughout the 12 weeks of curriculum. You will receive a formal assessment at the end of each 4-week module. This assessment will be based on attendance, class participation, and timely completion of class assignments (quizzes, tests, in-class and homework assignments, and any other projects or assignments the instructor has assigned). At the end of each four-week module, you will be provided with unofficial transcripts. Your grades and Grade Point Averages (GPAs) will be calculated as follows:

Grade	Explanation	Percentage	Grade Point	Advancement
A	Excellent ☺ ☺ ☺	90 – 100%	4	Pass
B	Good ☺ ☺	80 – 89%	3	
C	Satisfactory ☺	70 – 79%	2	
D	Poor ☹	60 – 69%	1	Fail
F	Failing ☹☹	0 – 59%	0	

Your four-week module grade will consist of the following:

Type of Assessment	Percentage
Written assignments/Presentations/Quizzes	50%
Homework	25%
Participation	15%
Attendance	10%

Attendance: Please come to class on time and return from breaks on time. If you miss more than 20% of your program, you **cannot** pass this class. You must attend at least 80% of all classes or risk being asked to leave the school (please see Student Handbook for more details). If you come to class late (fewer than 15 minutes) or leave class early (fewer than 15 minutes), you will be marked “tardy.” If you are more than 15 minutes late to class or leave more than 15 minutes early, you will be marked “absent.” Three tardies = one absence.

If you need to miss class, you must inform your teacher as soon as possible. Make-up homework and in-class assignments should be discussed with your teacher. You are expected to get contact information and the missing class notes, handouts, etc. from your classmates. Quizzes are given on Fridays (unless otherwise specified), so do not be absent on Fridays; no makeup quizzes will be given (except in unforeseen extenuating circumstances, or with advanced notice, and permission from Administration. Please note that you must be achieving SAP in order to be approved for make-up quizzes.)

Satisfactory Academic Progress: Please keep in mind that in order to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), each student at CWC needs to have at least a **2.0 GPA** (Grade Point Average) and a minimum of **80%** cumulative **attendance**.

In class decorum: Out of respect for other students please do not eat anything in class. To avoid spills, please use drinking bottles and tumblers with sealable, closed lids. Also, please turn off your cell phones during class or put them on “vibrate.” Please do not get up and exit the class during lectures in order to answer the phone (unless it is an emergency), as it is disruptive and disrespectful to the instructor and other students. No cell phone calls should be conducted in the classroom (including during break).

Learning Activities: The class will include direct instruction, in-class written and oral assignments, discussion, movies and short videos, role-playing, and other exercises. You are expected to:

- 1) Attend all classes.
- 2) Actively participate in all class activities.
- 3) Read all assigned material and complete assigned work before each class.
- 4) Successfully complete all assignments (in-class assignments, homework, projects, presentations, quizzes, tests, and any other graded material the instructor assigns).

Class Schedule: Please refer to the CWC Curriculum guide that is attached to this syllabus. Instructors will provide students with a specific class schedule, including assignments, due dates, field trips, etc.



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ESL CURRICULUM: LEVEL 6 Listening/Speaking

MODULE	MATERIAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	PBS: American Experience Series PBS: Home Video	PBS Home Video Destination America	American Experience The Gold Rush	American Experience The Kennedys	American Experience Surviving the Dust Bowl
B	PBS: American Experience Series	American Experience Silicon Valley	American Experience We Shall Remain	American Experience Summer of Love	American Experience Billy the Kid
C	PBS: American Experience Series History Channel: The Men Who Built America	American Experience Las Vegas: An Unconventional History	American Experience Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement 1954-1985	American Experience The Crash of 1929	History Channel The Men Who Built America

Material Audio-visual material from the PBS series *American Experience* and the History Channel, with accompanying lesson development and activities