**EMBRY RIDDLE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE**

**Level 2: American Topics**

**ELB002**

**Semester:** Fall 2018 (August 27th – December 4th)

**Times:** **M/F** 11:00-11:50; **W** 11:00-12:50 **Location:** building 249, room 105

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Academic Integrity Honor Statement**

*ERLI is committed to fostering a culture of intellectual honor and ethics and considers academic dishonesty a very serious offense.  Such offenses include, but are not limited to: cheating (accepting unauthorized assistance in preparing assignments), fraud (gaining unfair advantage through deceit, trickery, or falsification of records), or plagiarism (taking the ideas, writing, words, and/or work of another and representing them as one’s own without appropriate acknowledgment).  A student who cheats, commits any form of academic fraud, or plagiarizes in a class, will receive sanctions ranging from a zero (0) for the work in question to expulsion from the University.*

**Safety:** If you have an emergency on campus, or see something suspicious or unsafe on campus:

**Emergency**--Call 911 and ERAU Security--386-226-7233 (SAFE)

**Non-emergency**—Call 386-226-6480

**Important Dates:**

No classes:

September 3rd (Labor Day)

October 18th & 19th (Fall Break)

November 12th (Veteran’s Day)

November 21st – 23rd (Thanksgiving)

November 30th (Study Day)

**Required Text:**

Broukal & Murphy. All About the USA: A Cultural Reader 3. Pearson Longman. **ISBN 0-13-234969-8**

**Class Policies**:

Cellphones: All phones should be out of sight and on silent during the class unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.

Textbooks: Everyone must have their own textbook, which should be new or

“like new” (no previous writing or notes).

Late Assignments: You will routinely have coursework to complete both in-class and at home. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Make-up Tests:

If you have to miss a test you must let the teacher know beforehand. No make-up tests will be given unless previously arranged with the instructor.

Late Policy: When students are late for class it is disruptive to both the teacher and the other students in the class, so it is in everyone’s best interest to arrive on time. (3 lates = 1 absence).

**ERLI Attendance Policy:** **You can’t learn if you don’t come to class.** If you must miss class, please let the teacher know before. *When students demonstrate a pattern of absenteeism, or are failing to show progress in their courses, they run the risk of early dismissal from the program.*

**Grading Scale:**

A: 90% - 100%

B: 80% - 89%

C: 70% - 79%

D: 65% - 69%

F: 0% - 64%

**Grades:**

Coursework 45%

Quizzes 45%

Project 10%

*Students must earn a* ***minimum of a 70%*** *in order to pass any ERLI course.*

**This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.**

**Goal: American Topics Two is an integrated skills course designed to reinforce and practice the skills outlined in the curriculum for Listening & Speaking, Reading, and Writing Two within the topical framework of American culture.**

* Reinforce the skills students learn in Listening & Speaking Two and provide additional opportunities to practice them.
* Reinforce the skills students learn in Reading Two and provide additional opportunities to practice them.
* Reinforce the skills students learn in Writing Two and provide additional opportunities to practice them.