



Current Events Levels 3-6

Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Current Events 3-6

The goal of Current Events is to promote English language competency for personal, social, educational, and professional purposes applying English to real-life situations and current events with embedded contextualized learning activities.

- Promote an acceptance of and respect for each other’s opinions, values, and cultures from current events
- Gain a general understanding of global issues through news media online and in print
- Develop critical analysis of global issues, participate in group discussions, interpret facts and opinions, and follow tasks through to completion
- Focus on competency-based model of learning and understanding ESL skills through areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar.

Introduction to Current Events Teaching Objectives:

World Culture Teaching Objectives:

1. Develop students’ ability in understanding Current Events through Listening Skills:
 - 1.1. Demonstrate an understanding of information from listening to articles, videos, and other sources
 - 1.2. Listen for details and main ideas of news stories
 - 1.3. Take effective notes from listening activities
2. Develop students’ ability in understanding Current Events through Speaking Skills
 - 2.1. Participate in class discussions about daily news
 - 2.2. Interview people to gain a better understanding of current issues
 - 2.3. Obtain, organize, and use information from a variety of sources to give individual and group presentations
3. Develop students’ ability in understanding Current Events through Reading Skills:
 - 3.1. Develop reading comprehension strategies through skimming for the general idea and scanning for details
 - 3.2. Summarize main points from reading news articles online and in print
 - 3.3. Improve vocabulary comprehension from reading authentic material
 - 3.4. Distinguish facts from opinions, causes and effects, and inferences
4. Develop students’ ability in understanding Current Events through Grammar and Writing Skills:
 - 4.1 Identify and use a variety of grammatical structures through writing activities based on news articles
 - 4.2 Write factual reports and summaries based on current events
 - 4.3 Write opinions, causes and effects, and problem-solving tasks about world issues

Course Evaluation

Projects	50%
Quizzes	25%
Comprehensive Final Project	25%



Introduction to US Culture Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Students will be able to...

CE 1 use and understand topic-specific vocabulary, grammar, and written discourse
 CE 2 actively be involved in class discussions, group work, interviews, and other activities
 CE 3 correctly answer reading comprehension questions about a given text or video
 CE 4 write summary papers and opinions about a given topic
 CE 5 effectively use visuals and/or videos to give presentations
 CE 6 analyze and synthesize knowledge from multiple sources through current events

Grading Scale

SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
S 71 - 100	U 0 -70
The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by competence in the SLOs listed above.	The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above.

Current Events Requirements Passing

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71%) or better.