

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## **Intensive English Program**

**Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements** 

### Interpretation of Achievement Scale - Road Trip USA Midwest Levels 5-6

**Road Trip USA Midwest** is an integrated skills course that provides students with an opportunity to further build listening, speaking, reading and writing skills while exploring the Midwest region of the United States. Students gain an understanding of the similarities and differences between the Midwest, their native country, as well as the Orlando area.

This course is designed to expose students to various cultures, traditions, language differences, and history found in the Midwest United States while building intermediate language skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation.

By the end of this course, students will have a better understanding of the of the cultural and historical significance of the Western US and how that has shaped the America West today. Overarching themes include geography, culture, and history.

### **Road Trip USA Midwest Objectives:**

- 1. Explain ideas presented in a reading or a listening on American culture in the Midwest.
  - Assist students' understanding of American culture in the Midwest.
  - Aid students in understanding the similarities and differences between their home countries and the targeted regions.
  - Prepare students for interacting with Americans in their daily lives.
  - Equip students with the necessary skills to travel within the Midwest region of the U.S.
- 2. Discuss ideas presented in a reading or listening on American culture in the Midwest.
  - Advance use of different vocabulary in common English use, including home, food, geography and sports with correct meaning.
  - Describe dialects within the Midwest region
  - Draw connections between culture and language.

#### **Course Evaluation**

Presentations	40%
Quizzes	15%
Homework	15%
Final Presentation	30%

Total = 100%



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### **Road Trip USA Midwest Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe similarities and differences within the Midwest region and home country in both writing and speaking.
- 2. Read and respond to level-appropriate texts on historical events that shaped the Midwest.
- 3. Compose an oral presentation employing pronunciation rules related to syllable stress, intonation and thought groups.
- 4. Identify cultural traditions and patterns in the Midwest in spoken English.

### **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.

### **Road Trip USA Midwest Requirements for Passing**

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