

## AI-powered English: A Minicourse for ESOL Learners

### Overview

Class	Date	Language Focus	Digital Skill Focus	Learning Objective / Assessable Outcome
1. Intro to AI LITERACY	2/2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests</li> <li>• Action verbs (e.g., generate, explain, correct)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define AI roles</li> <li>• Navigation; features &amp; functionality</li> <li>• Prompt elements</li> </ul>	<b>Meet AI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate Gemini</li> <li>• Prompt AI to explain something from own DESE class.</li> </ul>
2. Curate VOCABULARY	2/9/26	Identify root words, synonyms, antonyms, parts-of-speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> <li>• Upload files</li> </ul>	<b>AI as Generator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI to generate, curate, &amp; format personalized vocab study materials based on specified personal needs.</li> </ul>
3. Target GRAMMAR	3/2/26	L1-specific, targeted, problematic grammar points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> <li>• Upload files</li> </ul>	<b>AI as Tutor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI for grammar rule</li> <li>• Prompt AI for personalized grammar exercises</li> <li>• Prompt AI to edit &amp; provide level-appropriate explanations</li> </ul>
4. Reinforce DESE Content	3/9/26	Variable based on individual notes choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> <li>• Upload photos</li> </ul>	<b>AI as Organizer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload handwritten notes</li> <li>• Prompt AI to organize notes for effective study</li> <li>• Prompt AI to generate exercise from notes to reinforce</li> </ul>
5. Translanguage Bridge	3/16/26	Think in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> </ul>	<b>AI as Convo Partner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage in a 5-turn L1/L2 convo with AI w/o (self-reported) mental translation.</li> </ul>
6. Cultural Context	3/23/26	Idiomatic & colloquial expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> </ul>	<b>AI as Cultural Advisor</b> <p>Get advice on cultural norms – behavioral &amp; linguistic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI for culturally appropriate formal and informal Q&amp;A for common life &amp; work situations</li> </ul>

7. WRITE for Anyone	3/30/26	Purpose-appropriate register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Guided AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Editor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI to generate two versions of the same content for different purposes / audiences</li> </ul>
8. Functional Language I – <i>Smart Personal Shopper</i>	4/6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convo phrases</li> <li>• Consumer vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Semi-independent AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Daily Life Assistant (I)</b></p> <p>Use AI to become smarter consumer of goods &amp; services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI to comparison shop for a self-defined real-life goods purchase scenario.</li> </ul>
9. Functional Language II – <i>Smart Travel Agent</i>	4/13/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convo phrases</li> <li>• Travel / hospitality vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided AI prompting</li> <li>• Semi-independent AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Daily Life Assistant (II)</b></p> <p>Use AI to become smarter consumer of goods &amp; services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI to design realistic travel itinerary within self-defined budget &amp; logistical constraints.</li> </ul>
10. READ, Think, Summarize	4/27/26	Identify main idea, infer, summarize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-independent AI prompting</li> <li>• Semi-independent AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Editor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit original text and own summary requesting AI to edit and provide level-appropriate actionable feedback.</li> </ul>
11. Independent Study Plan	5/4/26	Set SMART goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent AI prompting</li> <li>• Independent AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Time Manager</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt AI to create timed English practice plan personalized for own learning style, L1, English usage goals, English strengths &amp; weaknesses.</li> </ul>
12. Skills Showcase	5/11/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public speaking</li> <li>• give / receive constructive feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent AI prompting</li> <li>• Independent AI training</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI as Rehearsal Partner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearse presentation with AI and obtain feedback / advice</li> <li>• Present personal “AI-powered English Practice Plan” using prompts &amp; tools from course.</li> </ul>