

After ESL, what's next?

# THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM



-Students doing teamwork in AmLa 80 class



2025 ESL College & Career Conference

# WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM?

- Offers in-person, online, and hybrid credit courses in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, and culture, emphasizing critical thinking and cultural competency throughout its curriculum
  - Equips students with the language skills they need to succeed in academic and professional endeavors
  - Credit courses for English Language Learners; credit means it counts in college.
- a) You must fill out a Mt. San Antonio College Application
  - b) You must pay California Residents: \$46/unit;  
Nonresident/International Students: \$311/unit + \$46/unit enrollment fee
  - c) Remember, for every unit you take, you need to study two hours outside of class!



# Course Features

  
Speaking!

  
Reading!

- Journals
- Low Stakes Writing assignments
- Articles
- Videos
- Group Collaboration
- Class Textbook Loan for some courses
- Campus Engagement
- Portfolios
- Fun!

Listening!

  
Writing!



# Students learn by *DOING!*







## AMLA WRITING COURSES



AMLA 70

Basic to Intermediate Writing &  
Reading *5 units*



AMLA 80

Intermediate to Advanced Writing  
& Reading *5 units*



AMLA 90

Accelerated Writing

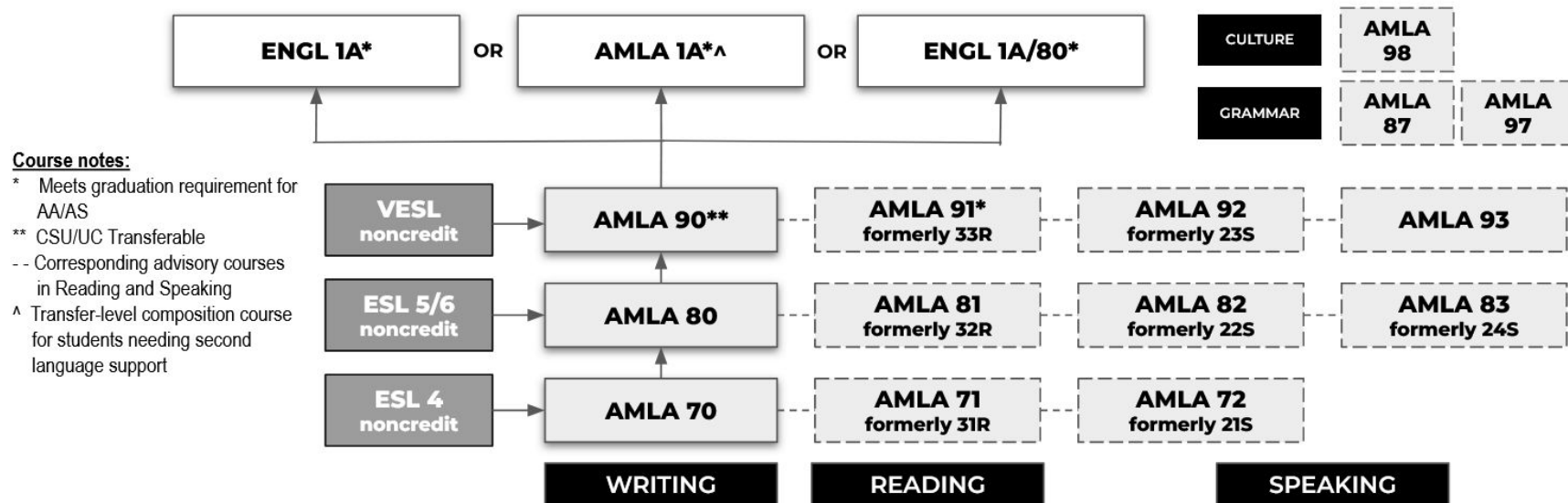
*5 units*



AMLA 1A

College Composition for English  
Language Learners *4 units*

## ENGLISH COURSE SEQUENCE: IF ENGLISH IS NOT YOUR PRIMARY LANGUAGE



Where a student begins in the sequence is determined during the Guided Self-Placement process or by successful completion of noncredit ESL





# Mirrored Courses!

**ESL 80, ESL 90, ESL 72**

*\*For qualifying students\**

Take a credit course as a noncredit student for FREE!

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courses today.



BASED ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# I Am Malala

How One Girl  
Stood Up for  
Education  
and Changed  
the World

WINNER  
of the  
NOBEL PEACE  
PRIZE

MALALA YOUSAFZAI  
with PATRICIA McCORMICK

YOUNG READERS EDITION

## AMLA 70 CLASS TEXT

- *I Am Malala* (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick ISBN: 978-0-316-32791-6
- You are encouraged to buy your own copy of this book so that you can write notes in it.
- If you cannot buy it, I will let you borrow a copy but you must return it with no marks and in good condition at the end of the term.

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## AMLA 70 SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT

After watching the video titled, "Me or We? Cultural Difference between East and West," discuss the following questions. Which type, **individualistic** or **collectivist**, could be used to describe your culture? Why?

In your writing, explain at least FOUR aspects of the individualistic or collectivist culture that you feel are appropriate to describe your own native culture. Be sure to **give specific examples** from your own experience as a member of that type of culture.

Submit your response by uploading a document that follows [MLA format](#) and contains at least nine (9) sentences.



## AMLA 80 CLASS TEXT

- *The Distance Between Us* (Young Readers Edition) by Reyna Grande (ISBN: 978-1-4814-6370-6)
- You are encouraged to buy your own copy of this book so that you can write notes in it.
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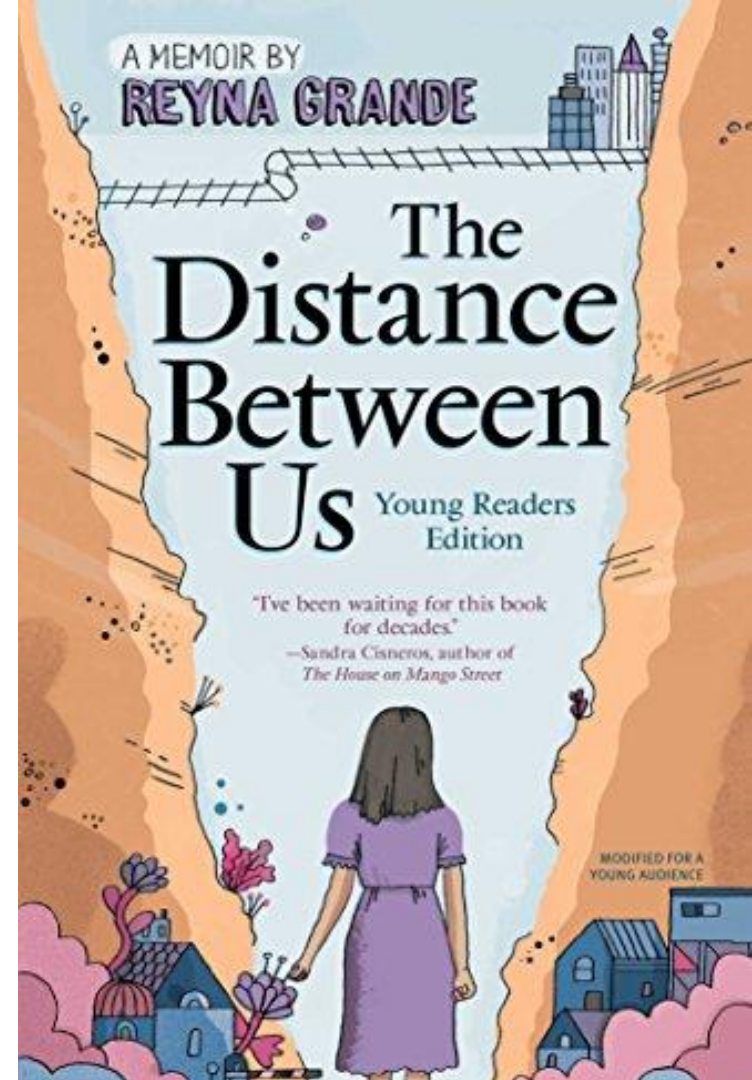


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## AMLA 80 SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT

We know that each of the following individuals and groups have a variation of push and pull factors which motivate their reasons to migrate (to move). The family members of the Grande family had different reasons; the different groups identified in "A Brief History of Immigration in the U.S." were each pushed for different factors, and our parents, cousins, and friends also have multiple factors which pushed or pulled them.

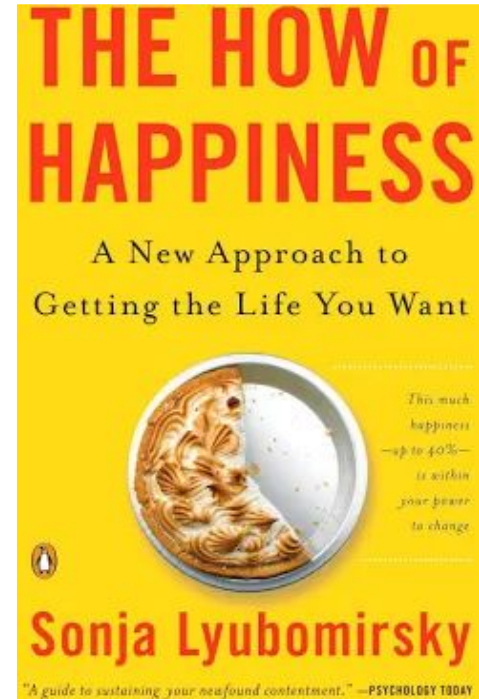
Identify one person or one group that you know or are familiar with. Then analyze (break down) the factors that pushed or pulled them to the United States.

- What was going on in their home country that possibly pushed them out?
- What was going on here in the United States that possibly pulled them to leave their home?
- Make a connection to one of our class sources to help you support your analysis.



## AMLA 90 CLASS TEXT

- *The How of Happiness* by Sonja Lyubomirsky (ISBN-10 : 0143114956)
- You are encouraged to buy your own copy of this book so that you can write notes in it
- If you cannot buy it, a copy will be provided to you but must be returned unmarked and in reusable condition at the end of the term.





## AMLA 90 SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT

During the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021, many people were having trouble paying bills, some people lost their jobs, others became very sick, and still others lost friends or family members. It was a difficult time for many of us. Yet most people feel grateful for surviving that experience.

People often feel better when they help others. For example, sometimes the person at Starbucks will pay for the coffee of the person behind them in the line. People give money to charities or donate old clothes to the homeless. Some people donate blood or give money to help the poor.

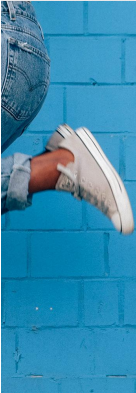
Perhaps you have heard of Chen Si, called the Angel of Nanjing, who has stopped many people from committing suicide by jumping off the bridge.

In this gratitude journal entry, write about a time when you helped someone else. It does not have to be a big million-dollar donation; it can be a random act of kindness. Maybe you helped your elderly neighbor find his lost dog. Or maybe you found someone's wallet and returned it to them.

Tell a story about something kind that you did for someone else, and explain how that made you feel afterward.

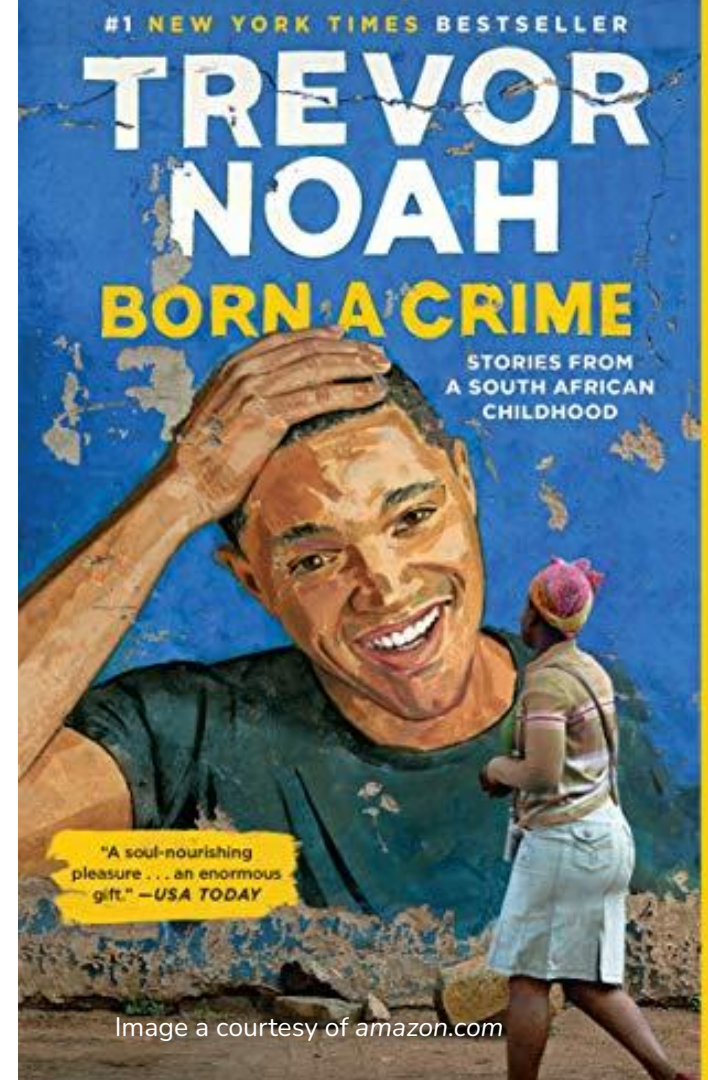
Other tips:

- Review the page on [Writing an Essay](#).
- Complete the [MLA formatting](#) review.
- Review the "Secrets of Adulthood" in *The Happiness Project* (Rubin 11)



## AMLA 1A CLASS TEXT

- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah  
ISBN: 978-0-399-5881-8
- You are encouraged to buy your own copy of this book so that you can write notes in it.
- If you cannot buy it, you may borrow a copy! You must return it with no marks and in good condition at the end of the term.





## AMLA 1A SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT

To complete this low-stakes writing assignment, answer the following question in 1.5-2 pages of original writing.

**Is it our responsibility (people who live in the USA) to help people who have been victims of violence or persecution because of their identities? Why or why not?**

- Consider what we have learned about in-groups and out-groups as well as identity (roles vs. achieved/ascribed status)
- Are there real-world examples you can think of where the USA has stepped into help victims of violence or persecution? How do these examples support your stance on this topic?
- Make connections to oppression, the bystander effect, social justice.
- Use at least one quote sandwich in your LSW. Your quote sandwich must be from one of our class sources.

Incorporate relevant vocabulary and examples from this week's readings, tasks, and activities, and support your ideas with specific details and examples whenever possible. If you decide to use quotations or paraphrases, don't forget to cite the sources you used.



We offer more  
than just  
writing courses!





## AMLA READING COURSES



### **AMLA 7I**

Basic Reading

4 units



### **AMLA 8I**

Intermediate Reading

4 units



### **AMLA 9I**

Advanced Reading\*

4 units



\*Fulfills the college reading proficiency requirement



# AMLA SPEAKING COURSES (2 units each)

## AMLA 72: Pronunciation

- Word & sentence intonation
- Mouth muscle awareness



## AMLA 82: Interpersonal Communication

- Conversation skills
- Academic & non-academic settings



## AMLA 83: Idiomatic English

- Everyday expressions & idioms
- Proverbs



## AMLA 92: Formal Speaking

- Presentations & team work
- Preparation for Speech 1A



## AMLA 93: Colloquial English

- Slang/informal English
- Professionalisms (jargon)



# NEW GRAMMAR & CULTURE COURSES



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**AMLA 87**

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Grammar Foundations  
(2 units)



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**AMLA 97**

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Advanced Grammar  
(2 units)



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**AMLA 98**

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American Culture  
(3 units)



**NEW:**  
American  
Language Credit  
Certificates





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# AMLA Certificates

American Language Foundational English for  
English Language Learners 🧱

American Language Advanced Proficiency in  
English for English Language Learners 🔧

American Language Communication for  
English Language Learners 💋



Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
AMLA 72	American English Pronunciation	2
AMLA 80	Intermediate to Advanced Writing and Reading	5
AMLA 81	Intermediate Reading	4
AMLA 87	Grammar Foundations for ELLs	2
COUN 1	Introduction to College	1
<b>Select ONE of the following:</b>		
AMLA 82	Interpersonal Communication	2
AMLA 83	Idiomatic English	2



# American Language Foundational English for English Language Learners (16 units)



Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
AMLA 90	Accelerated Writing for ELLs	5
AMLA 91	Advanced Reading for ELLs	4
AMLA 97	Advanced Grammar for ELLs	2
LIBR 1A	Introduction to Library Research	1
<b>Select ONE of the following:</b>		
AMLA 92	Formal Speaking	2
AMLA 93	Colloquial English for ELLs	2
AMLA 98	American Culture for ELLs	3

# American Language Advanced Proficiency in English for English Language Learners (14-15 units)



Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
AMLA 72	American English Pronunciation	2
AMLA 82	Interpersonal Communication	2
AMLA 92	Formal Speaking	2
AMLA 93	Colloquial English for ELLs	2
SPCH 1A/ 1AH	Public Speaking/ Public Speaking Honors	4
<b>Select ONE of the following:</b>		
AMLA 83	Idiomatic English	2
AMLA 87	Grammar Foundations for ELLs	2
AMLA 97	Advanced Grammar for ELLs	2
AMLA 98	American Culture for ELLs	3

# American Language Communication for English Language Learners (14–15 units)





# Certificate Benefits



- Improve your English language **proficiency** for successfully navigating the workplace, the community, and/or their coursework at Mt. SAC
- Provide **evidence** of English language fluency
- Appear on your Mt. SAC **transcripts**



# MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

## *Certificate of Achievement*

This is to certify that

YOUR NAME HERE!

has satisfactorily completed a program of study in

American Language Certificate of Your Choice

as prescribed by the Mt. San Antonio College Board of Trustees and is entitled to all of the privileges and distinctions bestowed thereby.



*William T. Scroggins*

William T. Scroggins, Ph.D.  
President & CEO



On this 12th day of December, 2021





# Quiz Time!







Enroll in AmLa  
classes and  
become part of  
our learning  
community!



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Rocks!



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What questions do you have?

Please contact your ESL Counselors

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# AmLa Students learning and having fun!





