Notes:

- The CB21 rubric reflects exit competencies, applies to both noncredit and credit, and the columns are not meant to be matched to levels.
- The rubric is not a list of course topics, nor is it a list of all things covered.
- Just because something is not included in the rubric, this does not mean faculty should not include it in their CORs.
- The rubric provides typical and general overarching outcomes to describe the competences of a course, not all of the course content.
- An ESL course equivalent to transfer-level composition (TLC) is not included in this rubric. That course should be coded CB21 = Y.

	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A
INTERPRETIVE	Beginning ESL Literacy	Low Beginning ESL	High Beginning ESL	Low Intermediate ESL	High Intermediate ESL	Advanced ESL
		In liste	ning and/or in readin	ng, ELLs ready to exit th	nis level can	
Complexity and Type of Passages	With prompting and strongly supported by visual and contextual clues: Identify high frequency sight words, phrases, and simple sentences about familiar topics in simplified materials with minimal written text and oral communication spoken slowly with rephrasing and repetition, using a very limited set of strategies.	Strongly supported by visual and contextual clues: Identify high frequency words and phrases in simplified written materials with limited written text, sentences, multi- sentence paragraphs, and simple exchanges on familiar topics spoken slowly with rephrasing and repetition using a limited set of strategies.	Supported by visual and contextual clues: Identify the main topic and supporting ideas in simple one-page adapted or authentic written texts and/or short informational listening passages on familiar topics spoken slowly with rephrasing and repetitions and retell a few key details using an emerging set of strategies.	Determine a central idea or theme in a two- page authentic or adapted text and/or in short informational and narrative listening passages on general career and academic topics. Understand passages that consist of mostly simple syntax supported by visuals and spoken at a natural pace.	Determine a central idea or theme in a variety of sections of a multi-page academic fiction or nonfiction written text, and/or oral presentation such as short lectures or speeches on academic topics spoken at a natural pace using authentic syntax. Distinguish stated or implied main ideas from supporting ideas, within a single document, and multi-page academic fiction or nonfiction chapters.	Determine central ideas or themes from different disciplines in multi-page academic fiction and nonfiction chapters and texts and/or extended oral discourse, such as short lectures or speeches on academic topics spoken at a natural pace using authentic syntax. Distinguish stated or implied main ideas from supporting ideas, within a single document, and multi- page academic fiction or nonfiction chapters.

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		In liste	ning and/or in readin	g, ELLs ready to exit t	his level can				
Main Idea or Topic	With prompting and strongly supported by visual clues: Identify the general topic or sequence of events.	Strongly supported by visual and contextual clues, and with prompting and support: Identify the general topic or sequence of events in a short conversation or brief written text supported by images in a familiar context by responding to simple yes/no and wh-questions.	Supported by visual and contextual clues: Identify the main topic or idea of an author or speaker. Using an emerging set of strategies, locate specific information and definitions in paragraphs and identify details and examples.	Answer questions about key details. Retell key details. Explain how the theme is developed by specific details in texts. Summarize part of a text using a developing set of strategies such as locating specific information and definitions.	Using an increasing range of strategies, analyze the development of themes/ideas Identify specific details and evidence from texts to support the analysis Locate specific information, definitions, or restatements of concepts. Summarize a text using a range of strategies.	Analyze the development of themes/ideas and rhetorical structure Identify specific details and evidence from linguistically and conceptually complex texts to support analysis and critique. Summarize a text using a wide range of strategies.			
INTERPRETIVE	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A			
	In listening and/or reading, ELLS ready to exit this level can								
Purpose and Audience	Identify the purpose and basic features of simplified documents with visual context and minimal text, including titles and images.	Identify the purpose, audience, and basic features of simplified documents supported by visual context, including titles, sentences, simple charts, and images.	Identify purpose, audience, and text type by reading titles, paragraphs, simple charts, and graphics.	Identify purpose, audience, and text type by using a developing set of strategies to interpret titles, multi- paragraph text, subtitles, introductions, charts, and graphics.	Identify purpose, audience, and text type by using a range of strategies to interpret titles, multi-paragraph text, subtitles, introductions, charts, and graphics.	Identify text type, audience, and purpose by effectively using a wide range of strategies to interpret titles, multi-paragraph text, subtitles, introductions, charts, and graphics.			

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		In list	ening and/or reading	, ELLS ready to exit thi	is level can	
Claim and	Strongly supported	Supported by visual	With support:	Distinguish main ideas	Analyze the reasoning in	Analyze and evaluate
Support	by visual and	and contextual		from supporting details	persuasive written or	reasoning by
	contextual clues:	clues:	Locate specific	within a two-page	spoken texts and	delineating and
			information or	adapted or authentic	determine whether the	evaluating the claims
	Locate specific	Locate specific	definitions in a short	text.	evidence is sufficient to	in persuasive multi-
	information in lists	information in lists	paragraph.		support the claim.	page academic written
	and identify details	and sentences and		Explain the reasons an		or spoken authentic
	and examples in	identify details and	Compare and evaluate	author or a speaker	Evaluate an author's	texts across
	simplified	examples in short	the quality of	gives to support the	point of view, audience,	disciplines.
	materials.	texts.	information using	author or speaker's	and purpose and analyze	
			sources such as graphs	claim.	the use of rhetoric and	Determine whether
	Compare items	Compare items	and charts.		word choice to advance	the evidence is
	such as products or	using information.		Identify details and	that point of view or	relevant and sufficient
	details.			examples in a text to	purpose.	to support the claim.
				explain explicit and		
				implied meaning.	Identify textual evidence	Recognize irrelevant
					to support the analysis	evidence or bias
				Identify an author's	of explicit and implied	versus strong and
				point of view.	meaning, including the	thorough textual
					author's purpose, point	evidence to support
				Identify and evaluate	of view, audience, and	analysis of the explicit
				statements of fact and	tone.	or implied claim.
				opinion and recognize		
				simple discourse		Evaluate an author's
				markers of opinion and		point of view and
				hypothetical		analyze the use of
				constructions.		rhetoric, tone, and
						word choice to
				Refer to details and		advance that point of
				examples in a text to		view.
				explain explicit and		
				implied meaning.		

Vocabulary Relying heavily on strong visual clues and context and with prompting Relying heavily on strong visual clues Relying heavily on strong visual clues Relying on visual and context and with prompting Using context, questioning, and a betermine the Using context, of word structures: Using context, questioning, and a betermine the									
strong visual clues and context andstrong visual clues and context andcontextual clues: contextual clues:questioning, and a developing knowledgequestioning, and a increasing knowledge									
and support:support:meaning of frequently occurring words, and content-specific words and phrases, and expressions in short written and spoken frequently occurring expressions in written or spoken texts about familiar topics, experiences, and experiences, and experiences, and phrases in simple written or oral texts about familiar topics, experiences, and events related to life, work, and the classroom.Determine the meaning of general academic 	ledge ofconsistent knowledge of word structure:c andDetermine the overall and nuanced meaning of general academicand nuanced meaning of general academicand content-specificences,and content-specificexts.words and phrases within and across a multi-page text, of figurative and connotative language, wordsoffigurative and connotative language, and idiomaticurativeexpressions in written or spoken texts about a variety of professional and academic topics, experiences, or events.								

INTERPRETIVE	words learned through short conversations and simplified readings. CB21 = F	CB21 = E In liste	CB21 = D ening and/or in readir	CB21 = C ng, ELLs ready to exit t	CB21 = B his level can	CB21 = A
Cohesive Devices to Interpret Meaning (Relationship of Ideas)	Apply knowledge of basic pronouns to interpret the meaning of phrases and simple sentences.	Apply knowledge of basic conjunction, demonstratives, and possessives to interpret the meaning of sentences.	Apply knowledge of common cohesive devices such as conjunctions, adverbs of time, and pronoun references.	Apply developing knowledge of cohesive devices to interpret meaning, including conjunctions and conjunctive adverbs in complex sentences and across paragraphs, pronoun reference, relationships of time and agency, passive voice, simple conditionals, articles, and use of verb tenses, adverbs, and adverbials to establish time of occurrence and sequence.	Apply increasing knowledge of a range of cohesive devices to interpret meaning and structure, including conjunctions and conjunctive adverbs in complex sentences and across paragraphs, pronoun reference, relationships of time and agency, passive voice, determiners, and use of verb tenses, conditionals, adverbs, and adverbials to establish time of occurrence or sequence.	Analyze and interpret syntactic and semantic text features and their impact on the meaning of sentences, paragraphs, or texts. Apply knowledge of a variety of cohesive devices and strategies to evaluate the meaning and structure of texts, including conjunctions and conjunctive adverbs in complex sentences and across paragraphs, pronoun reference, relationships of time and agency, passive voice, determiners, and use of verb tenses, conditionals, adverbs, and adverbials to establish time of occurrence or sequence.

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PRODUCTIVE	Beginning ESL Literacy	Low Beginning ESL	High Beginning ESL	Low Intermediate ESL	High Intermediate ESL	Advanced ESL					
	In speaking and/or writing, ELLs ready to exit this level can										
Complexity and Type of Text/ Organization	With prompting and strongly supported by visual and contextual clues: Communicate simple information or feelings about familiar topics, events, or experiences including basic personal information and immediate needs. Write or copy words, phrases, or syntactically simple sentences based on visual prompts.	Strongly supported by visual and contextual clues: Communicate in writing and speaking basic information and feelings about familiar texts, topics, and experiences. Write simple sentences on one topic based on previously learned vocabulary and structures.	With support: Compose loosely organized written narrative or informational paragraphs and deliver short, simple oral presentations about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events, based on a visual or written prompt.	With support: Compose written informational texts and deliver short oral presentations about familiar texts, topics, or events. Write well-developed paragraphs and multi- paragraph texts with a topic sentence or thesis statement, supporting details, and a conclusion, referring to the ideas of others.	Compose written informational texts and deliver oral presentations on academic and career- related topics. Write expository essays and other multi- paragraph texts with a clear introduction, thesis statement, supporting details, and a conclusion, using a variety of rhetorical techniques and coherent organization. Develop the topic with some relevant details, concepts, and examples. Integrate graphics or multimedia when appropriate.	Compose written informational texts and deliver oral presentations on a variety of academic and career-related topics and texts. Write expository essays and other multi-page texts with a clear introduction, thesis statement, supporting details, and a conclusion which demonstrate coherent organization and focus. This may include research projects incorporating various sources. Develop the topic with depth, complexity, and logical reasoning, using relevant facts, examples, supporting details, and references to multiple outside sources. Integrate graphics or multimedia when appropriate.					

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		In spe	eaking and/or writing	;, ELLs ready to exit thi	s level can	
Claim and	Express a	Express a preference	Express a main idea	Construct a claim about	Construct a claim about	Construct a
Support	preference about a	or opinion about a	(claim) about familiar	familiar topics.	a variety of topics and	substantive claim
oupport	familiar topic.	familiar topic,	topics, experiences, or		introduce the claim.	about a variety of
		experience, or event	events.	Introduce the topic		topics and introduce
		and give a reason		through a topic	Provide logically ordered	the claim,
		for that preference.	Introduce a familiar	sentence or basic thesis	reasons or facts that	distinguishing it from a
			topic, experience, or	statement.	effectively support the	counterclaim.
			event with a topic		claim and provide a	
			sentence, give a	Provide sufficient	concluding statement.	Provide logically
			reason or explanation	reasons or facts to		ordered and relevant
			to support the main	support the claim and	Integrate the ideas of	reasons and evidence
			idea and provide a	provide a concluding	others to support the	to support the claim
			concluding statement.	statement, referring to	writer's thesis through	and to refute the
				the ideas of others.	the appropriate use of	counterclaim and
					paraphrase, summary,	provide a conclusion
					and quotation with in-	that summarizes the
					text citations.	argument presented.
						Integrate the ideas of
						others through
						paraphrase, summary,
						quotation and a works
						cited or references
						page, including
						multiple sources, to
						support the writer's
						thesis.

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	In speaking and/or writing, ELLs ready to exit this level can									
Language	Show limited	Show emerging	Show increasing	Adapt language choices	Adapt language choices	Adapt language				
Choice and	awareness of	awareness of	awareness of	and style according to	and style according to	choices and style				
	differences	differences between	differences between	purpose, task, and	purpose, task, and	according to purpose,				
Style	between informal	informal and formal	informal and formal	audience adequately in	audience appropriately	task, and audience				
	and formal	language use.	language use.	various social and	in various social and	effectively in various				
	language use			academic contexts	academic contexts.	social and academic				
		Express in simple				contexts.				
	Use familiar	terms aspects of	Begin to adapt	Show developing	Show expanding control					
	everyday language	personal	language choices to	control of style and	of formal and informal	Use formal and				
	to express	background and	task and audience with	tone in written or	style and tone in written	informal styles and				
	immediate needs.	immediate	emerging control in	spoken texts.	or spoken texts.	tones appropriately.				
		environment and	various social and							
		needs.	academic contexts.	In oral communication:	In oral communication:	In oral				
				produce simple	interact with a degree of	communication:				
			In oral	connected text on	fluency and spontaneity	express ideas fluently				
			communication:	familiar topics in a	using stress and	and spontaneously				
			produce simple	comprehensible	intonation	using stress and				
			connected text on	manner, exhibiting	appropriately.	intonation effectively.				
			familiar topics with	control over stress and						
			some errors that may	intonation patterns.						
			interfere with							
			understanding.							

PRODUCTIVE	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A					
		In speaking and/or writing, ELLs ready to exit this level can									
Vocabulary	With support including context and visual aids: Recognize and use common words and phrases related to life, work and the classroom.	With support: Use a narrow range of previously learned high frequency vocabulary related to life, work, and the classroom.	Begin to use a range of frequently occurring words and phrases related to general academic and career topics.	Use an increasing number of general academic and content- specific words and expressions adequately.	Use a wider range of complex general academic and content- specific words and phrases effectively, selecting appropriate synonyms to avoid overuse of words.	Use a wide range of college-level academic words and phrases effectively, selecting appropriate synonyms to avoid overuse of words.					
	Use a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs. Understand and respond to simple	Use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs.									

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		In spe	eaking and/or writing	, ELLs ready to exit thi	s level can	
Grammar and Sentence Structure	The EFLs and CAI do not address this skill at this level.	With support: Use a narrow range of previously learned syntactically simple sentences related to life, work, and the classroom. Use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, verbs, basic conjunctions, and prepositions. Understand and respond to simple questions.	With support: Use frequently occurring verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions. Produce simple, compound, and some complex sentences using adverbial clauses.	With support: Use simple phrases and clauses. Produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences. Vary sentence patterns using adverbial and adjectival clauses, with general control over sentence boundaries.	Use increasingly complex phrases and clauses. Produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences by adding modifying words and phrases, as well as adverbial, adjectival, and noun clauses. Use a variety of more complex transitions to link ideas to clarify relationships among events and ideas.	Use appropriate and varied sentence patterns with transitions, coordination, and subordination, including reduced clauses to create cohesion and clarify relationships among ideas and concepts. Produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences. Use complex and varied transitions to link ideas to clarify relationships among events and ideas.
PRODUCTIVE	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A
		In spe	eaking and/or writing	, ELLs ready to exit thi	s level can	
Editing	The EFLs and CAI do not address this skill at this level.	Edit for capitalization, basic grammatical form, and spelling.	Edit for capitalization, sentence punctuation, basic grammatical form, and spelling.	Edit for content, organization, capitalization, punctuation of varied sentence types, sentence boundaries, grammatical form, and spelling.	Edit for content, organization, word choice, mechanics, capitalization, punctuation of varied sentence types, grammatical form, and spelling.	Edit for content, sentence variety, organization, word choice, mechanics, capitalization, punctuation of varied sentence types, grammatical form, and spelling.

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	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A					
INTERACTIVE	Beginning	Low Beginning ESL	High Beginning ESL	Low Intermediate ESL	High Intermediate ESL	Advanced ESL					
	ESL Literacy										
		In listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing, ELLs ready to exit this level can									
Type and	With limited	Actively listen to	Participate in written	Participate in written	Interact with a degree of	Use language					
Complexity of	involvement,	others and can	exchanges and	exchanges, discussions,	fluency and spontaneity.	effectively for social,					
Interaction	participate in short,	express lack of	conversations about	and conversations		academic, and					
Interaction	written, and oral	understanding.	familiar topics and	about general career	Participate in written	professional purposes.					
	exchanges and		texts.	and academic topics,	exchanges,						
	short conversations	Participate in short		texts, and issues.	conversations, and	Participate in written					
	about familiar	written exchanges	Present information		discussions about a	exchanges,					
	topics and in	and conversations	and ideas.	Express their own ideas	range of topics and	conversations, and					
	familiar contexts.	about familiar topics		and build on the ideas	issues.	extended discussions					
		and in familiar	Distinguish and	of others.		about a range of					
	Respond to some	contexts.	respond to yes/no and		Express their own ideas	substantive topics,					
	simple yes/no and		wh-questions,	Answer questions and	and build on the ideas of	texts, and issues.					
	wh- questions.	Present personal		add relevant	others.						
		information and	Appropriately take	information and		Express their own					
	Communicate lack	information about	turns in interactions	evidence.	Clearly support points	ideas clearly and					
	of understanding	basic needs and	with others.		with specific and	persuasively and build					
	of a word or	everyday activities.		Ask questions to gain	relevant evidence.	on the ideas of others.					
	phrase.		Ask for and respond	information or clarify							
		Respond to simple	to requests for	meaning such as	Ask and answer	Refer to specific and					
		yes/no and wh-	clarification.	rephrasing when	questions to clarify ideas	relevant evidence					
		questions, and ask		misunderstanding	and conclusions.	from texts or research					
		for and respond to		occurs.		to support their ideas,					
		requests for simple			Summarize the key	ask and answer					
		clarification.		Restate some key ideas	points expressed.	questions that probe					
				expressed.		reasoning and claims.					
					Clarify meaning through						
				Follow rules for	communicative	Summarize the key					
				discussion.	strategies such as	points and evidence					
					paraphrasing when	discussed.					
					misunderstanding						
					occurs.	Utilize communicative					
						strategies such as					
						pause fillers and					
						circumlocution.					

INTERACTIVE	CB21 = F	CB21 = E	CB21 = D	CB21 = C	CB21 = B	CB21 = A
	In listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing, ELLs ready to exit this level can					
INTERACTIVE Synthesis of Ideas	CB21 = F With prompting and support in an instructor-led class setting: Research a simple question. Participate in group project. Gather information from one or two provided resources. Label some key information.					CB21 = A Carry out both short and sustained research projects to answer a question or solve a problem. Use advanced search terms effectively. Gather information from multiple print and digital sources. Evaluate the reliability of each source. Synthesize information from multiple print and digital sources, analyze. Integrate information into clearly organized written or spoken texts. Include illustrations, diagrams, or other graphics as