

## CAPSTONE GRADING RUBRIC

The **ESL capstone** comprises an oral presentation and a written essay. Both must include information that you have gathered from research sources. The capstone is one way of measuring student achievement of the four ESL Program goals. The two parts will be graded separately as final projects in two distinct classes. Points on each part will be assigned for your level of achievement of each of the program goals. The rubric below shows how many points you can earn for each skill.

<b>ESL Program Goals</b>	<i>Measured by capstone performances (oral presentation in 157A, essay in 153A).</i>	<b>157</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>1. Academic values and readiness for American college study:</b> Responsibility for own learning, use of support services and resources, competence with information technology.	<i>Oral presentation: evidence of group collaboration, completeness, and timeliness. Essay: format of essay, scope of Works Cited, completeness, and timeliness.</i>	20	30
<b>2. Ability to comprehend and interpret spoken &amp; written text:</b> Good notes, appropriate questions, main ideas, inferences, application of knowledge.	<i>Oral presentation and essay: coherent summaries, scope and focus of points, comprehension and development of significance.</i>	30	30
<b>3. Effective interaction using key language structures:</b> Organization and development of ideas, communication strategies, compensation for pronunciation problems, grammar, vocabulary.	<i>Oral presentation and essay: organization, development, vocabulary, and clarity of language structures.</i>	30	30
<b>4. Effective cross-cultural communication competence:</b> Group & classroom dialogue, non-verbal communication, discussion of current events and cultural issues.	<i>Oral presentation: ability to engage audience, employ visual enhancements, and lead group discussion. Essay: reflection of cultural ambiguities, historical perspective.</i>	20	10
<b>Your total capstone points</b>	<i>From a possible 100 for each column</i>		
Progress toward goals are measured by other course performances, also.	<i>Capstone's contribution to your final grade in each class</i>	10%	10%

Your capstone project counts toward your final grade in each course. The last line above shows what percent of your final grade the capstone contributes.