ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IN A GLOBAL STUDY

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

• How is ESL taught?



- What opinion do learners have of English?
- Does their attitude change depending on their ESL teaching method?

WHY ENGLISH?

Needs for ESL

- Business
- Academia
- Application Abroad
- ELF



PROGRAM ANALYSIS: THE CONTINUUM

CONTENT-BASED LANGUAGE TEACHING: A CONTINUUM OF CONTENT AND LANGUAGE INTEGRATION

Content-Driven			Language-Driven		
Total Immersion	Partial Immersion	Sheltered Courses	Adjunct Model	Theme- Based Courses	Language classes with frequent use of content for language practice

(Met, 1999)

Content-Driven

Language-Driven

- Content mastery
- Taught in L2
- Focus on coherency



- Language mastery
- Content used to learn

L2

• Exam-driven

PUBLIC OPINION: WHAT IS REAL ENGLISH?

The Positive

- Competition
- Native language (L1) awareness and preservation



The Negative

- ELF deficiency vs. ELF variant
- Loss of identity



THE ADJUNCT MODEL

• It is believed that a mixed-mode of pedagogic methods of content-driven courses taken concurrently with linguistic language-driven courses will produce the best fluency result as well as the most positive attitude towards learning English.



Consent Process

- IRB
- Data Collection
 - fieldnotes
 - participant observation
 - interviews

Data Analysis

- taxonomic analysis
- cross-cultural comparison

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

FUTURE PLANS

Research



- **Post-Graduation**
- Travel
- Teach English Abroad
- Graduate School

- AIP
- UNT's Eagle Feather

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QUESTIONS?

