Course Description

Provides practice in the sound, stress, intonation, structural patterns, grammar, vocabulary, and idioms of beginning-level English. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To give low-intermediate ESL students the opportunity to develop skills in understanding and producing correct English structures through oral and written communication. To provide practice listening to and understanding academic lectures.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Prerequisite: An English placement test recommendation for ESL Level 2.

Course Objectives

Goal 1 - Students will be able to produce a sentence orally

Objectives
A. use correct stress at the word level
B. use appropriate sentence stress
C. pause at word/phrase boundaries

Goal 2 - Students will be able to use intonation patterns appropriately

Objectives
A. use grammatical patterns with appropriate voice inflection
B. use grammatical patterns appropriately
C. use word and sentence stress and intonation patterns correctly

Goal 3 - Students will build accuracy in basic sentence structures

Objectives
A. use appropriate verb form and tense
B. edit writing for agreement

Goal 4 – Students will be able to understand class discussion and academic presentations

Objectives
A. identify main ideas and details of academic lectures
B. develop basic note-taking skills
Major Topics to be Included

A. Listening/Speaking
   Emphasis on listening and speaking skills in context of an American classroom

B. Large and small group activities
   Emphasis on learning to interact and function in groups

C. Formal and informal presentations
   Emphasis on organization and content of presentations

D. Practice in clear communication
   Emphasis on delivery of ideas (pronunciation, eye contact, comfort in delivery)

E. Aural Comprehension
   Emphasis on understanding and following class discussions and presentations

F. Writing/Grammar
   Emphasis on writing and grammar skills to include:
   1. Basic sentence structures
   2. Basic verb system
   3. Articles
   4. Agreement