

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
ESL 24 – ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS I**

**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

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- 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