

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ESL 33 – ORAL COMMUNICATION I (5 CR.)**

Course Description

Helps students practice and improve listening and speaking skills as needed for functioning successfully in academic, professional, and personal settings. Assesses students' oral skills and includes, as needed, practice with pronunciation, rhythm, stress, and intonation. Provides exercises, practices, small and large group activities, and oral presentations to help students overcome problems in oral communication. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To give intermediate or advanced ESL students intensive practice in listening and speaking in large and small group situations as well as practice in giving oral presentations.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Prerequisite: An English placement test recommendation for ESL Level 3 or successful completion of ESL 24.

Course Objectives

Goal 1 - Students will be able to participate successfully in large and small group discussions

Objectives

Given a topic, students will be able to:

- A. express ideas and opinions
- B. make decisions
- C. solve problems
- D. plan presentations

Goal 2 - Students will be able to give formal and informal presentations

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- A. generate ideas
- B. focus on a main idea
- C. organize support
- D. deliver ideas clearly with emphasis on correct pronunciation, stress, rhythm, intonation, eye contact, etc.

Goal 3 - Students will be able to understand and follow class discussion, presentations, and instructions.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- A. give appropriate responses to oral instructions
- B. convey different language functions such as agreeing, disagreeing, and asking for clarifications

Goal 4 - Students will be able to understand native speakers' speech at a normal rate

Objectives

Students will recognize

- a. pronunciation changes between stressed and unstressed syllables
- b. changes in meaning based on stress

Goal 5 - Students will be able to understand academic lectures

Objectives

Students will be able to

- a. recognize cues given in academic lectures
- b. take notes on academic lectures
- c. use the information on their lecture notes to respond to questions on a given topic

Major Topics to be Included

- A. Large and small group activities
Emphasis on learning to interact and function in groups
- B. Formal and informal presentations
Emphasis on organization and content of presentations
- C. Practice in clear communication
Emphasis on delivery of ideas (pronunciation, eye contact, comfort in delivery, etc.)
- D. Aural Comprehension
Emphasis on understanding and following class discussions, presentations, and instructions