**ESL-115: College Oral Communication Skills**

**Effective Fall, 2021**

**2 units**

Course Description:

This course focuses on highly advanced listening and speaking skills appropriate at the college-level. Designed for non-native English speakers, students will work on oral comprehension and production on a variety of college-level and socially-relevant topics. This course will also present strategies for developing a self-awareness of strengths and challenges of communicating in English.

Course Student Learning Objectives:

* Identify key ideas, tone, purpose, and communication strategies in debates, lectures, and speeches.
* Use listening strategies to take down notes on college-level lectures, speeches, reports, and presentations.
* Demonstrate critical thinking in class discussions and oral presentations on critical college topics.
* Demonstrate oral proficiency and academic communication skills during speeches, presentations, and debates.
* Respond in a variety of academic and socially relevant situations.
* Argue your opinion in a variety of academic and socially-relevant discussions.
* Produce the sounds, rhythms, intonations, and linkages of American speech as used in college-level settings.
* Use spoken grammar and vocabulary necessary to communicate college-level ideas.
* Increase self-awareness of both pronunciation patterns and errors.

Course Content

1 . Listening strategies

1. Cornell notes
2. Identifying main and supporting ideas

2. Critical thinking

1. Response

2. Argument

3. Speaking

1. Small and large discussion
2. Turn-taking
3. Small talk

4. Presentation strategies

1. Body language
2. Clarity
3. Audience awareness
4. Audience interaction
5. Visual aid

5. Argumentation

1. Claims
2. Counterarguments
3. Support

6. Pronunciation

1. Stress
2. Intonation
3. Linking

7. Strategies for self-awareness and error correction