**ESL-65: Beginning Oral Communication Skills**

**Effective Fall, 2020**

**2 units**

Course Description:

| This oral communication course focuses on the needs of multilingual students at the beginning to high-beginning levels. This course focuses on helping students to learn and understand essential language for academic and everyday communication. This course will also introduce students to essential English sounds and intonation patterns. Students will learn strategies for developing a self-awareness of strengths and challenges of communicating in English. |
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Course Student Learning Objectives:

* Recognize and restate both orally and in writing details of short conversations, mini-lessons, and short presentations.
* Develop fluency, enunciation, and confidence in oral communication.
* Learn and practice presentation skills.
* Conduct basic conversation with correct phrasing, cadence, and pronunciation.
* Respond to basic questions and instructions common to an academic environment.
* Communicate ideas through simple and compound sentences.
* Learn conversation strategies and cues to discuss everyday topics whether in pairs or groups.
* Learn basic idioms, phrasal verbs, and academic vocabulary.
* Practice pronunciation, stress, and pauses.
* Identify self-awareness of both pronunciation patterns and errors.

Course Content

1. Listening strategies

a. Note taking

b. Identifying details in short presentations

2. Pronunciation and enunciation

3. Presentation strategies

4. Questions

a. Yes/No questions

b. Who, what, when, where, why questions

5. Conversation strategies (e.g. entering the conversation, listening, sharing ideas, and showing agreement)

6. Sentences

a. Simple sentences

b. Compound sentences

7. Common idioms and phrasal verbs

8. Stress patterns

a. Words

b. Sentences

9. Self-awareness and correction