**ESL-75: Intermediate Oral Communication Skills**

**Effective Fall, 2021**

**2 units**

Course Description:

This intermediate ESL course is designed for non-native speakers of English at the intermediate level. The course offers strategies for both understanding and being understood in real-life situations. Students will explore a range of topics through a variety of activities. Students may wish to take ESL-075 with the ESL reading and writing course (ESL-077) at the same level.

Course Student Learning Objectives:

* Recognize and restate both orally and in writing key ideas in conversations, short lectures, and oral presentations.
* Increase fluency, enunciation, and confidence in oral communication.
* Demonstrate proficiency in short oral presentations.
* Use a variety of questioning strategies to work towards shared understanding of conversation.
* Use conversation strategies and knowledge of conversational norms to discuss a range of topics whether in pairs or groups.
* Recognize and apply common grammatical structures and vocabulary used in everyday English.
* Identify and incorporate common words to express agreement and disagreement in a variety of conversational situations.
* Identify and understand the differences between informal English and formal English.
* Use appropriate vocabulary to engage in transactions common to everyday life.
* Increase self-awareness of both pronunciation patterns and errors.
* Identify and incorporate common idioms and phrasal verbs in a variety of conversational situations.
* Identify words as they are expressed orally in a quick and/or condensed format.

Course Content

1. Listening strategies
   1. Note Taking
   2. Identifying key points in oral presentations
   3. Identifying individual words in a quickly spoken or shortened format
2. Pronunciation and enunciation (e.g. verb-tense endings)
3. Presentation strategies
4. Questioning strategies (e.g. asking for clarification, asking questions to generate conversation)
5. Conversation strategies (e.g. taking turns, sharing opinions, using polite interruption)
6. Common idioms and phrasal verbs
7. Words of agreement and disagreement
8. Stress patterns
   1. Words
   2. Sentences
9. Common grammatical structures
10. Differences between informal and formal English

Lab Outline

1. Listening strategies
   1. Practice identifying words in a quickly spoken or shortened format
2. Pronunciation and enunciation
   1. Practice (e.g. practice with verb-tense endings)
3. Questioning strategies
   1. Practice (e.g. asking for clarification, asking questions to generate conversation)
4. Conversation strategies
   1. Practice (e.g. taking turns, sharing opinions, using polite interruption)
5. Common idioms and phrasal verbs
   1. Practice
6. Words of agreement and disagreement
   1. Practice
7. Common grammatical structures
   1. Practice
8. Vocabulary of everyday life
   1. Practice
9. Self awareness and correction