Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number – Course Title

ESL 33 – Oral Communications I (3CR.)

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. Prerequisite: Requires competency in the English language as indicated by a placement test score or teacher recommendation from a previous level or from other college classes.
Lecture 3-6 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 Prerequisite

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Recognize, produce, and effectively use English segmental and suprasegmental sounds, intonation, steps, glides, rising and falling intonation, word stress, sentence stress (focus words), reductions, and linking.
- Explain and discuss sentences, conversations, and short talks as well as dictation.
- Demonstrate basic interpersonal skills in speaking and begin to recognize academic speech.
- Assemble a 3 - 5 minute speech showing organization.
- Deliver a 3 - 5 minute speech which is clearly understood.
Major Topics to be Included

- Acquisition of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions to participate in informal conversation to satisfy everyday interaction needs
- Presentation and practice of English structures and discourse strategies needed to participate in informal conversations on a variety of personal topics
- Opportunities to listen to and respond to native-speaker interaction at lower than normal rate or with repetition
- Components of English pronunciation (sounds, stress, and intonation) needed for formal conversations