**ENGL 99s: Academic Speaking and Pronunciation**

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**Course Description:**

Academic Speaking and Pronunciation is a course for advanced nonnative speakers of English. The goals of the course are to improve speaking and listening skills, the stress patterns of long words, the rhythm of spoken English, fluency, and using intonation effectively. Participants will practice the speaking skills needed to talk to others, discuss in classes, and make presentations. Specifically, you will

* Learn how to speak more understandably
* Learn how to understand normal conversational speech
* Become more skilled in hearing and using English stress and intonation
* Improve your ability to say difficult English vowel and consonant sounds
* Become more fluent in planned spoken presentations
* Learn how to be more comfortable in conversations

**Course Materials**

* Photocopied packet
* You will need a microphone for your computer- you can buy one at Walmart, Target, Best Buy, etc.

**Grades**

30% Presentations (Presentations 1-4= 5% each, Presentation 5= 10%)

30% Recordings

25% Homework

15% Daily Participation

**Important Information**

**Practicing**- You will be expected to practice by yourself every day. Sometimes I will give you assignments, but you are expected to practice what you learn with or without a homework assignment.

**Grades**- Your grade for this class will be based on your attendance and participation in class, as well as your completion of homework and classroom assignments.

* Turning in homework late will result in a 10% grade loss on the assignment each day. Homework turned in late, but on the same day will result in a 5% grade loss.
* You are allowed two absences. Starting with your third absence your final grade will drop by 5% for each absence.

**Materials**- Bring your book to class every day. We will use it in class. I will also supplement the materials with other activities and exercises.

**Course Website**- There is a Moodle site for the course. Go to <http://courses.isucomm.iastate.edu>. If you have never used Moodle before you will need to register. At the bottom of the login page you will see a link to English as a Second Language Courses. After clicking on this, look for Engl 99s. Sign up for the course using the enrollment key (clearspeech). This website will have the daily schedule and will provide materials for further practice.

**Tentative Syllabus-**

This syllabus may change, please stay current with the course website.

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| Day | Date | Main Topic | Ch. | HW Due |
| T | 11-Jan | Introductions | 1 |  |
| R | 13-Jan | Introductions | 1 | Presentation 1 |
| T | 18-Jan | Expressive Speaking | 2 |  |
| R | 20-Jan | Difficult Words | 3 | Ch. 8 Diagnostic Due |
| T | 25-Jan | Thought groups | 5 |  |
| R | 27-Jan | Thought groups | 12 |  |
| T | 1-Feb | Thought groups | 13 |  |
| R | 3-Feb | Thought groups | 14 | Presentation 2 |
| T | 8-Feb | Phrase Rhythm | 6 |  |
| R | 10-Feb | Phrase Rhythm | 9 |  |
| T | 15-Feb | Phrase Rhythm | 10 |  |
| R | 17-Feb | Review |  | Recording 1 Due Fri at Midnight |
| T | 22-Feb | Sentence Focus | 20 |  |
| R | 24-Feb | Sentence Focus | 21 | Presentation 3 |
| T | 1-Mar | Sentence Focus | 22 |  |
| R | 3-Mar | Final Intonation | 7 |  |
| T | 8-Mar | Final Intonation | 24 |  |
| R | 10-Mar | Final Intonation | 25 |  |
|  |  | SPRING BREAK |  |  |
| T | 22-Mar | Final Intonation | 26 |  |
| R | 24-Mar | Review |  | Recording 2 Due Fri at Midnight |
| T | 29-Mar | Individual Conferences |  |  |
| R | 31-Mar | Word Stress | 4 | Presentation 4 |
| T | 5-Apr | Word Stress | 15 |  |
| R | 7-Apr | Word Stress | 16 |  |
| T | 12-Apr | Word Stress | 17 |  |
| R | 14-Apr | Word Stress | 18 |  |
| T | 19-Apr | Word Stress | 19 |  |
| R | 21-Apr | Review |  | Recording 3 Due Fri at Midnight |
| T | 26-Apr | Sound Spelling Correlation |  | SSCH Due |
| R | 28-Apr | Prep. For Final |  |  |
|  |  | Final Exam |  | Presentation 5 |