Conversation and Interaction for Academic Purposes (ESL 32)

Develop your speaking skills and critical listening skills so you can interact effectively with colleagues and fellow students. Class activities include short speeches, role-plays, group activities, class discussions, and language lab exercises.

Public Speaking for Academic Purposes (ESL 34)

Learn to speak confidently in oral presentations, a key skill in both the classroom and the professional world. You’ll develop the skills necessary to present ideas extemporaneously, lead class discussions, give speeches before an audience, and respond to questions. Video-recording allows you and your instructor to review your performance.

Pronunciation: Sound System of English (ESL 38B)

Learn how English is really pronounced—how sounds are produced and how they change in rapid speech. Specially designed software will help you achieve accurate and understandable English pronunciation.

Variable Topics in English as a Second Language (ESL 97A) Sections 2 & 4: Business Communication

Learn to speak confidently in business situations while improving your fluency and pronunciation. Through hands-on practice, you’ll gain skill at giving presentations, fielding questions, leading discussions, and running an effective business meeting. Video-recording allows you and your instructor to review your performance.

Variable Topics in English as a Second Language (ESL 97A) Sections 3 & 7: Listening & Culture through Film

Watch several English-language films to improve your listening comprehension, your idiomatic use of spoken English and your understanding of American culture.

Variable Topics in English as a Second Language (ESL 97A) Sections 1 & 6: Academic Reading and Writing

Writing in English is a challenging skill to acquire. This course will teach you to read critically and synthesize information from a variety of sources in order to write analytical essays. The course will focus on writing strategies including revising content and organization and editing grammar and punctuation.

Variable Topics in English as a Second Language (ESL 97A) Section 5: Preparation for American University: Undergraduates

This course is designed for international high school students who are planning to study at an American university. You will learn about US college rankings as well as how to fill out applications and write personal statements.

Variable Topics in English as a Second Language (ESL 97A) Also Section 5 (to run concurrently with the course above): Preparation for American University: Graduates

Wondering how to apply for graduate study in the U.S.? This course will give you the skills necessary to apply to grad school and to be successful in the classroom. You will learn how to research programs in your field, fill out an application, and write a personal statement.

If you’re not sure which class to take, don’t worry. Our counselors will guide you to the course best suited to your skills and needs.