

ESL 251/451 ♦ High Intermediate Listening and Speaking

Wednesday 6:30-8:20 ♦ 2 units

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Welcome to ESL 251/451!

In this class, you will improve your academic listening skills, pronunciation, conversation skills and presentation skills. You will accomplish this by working independently and with your classmates using the class handouts, online lectures, podcasts and interviews. You should be prepared to spend at least four hours per week outside of class doing homework, practicing and reviewing.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate understanding of essential points of discussions or speeches on selected topics;
2. Recognize and demonstrate level-appropriate spoken American English in class discussions and speeches on selected topics;

Prerequisites

To be eligible for this class, you must have successfully completed ESL 244/444 or been placed in ESL 251/451 after taking the guided self-placement. If you are not eligible for ESL 251/451, please drop the course and enroll in a course you are eligible for.

Required Texts and Materials: No Book Needed!

- Class handouts shared on Canvas
- an English-only dictionary

Non-Credit Students

Students taking the class non-credit (ESL 451) have the exact same requirements and assignments as credit students. That means all students, including non-credit, must participate in class, complete homework assignments, take quizzes and exams, and follow the attendance rules for the class. A non-credit student is not allowed to pick only some parts of the class to participate in. If this happens or if the student does not follow the requirements for the course, he or she will be immediately dropped. If you can't commit to these class requirements, please drop the course.

Course Requirements

Pronunciation Assessment

You will record yourself reading a script that the instructor will give you. You will submit your recording on Canvas. The instructor will listen to it and make suggestions on how to improve your pronunciation.

Listening to Academic Lectures and Listening Reports

Every week you will be assigned an academic lecture to watch/listen to. You will watch this lecture very carefully as part of your homework and complete a voice report on each of the videos watched. Reports will be turned in on Canvas. Quizzes and discussion will be conducted in class to verify your progress and completion of the assignment.

Presentations

You will deliver **two** formal oral presentations this quarter:

1. A recorded individual presentation (part of midterm grade)
2. An in-class final presentation (part of final exam grade)

Attendance

Plan to attend every class and always arrive a few minutes before class begins. **You must come on time to every class.** Students who miss class any time during the first week will automatically be dropped. **Students who miss more than ONE class meetings during the quarter will receive ZERO participation points (-10%), and it may result in failure of the class.** Each three times you are late counts as one absence. IF YOU MISS MORE THAN 30 MINUTES OF CLASS FROM EITHER ARRIVING LATE, LEAVING IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS, OR LEAVING EARLY, THAT COUNTS AS AN ABSENCE. Please make sure your video is on at ALL times during our zoom meetings.

Participation

It is very important that you come to each class prepared and on time. You will often work with your classmates in pairs and small groups to discuss homework and the lecture. Active participation is an important part of your grade, and it will be observed daily. Students who miss class will get ZERO participation points. Students who come to class but are quiet all the time or are constantly speaking their native language will get 1 point. To get full participation credit daily (3 points), you must come to class and actively participate in English by asking questions, volunteering answers, and collaborating with all classmates and instructor. Please turn on your video during class.

Quizzes/Midterm/Final

Several quizzes, a midterm, and a final exam will be given to verify the progress of your listening comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and pronunciation.

Homework

You will be required to turn in several homework assignments regularly. Late homework (one class late) receives half credit. Homework later than one day does not get credit.

Listening and Speaking Workshops

The Listening and Speaking Center at De Anza offers several workshops (8-12 students) weekly. The topics vary from pronunciation, presentation skills, cultural assimilation, discussions, video discussion, etc. You are required to attend at least 4 workshops during the entire quarter. You will write a report for each workshop and submit it on Canvas. Two workshops will be turned in the day of the midterm exam and an additional two will be turned in the day of the final exam.

Grading

Categories	Percentage
Assignments (vocabulary journals, homework, LSC reports, etc.)	20%
Attendance and Participation	10%
Quizzes (vocabulary, listening, pronunciation, etc.)	25%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	30%

Grading Scale

97-100=A+, 96-93=A, 92-90=A-, 87-89=B+, 83-86=B, 80-82=B-, 77-79=C+, 74-76=C, 73-0=no pass

If for any reason you decide to withdraw from the course, please let me know AND drop the course yourself by phone or online to avoid getting a failing grade.

Academic Honesty

Except for pair and group assignments, all assignments must be done BY YOURSELF. Any form of cheating will NOT be tolerated in any case, and it will lead to an automatic F for that assignment and possibly even for the course. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying from another student's homework, or any other material (including online materials).
- Having someone else do your assignment and submitting it as your own.
- Copying ANYTHING from the Internet

The first instance of plagiarism found by instructor will result in ZERO credit for the assignment. The second instance of plagiarism found by instructor will result in failure of class. Please be careful!

Cheating Policy

Cheating is not tolerated. Students who are caught cheating on a quiz will receive zero points on the quiz. Students who are caught cheating on the midterm or final exam will fail the exam.

Office Visits

Most successful students see their teachers outside class time to ask questions or get extra help on their assignments. You are always encouraged to write the teacher an email, make an appointment, and ask for individual help. I am here for you!

Cell Phones

Cell phone usage is not allowed during class time. Please do not divide your attention. Please refrain from using cell phones during class time.

English Only Please!

Although I have great respect for your first language, the purpose of this class is to improve your English skills. You will do that most successfully if you speak English all the time during class. If you speak a language other than English, you will lose valuable participation points and it will seriously compromise your participation grade and your overall progress.

Disruptive Behavior

De Anza College will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the *Standards of Student Conduct* (see catalog). Any student disrupting a class may be asked to leave that class. Administrative follow-up may result.

Important Dates

Jan 20th: Last day to add

Jan 21st: Last day to drop classes without a W

Final exam: March 29th from 6:15-8:15pm

A grade of 60% or higher is required for the final exam or you won't pass the class.

A Final Note

If you work hard, by the end of this quarter your pronunciation, listening, and speaking skills will be stronger. Improving your English skills does not come without effort. If you put maximum effort into your work, you will be surprised at how much progress you can make. Don't worry; you don't have to do it alone. Your classmates and I are here to help you. Together we can accomplish great things. So, let's get busy, work hard, and enjoy the quarter!