

First Year Oral Interpretation Course Outline

Course Description

The course is designed to introduce students to common English expressions and idioms, which are often heard in colloquial speech. Students will increase their knowledge of American culture and humor while also improving listening comprehension skills through situational and cultural contexts. Students will gain confidence and improve their speaking ability by learning to express themselves more naturally as they create skits which demonstrate their understanding of the material they have studied.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of common English expressions and idioms used in everyday situations in the appropriate context.

Students will be able to distinguish the literal and figurative meanings of the expressions and idioms.

Students will improve their listening comprehension and gain confidence in their ability to speak English.

Course Content

Introduction to American TV shows

Target idioms and common expressions – pre-viewing activities

In-class DVD viewing

Skit writing and presentation

Grading Criteria

Tests – Target idioms and expressions – 40%

Vocabulary Tests – 20%

Skit writing and presentation – 40%