

Advanced Communication Course Outline

Course Description

In this course students can practice and improve their English communication skills. From a solid foundation in English and through intensive study and practice of the material in the course textbooks, supplemented by in-class discussion, tasks, and assignments students will become more comfortable with idiomatic, natural English spoken at a more sophisticated level.

Students will discuss a variety of topics in pairs and groups. Speaking exercises will help students practice and learn the new grammar forms, vocabulary, and idioms learned in class. Each unit will be followed by written and oral quizzes.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn to communicate in English at a grammatically more sophisticated level.
- Students will learn to speak more idiomatic English.
- Students will have more confidence in discussing and debating a wide variety of topics.
- Students will be able to initiate and sustain an interesting conversation in English.
- Students will be prepared for the interview portion of English proficiency exams.

Course Content

- Tense review and reflexive pronouns
- Adverbs and adjectives (adverb collocations, adjective order)
- Verb patterns
- Modal auxiliary verbs
- Ways to avoid repetition
- Ways of adding emphasis
- Real and unreal tense usage
- Relatives and participles
- Discourse markers
- Distancing the facts (passive constructions, *seem* and *appear*)
- The future
- Linking devices (*thus*, *furthermore*, *meanwhile*)
- Vocabulary building
- Unit written quizzes
- Unit speaking quizzes in pairs
- Mid-term and final speaking exams

Grading Criteria

In-class work	10%
Weekly quizzes	40%
Mid-term exam	20%
Final exam	30%