Advanced Listening Course Outline

Course Description
This is a course designed to give students the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of authentic materials at a native or near-native level. Different types of listening activities should be used and can include lectures, conversations, and descriptions. Other materials such as TV shows and podcasts should be introduced and students encouraged to use these materials to practice their listening skills

Learning Outcomes
• Students will develop listening strategies so that they will be better able to understand lectures, presentations, and conversations in both academic and everyday situations.

• Students will be able to understand a wide variety of materials and topics such as college lectures, interviews, news reports, TV shows, and podcasts.

• Students will practice a variety of listening task types such as listening for gist, purpose, inference, details and main ideas.

• Students will listen to short and long listening passages.

• Students will be able to take effective notes.

• Students will get used to a variety of accents from around the world.

• Students will get used to natural speech speeds, reductions, and slang.

• Students will be encouraged to do their own listening practice outside the class.

Course Content
• The textbook will be used as a base for the course.
• Other materials (podcasts, videos, TV Shows, and movies) will be used to re-enforce what students have learned.
• The basic structure for a class will include pre-listening, while-listening and post-listening activities.

Grading Criteria
• Presentation   10%
• Class quizzes   20%
• Homework   30%
• Midterm exam   20%
• Final exam   20%