

Course: *Oral Expression*



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Course Description

Oral expression is a classroom environment where students can have real life communication using the English language. In this course, students practice listening and speaking skills typically required for university level classes. This includes a variety of speech materials and activities, practice oral reading, participation in panel discussions, and presentations of formal speeches...

Objectives

1. **Communication Fluency:**

- Develop the ability to express ideas and opinions fluently in both familiar and unfamiliar contexts.
- Practice spontaneous communication to enhance fluency in conversation.

2. **Vocabulary Expansion:**

- Expand and diversify vocabulary to discuss a wide range of topics.
- Learn and use idiomatic expressions and colloquial language appropriate for students' level of proficiency.

3. **Pronunciation and Intonation:**

- Refine pronunciation and intonation to enhance clarity and naturalness in speech.
- Practice stress patterns and rhythm for effective communication.

4. **Narrative Skills:**

- Develop the ability to tell coherent and engaging stories, both personal and fictional.
- Work on organizing ideas and events logically for effective storytelling.

5. **Expressing Opinions and Arguments:**

- Learn to express opinions and arguments clearly and persuasively.
- Engage in debates and discussions on various topics to develop argumentation skills.

6. **Social Interaction:**

- Enhance social communication skills, including small talk and informal conversations.
- Practice participating in group discussions and collaborative activities.

7. **Cultural Awareness:**

- Explore and discuss cultural topics to foster cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Understand and navigate cultural differences in communication.

8. **Presentation Skills:**

- Develop effective presentation skills for both prepared and impromptu situations.
- Work on maintaining audience engagement and adapting to different speaking environments.

9. **Listening and Responding:**

- Improve listening skills to understand and respond appropriately to spoken language.
- Practice active listening in various contexts to develop comprehension and response abilities.

10. **Critical Thinking:**

- Encourage critical thinking through discussions on current events, social issues, and abstract topics.
- Analyze and evaluate information to contribute thoughtfully to conversations.

11. **Adaptability in Communication:**

- Practice adapting communication style and language register based on the context and audience.
- Learn to handle unexpected situations and respond appropriately.

12. **Feedback and Self-Evaluation:**

- Provide constructive feedback to peers and receive feedback graciously.
- Engage in self-reflection to identify areas for improvement and set personal goals.

Recommended Prior Knowledge

- Linguistic knowledge
- Socio-cultural knowledge

Evaluation and Grading

- Oral expression is a **50 % TD** course. Exam is worth **50 %** of your final mark.
- Evaluation covers **Attendance, Effective in class Interaction and Activities, Pop up Quizzes, Test/s and Project work.**

Course Policies

- This course is based on classroom discussion where turn taking should be respected among colleagues.
- Taking notes and pre- class preparation are highly recommended.
- Assignments **MUST** be submitted on due date.
- Learners ought to be accompanied with the required course material for each session.
- Attendance and punctuality are equally emphasized.
- **Mobile phones usage is forbidden during class**

Teacher- student Communication Media:

E-mail { [Delegates only](#) }

Educational Facebook Page: [English Corner](#)

Telegram: [Oral Exp Corner / E=MC2](#)

SEMESTER 1 ACHIEVEMENTS

Building confidence in speaking

- ✓ Pronunciation drills and intonation exercises.
- ✓ Short impromptu speaking exercises.
- ✓ Everyday Communication and Personal Experiences
- ✓ Discussing daily routines and habits.
- ✓ Describing personal experiences using past tenses.
- ✓ Role-playing common scenarios (e.g., making plans, giving directions).
- ✓ Group discussions on personal achievements and challenges.
- ✓ Presenting a short biography or personal story.
- ✓ Peer feedback sessions on fluency and accuracy.

Socializing and Making Connections

- ✓ Engaging in small talk and social conversations.
- ✓ Practicing expressing opinions and preferences.
- ✓ Role-playing social events and gatherings.
- ✓ Role-playing in professional contexts.
- ✓ Group discussions on global issues and their implications.
- ✓ Debates on current affairs or controversial topics.
- ✓ Conducting interviews with classmates.
- ✓ Focusing on argumentation and counterarguments.



SYLLABUS S2

Describing Trends and Comparisons

- Discussing trends and changes.
- Presenting and interpreting graphs or charts.
- Vocabulary building related to social issues and trends.
- Describing and comparing cultural practices.
- Group projects on cultural presentations.
- Peer evaluations on presentation skills.

Advanced Vocabulary and Collocations:

- Expanding vocabulary for expressing abstract concepts.
- Analyzing idiomatic expressions and collocations.
- Vocabulary exercises related to various fields (business, science, arts).
- Oral presentations on specialized topics.
- Group discussions on industry-specific themes.
- Vocabulary-building activities based on students' interests and majors.

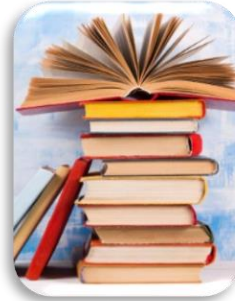
Critical Analysis and Evaluative Speaking

- Analyzing and critiquing spoken and written texts.
- Structuring arguments for critical analysis.
- Presenting an oral critique or review.
- Conducting and participating in panel discussions.
- Providing constructive feedback to peers.
- Individual presentations on a topic requiring critical analysis.



Narrative Skills and Storytelling

- Analyzing narrative structures.
- Storytelling techniques and vocabulary.
- Crafting and presenting personal narratives.
- Oral book reviews or summaries.
- Collaborative storytelling projects.
- Feedback on storytelling techniques.



Advanced Communication Skills and Review

- Preparing and delivering persuasive speeches.
- Handling Q&A sessions.
- Techniques for advanced storytelling and narrative structures.
- Collaborative storytelling projects.
- Presenting a short story with a twist.
- Poetry reading and interpretation.
- Storytelling through improvisation.
- Presenting original creative work.
- Final project preparation.
- Final oral presentations on a chosen topic.
- Course reflection and feedback.
- Review of progress and areas for future improvement.

Assessment:

- Weekly participation and engagement.
- Short impromptu speaking assessments (Test / Quiz).
- Group projects and presentations.
- Final oral exam.

