

El Paso Community College

Syllabus

Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	<u>English as a Second Language</u>
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>ESOL 0325</u>
COURSE TITLE	<u>High Beginning Listening & Speaking</u>
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>3 3 : 1</u> Credits Lec Lab

I. Catalog Description

Develops listening and speaking skills in speakers of languages other than English and prepares them to function in educational, vocational and/or personal English-speaking contexts. High Beginning level. May not be counted toward graduation requirements. A grade of “C” or better will be required for advancement to the next course. **Prerequisite: Assessment of English language proficiency. (3:1). Lab fee.**

II. Course Objectives

Since this class is designed to prepare non-native speakers of English for academic course, students are expected to use English in class at an appropriate level. Writing, reading, and grammar activities will also be incorporated throughout the course.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Use active listening strategies to comprehend spoken messages and take notes.
- B. Respond orally to open-and closed-ended questions and prompts.
- C. Initiate, engage in, and conclude basic conversations.
- D. Recognize and produce common phonetic differences in context.
- E. Use level-appropriate vocabulary in spoken communication.
- F. Use grammar structures correctly in spoken communication, including simple and progressive present and past tenses.
- G. Read and respond orally, or in writing, to questions.
- H. Use the dictionary pronunciation guide.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students **(at the appropriate level)** will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of authentic oral texts (e.g., lectures, news casts, pod casts) that contain sophisticated vocabulary and structures by successfully completing comprehension tasks, such as answering questions, note-taking, outlining, paraphrasing, summarizing, or evaluating the content, etc. [comprehension tasks such as identifying main, supporting ideas, and implied meaning are subsumed.]
2. Plan and deliver formal oral presentations using appropriate vocabulary and syntax, recognizable organization, clear pronunciation, non-verbal cues, and appropriate volume and intonation, and respond appropriately to questions.
3. Speak with fluency, using complex and accurate language, clear pronunciation and prosodic elements (e.g., intonation, rhythm, word and sentence stress).
4. Demonstrate the ability to use a range of formal and informal language appropriate to context.
5. Participate in discussions in formal and informal settings using active listening skills and making appropriate and extended comments.
6. Assess own language production and use appropriate self-monitoring strategies such as rephrasing, re-directing, asking for clarification, and circumlocution.
7. Analyze and evaluate oral expression by listening critically for elements that reflect an awareness of situation, audience, purpose, and diverse points of view.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of cultural conventions and references in oral and nonverbal communication.

IV. Evaluation

A. Placement

Enrollment in ESOL 0325 is determined by placement test score.

B. Assessment

1. Students will demonstrate successful attainment of the course objectives through instructor assigned activities which can include individual graded speaking activities, listening notes and quizzes, group speaking assignments, role play assignments, and, where appropriate, reading and writing activities.
 2. Students must have an average of 70% or higher to take the course Exit Exam and must pass the Exit Exam with a score of 70% or better. The Exit Exam includes a speaking section and listening section. If a student passes one and does not pass the other, the student may take a second exam in the area they did not pass. However, if a student does not pass both sections, they do not have a second chance to take the Exit Exam. If a student does not pass the Exit Exam, the student will receive a “D” and must repeat the course to advance. A grade of “C” or higher is required to advance to the next level.
 3. Students are required to complete all lab activities for this course.
- C. Speaking and listening assignments will be 85% of the grade. A minimum of eight assignments will be graded for this course. At least four assignments should focus on speaking and at least four should focus on listening. Lab work cannot count more than 15% of the final grade.

Grading Scale

A = 90 - 100%	I = Incomplete
B = 80 - 89%	W = Withdrew or Withdrawn
C = 70 - 79%	
D = 60 - 69%	
F = 0 - 59%	

Note: A grade of C or better is required for advancement to the next course.

D. Course Support

Students who need assistance with anything related to the course should consult the instructor.

V. Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024)

VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.