

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Intensive English Program

Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

Interpretation of Achievement Scale - Advanced Communication Skills Level 7

The goals of Advanced Communication Skills Level 7 are for students to further formal and informal language abilities through detailed notetaking, cadence, and body language throughout academic discussions. Students will continue to improve their presentation skills by extending their content, interacting with the audience, and using strategies while giving a presentation in real-time.

Advanced Communication Skills Level 7 Teaching Objectives:

- 1. Ask clarification questions when listening.
- 2. Recognize repetitions of key points and their purpose.
- 3. Listen for explanations of words and terms.
- 4. Include essential details when notetaking.
- 5. Use intonation and pauses in academic conversations.
- 6. Explain technical terms and words.
- 7. Provide reasons and support when participating in an academic discussion.
- 8. Incorporate body language when delivering a presentation.
- 9. Encourage audience interaction when delivering a presentation and answering questions.
- 10. Use rephrasing or restatement strategies when presenting
- 11. Suggest pros and cons when discussing a topic
- 12. Identify the speaker's purpose and main ideas.
- 13. Utilize graphic organizers to take notes
- 14. Differentiate between supporting ideas and details
- 15. Describe what happened and what is going to happen
- 16. Summarize main ideas from a lecture or discussion

Course Evaluation

| Presentations (3) | 40% |
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| Listening Tests (3) | 35% |
| Homework | |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | |
| (Listening and | 25% |
| Presentation) | |



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Advanced Communication Skills Level 7 Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Prepare and deliver an extended academic presentation, summarizing evidence and integrating sources.
- 2. State opinions and recognize opposing ideas during a discussion through turn-taking and negotiation.
- 3. Identify main ideas, supporting ideas, and details of a lecture at the B2 level.
- 4. Determine the meaning of key vocabulary words in a listening passage.
- 5. Interpret the speaker's main ideas when not explicitly stated.
- 6. Identify implied meanings and infer the speaker's intentions and opinions in level-appropriate listening passages.

Grading Scale

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | REPEAT |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A+ 98-100 A 95-97 A- 92-94 | B+ 88-91 B 85-87 B- 82-84 | C+ 78-81 C 74-77 C- 71-73 | R 0-70 |
| The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is almost always accurate and is characterized by a strong competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by a competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student demonstrates level- appropriate English ability that is somewhat accurate and is characterized by an emerging competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above. |

Advanced Communication Skills Level 7 Requirements for Promotion

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71% or higher).