

**Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements****Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Advanced Academic Communication Skills Level 8**

The goal of Advanced Academic Communication Skills Level 8 is for students to continue to hone their advanced communication skills by supporting their opinions and justifying viewpoints in academic discussions, as well as recognizing tone, using imagery, and negotiating strategies. They produce academic presentations that are well structured with clear purpose and extended content.

Advanced Academic Communication Skills Level 8 Teaching Objectives:

1. Listen for signal words that indicate relationships.
2. Utilize graphic organizers to take notes and reorganize notes.
3. Recognize a speaker's tone.
4. Distinguish between main ideas and supporting ideas in an academic lecture, with little or no support.
5. Make connections between ideas when speaking by utilizing cohesive devices.
6. Tell a story, using imagery and voice
7. Justify and sustain views by providing relevant explanations
8. Justify a viewpoint by providing advantages and disadvantages
9. Discuss controversial issues and negotiate
10. Ask for clarification and elaboration when discussing academic topics.
11. Present an argument and defend one's position in an academic discussion.
12. Plan and deliver an extended presentation with a clear introduction, body and conclusion; refer to sources and visuals
13. Participate in an academic discussion or debate, by politely interrupting and bringing the discussion back to the main point.
14. Initiate, maintain, and end discourse with effective turn-taking strategies.
15. Employ rules of suprasegmentals. E.g. rhythm, stress, etc.
16. Develop student proficiency in giving academic presentations
17. Effectively deliver a well-developed academic presentation.
18. Vary the pace of speech when presenting.
19. Participate actively in a discussion.
20. Deliver an effective, well-informed presentation about an academic topic.
21. Present and explain a process.
22. Organize information in a logical sequence.

Course Evaluation

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



Advanced Academic Communication Skills Level 8 Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

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

1. Prepare and deliver a well-structured academic presentation, with sustained content and clarity in delivery by integrating sources.
2. Identify and restate the speaker's main ideas, supporting ideas and details of a B2+ passage with support of written notes.
3. Determine the meaning of key vocabulary words in a listening passage.
4. Identify implied meanings and infer the speaker's intentions and opinions in level-appropriate listening passages.
5. Justify opinions and arguments in an academic discussion.
6. Use voice (intonation, rhythm, and phrasing) to aid in communicating meaning when speaking.

Grading Scale

EXCELLENT		GOOD		AVERAGE		REPEAT	
A+	98-100	B+	88-91	C+	78-81	R	0-70
A	95-97	B	85-87	C	74-77		
A-	92-94	B-	82-84	C-	71-73		
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 Academic Communication Skills Level 8 Requirements for Promotion

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