IELI 1230-002 – Cross-Cultural Talk (Level II)

Catalog Description
Multilevel course designed to improve oral communication through group work and one-on-one conversation with American undergraduates. Emphasizes interactive language fluency at a low intermediate level of language proficiency.

Course Goals
Students will…
• improve oral communication with native English speakers in different cross-cultural situations
• develop speaking skills in both formal and informal situations

Expected Learner Outcomes
1) Students demonstrate improvement in oral communication with native English speakers in different cross-cultural situations by…
   • engaging in conversations about a variety of topics
   • using idioms, vocabulary, and slang
   • comparing and contrasting aspects of cultures
   • demonstrating comprehensibility while carrying on social conversations

2) Students develop speaking skills in both formal and informal situations by…
   • using appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication
   • speaking in front of a class and peer groups

Typical classroom topics / activities
• asking for information
• providing personal information
• comparing
• describing topics such as events, people and holidays
• narrating
• reporting past events
• giving instructions
• giving opinions
• using communication repair techniques such as checking understanding, asking for repetition, etc.
• pronunciation practice
• speaking logs and speaking journals using technology
• learning to communicate in service-oriented settings, such as restaurants, post office, stores, doctor’s office, etc.
• iscollective.com (worksheets with procedures)
• YouTube videos: job interview tips
• VoiceThread (an online forum for audio/video)

* Students can perform the speaking activities at a low intermediate level.