IELI 2330 – Spoken Discourse and Cross-Cultural Communication

Catalog Description
Emphasizes interpersonal communication and academic tasks with American undergraduate classroom assistants. Focuses on the dynamics of small-group interactions.

Course Goals
Students will . . .
• successfully communicate with Americans on a variety of topics
• develop vocabulary at an intermediate level
• develop skills for group work in an academic setting

Expected Learner Outcomes
1) Students demonstrate the ability to successfully communicate with Americans on a variety of topics by . . .
   • using appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication in social and academic situations*
     • interacting formally and informally in university settings
     • giving group presentations

2) Students show that they have learned vocabulary by . . .
   • participating successfully in speaking and listening activities*

3) Students demonstrate the ability to work in groups in an academic setting by . . .
   • accomplishing assigned tasks such as leading a discussion*

Typical classroom topics / activities
• collecting and synthesizing information
• pair work
• exchanging cultural information
• practicing discussion phrases
• developing vocabulary for specific situations
• role plays
• talking journals
• becoming familiar with American verbal and non-verbal communication
• preparing for group work in an academic environment
• learning communication skills needed to live in academic and social settings at USU
• developing vocabulary (conversation, slang, idioms)
• developing skills and strategies for successful communication with native English speakers
• increasing awareness of cross-cultural differences and similarities
• collect, analyze, and organize information for group presentation

* Students can perform the speaking activities at an intermediate level. AR (2/18/10)