

Intensive English Language Institute Conversational English (IELI 1000)

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Class Times and Location

January 9, 2017 – April 28, 2017

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

02:30 PM – 03:20 PM

Old Main 343

Important Dates

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| January 9 | First Day of Class |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Day (No Class) |
| February 20 | Presidents Day (No Class) |
| February 21 (Tues) | Monday Class schedule |
| March 6–10 | Spring Break (No Class) |
| April 28 | Last Day of Class |

Course Description

This is an integrated skills course that builds on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking). The main emphasis will be on speaking and listening used in common conversational situations found at and around American universities. Topics will include a variety of subjects such as hobbies, daily routine, sports, family, current events, culture, history, art, festivals and holidays, food, etc.

Course Goals

Strengthen students' confidence in oral communication inside the classroom

Increase students' comfort in speaking outside of the classroom

Improve students' proficiency in speaking on a variety of topics in academic and community settings

Improve students' comprehension of spoken English

Give students the tools needed to participate in society and form friendships with the people with whom they interact

Evaluation

This is an audit course; it will not be graded. I will regularly assess and communicate your progress informally.

Policies

The success of the course depends upon the commitment of everyone enrolled in the course. I will plan classes to suit the needs and interests of all who enroll. However, for the course to work properly, regular attendance is expected. As a courtesy, if you must miss a class for any reason, please speak to me or email me before your anticipated absence.