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
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.