

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 8

Credits: 6

Course Title: Oral Communication II

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Provides further instruction and practice in helping students to improve listening and speaking skills. Assesses students' oral skills and includes, as needed, practice with pronunciation, rhythm, stress, and intonation. Emphasizes the development of fluency through exercises, practices, small and large group activities, and formal and informal presentations. Provides practice in note-taking. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To prepare for the speaking and listening demands of regular academic coursework.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Oral interview or successful completion of ESL 7.

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Participate in extended English conversations on a variety of personal and social, and work-related topics.
- b. Comprehend most conversations and short lectures.
- c. Produce most English consonants and vowels (in most positions) as well as appropriate word and sentence level stress with sufficient accuracy to be understood by native-speaking listeners.
- d. Understand and use culturally appropriate non-verbal cues involved in informal conversations.
- e. Use effective note-taking for a variety of purposes.

Major Topics to be Included

- a. Acquisition of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions to participate in a variety of speaking situations.
- b. Presentation and practice of English structures and discourse strategies needed to participate in informal, academic and business conversations.
- c. Opportunities to listen to and respond to native-speaker interaction and lectures.
- d. Note taking strategies.
- e. Components of English pronunciation (sounds, stress, and intonation) needed for formal conversations.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 2/13/09