

IELI 1230-001 – Cross-Cultural Talk (Level 1)

Catalog Description

Multilevel course designed to improve oral communication through group work and one-on-one conversation with English language speakers. Emphasizes interactive language fluency at a high beginning level. Repeatable for credit for students who place in Level 1 on the IELI placement exam.

Course Goals

Students will . . .

- improve oral communication with other speakers of English in different cross-cultural situations*
- develop speaking skills in both formal and informal situations

Expected Learner Outcomes

1) Students demonstrate successful oral communication with other speakers of English in different cross-cultural situations by . . .

- engaging in conversations about a variety of topics*
- using vocabulary relating to daily situations
- comparing and contrasting aspects of cultures

2) Students demonstrate speaking skills* in both formal & informal situations by . . .

- using appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication
- speaking in front of a class and peer groups

Typical Classroom Topics/Activities

- interacting with classroom assistants as cultural informants and conversation partners
- 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
- using idioms, vocabulary, and slang
- learning to communicate in service-oriented settings, such as restaurants, post office, stores, doctor's office, etc.

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* Students can perform the speaking activities at a **high-beginning** level.