IELI 2440: Academic Discourse

Catalog Description
Designed to assist students in developing oral competency, with emphasis on comprehensibility in academic presentations.

Course Goals
Students learn to research, prepare, and deliver different types of academic presentations.

Expected Learner Outcomes
1) In their presentations, students show university-level research and preparation by . . .
• using relevant sources
• organizing information that shows a clear introduction, body, and conclusion
• adequately developing the presentation topic for the intended audience

2) In their presentations, students show they can deliver an academic presentation by . . .
• creating and using appropriate visual support
• using language that is clear and comprehensible
• successfully interacting with the audience
• using appropriate body language (eye contact, gestures, and posture)

Typical Classroom Topics / Activities
Topics
• Organizing information
• Credibility of sources
• Synthesizing information from several sources
• Citations
• Anticipating audience questions
• Beginning and concluding a speech
• Non-verbal behavior
• Linking words
• Pronunciation (sentence stress, linking, and intonation)
• Using notes
• PowerPoint do's and don'ts
• Dealing with technology
• Managing visuals effectively
• Dealing with time limitations
Activities
• Using video recording for self-evaluation (e.g., Canvas, Flipgrid, GOReact,)
• Presenting individually, in pairs, or in groups
• Using Blackboard or other online websites to view presentations and record oral assignments
• Giving a variety of speech types such as introduction, description, process, definition, and problem/solution

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