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**Course Name:** Advanced Oral Communicative Skills in English

**Course Code:** EEL-414

**Level:** 4

**Credits:** 2

**Credits Equivalent:**

(One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organized classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.)

**Course Outcomes**

- ✓ to improve the students' accuracy and fluency in Spoken English as much as possible during the period of instruction.
- ✓ to prepare the students to be more confident and active participants in all aspects of their program by developing their ability to use effective oral communication strategies throughout.
- ✓ to develop enduring oral communication skills in the students by the appropriate use of English in different situations and for different purposes cutting across the curriculum.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Learning Outcomes of this paper are the following:

- ✓ Student will be able to learn the science of pronunciation.
- ✓ Their communication skills will improve considerably.
- ✓ Their confidence level will rise.
- ✓ They will be able to face difficult situations.
- ✓ Students' articulation will be better.

**Attendance Requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

1. Mid Term Examination:20%
2. End Term Examination:60%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 20%. i.e. 20 marks out of 100

## **Course Contents**

### **UNIT-I Basics of Phonetics**

**(4 hours)**

- Speech Sounds (Vowels and Consonants)

**Activities:** Transcribing Commonplace/Simple English Words, List of Words Often Mispronounced, Correct Pronunciation by Reading Short Poems and Prose Pieces Aloud, Practice of Pronunciation through Individual Presentations

### **UNIT-II Vocabulary and Syntax**

**(4 hours)**

- Select Idioms, Proverbs and Phrasal Verbs
- Tenses and Transformation of Sentences

**Activities:** Word Formation (Roots, Prefixes, Infixes and Suffixes); List of Homophones, Homographs, and Homonyms; List of Words Often Confused; Parsing; Using Discourse Markers; Interaction Based on Tenses and Sentence Transformation, Idiomatic Use of Language

### **UNIT-III Reading and Listening Skills**

**(4 hours)**

- Slow, Speed and Fixed Reading
- Types and Traits of Good Listening

**Activities:** Skimming and Scanning While Reading Short Passages, Assigning Poetry and Prose Passages to Read and Comprehend, Listening to Select Audio-Visual Clips/Abstracts of Literary Discourses and Movies, Interpersonal Communication Based on Reading and listening Exercises, Finding the Gist of Argument by Reading/Listening

### **UNIT-IV Improvisation-Based Communication**

**(4 hours)**

- Debate and Group Discussion
- Personal Interview and Public Speaking

**Activities:** Tech-Based Communication Including Power Point Presentations, Mock Interviews, Debate and Group Discussion on Selected Issues, , Impromptu Speaking, Prepared Speech, Story-Telling, Using Non-Verbal Communication Skills While Speaking

### **UNIT-V Language Games**

**(4 hours)**

- Dialogue Speaking and Vocabulary Brainstorming
- Charades and Pictorial Description

**Activities:** Organizing and Testing the Above and Related Games by Creating Different Situations, Role Playing, Snowball Story-Telling, etc.

### **General Practicum:**

- a) Active and Effective Participation in Classroom
- b) Reading Passages (Fluency, Pronunciation and Confidence)
- c) Declamations, Extempore and Presentations
- d) Group Discussion
- e) Mock Interviews

- f) Class Presentations
- g) Home Assignments

### **Essential Readings**

1. Mohan, Krishna, and Meera Banerji (2012). *Developing Communication Skills*. Macmillan, Delhi.
2. Bansal, R. K., et al. (2009). *Spoken English*. Orient Black Swan, Hyderabad.
3. Gangal, J.K. (2010). *A Practical Course in Spoken English*. PHI, New Delhi.
4. Konar, Nira (2010). *Communication Skills for Professionals*. PHI, New Delhi.
5. McCarthy, M., et al. (1999). *English Vocabulary in Use: Upper-Intermediate & Advanced*. Cambridge UP, Cambridge.