

ENGL 205: Intermediate English Conversation I, part 1

The goal of this course is to enable intermediate learners of English to understand and speak English more accurately, confidently, and fluently. Each seven-week online course has asynchronous (self-paced) and synchronous (scheduled) components. The purpose of the weekly online meetings is to engage in interactive conversations and practice the skills that students develop during the week independently. The instructor will facilitate theme-based conversations among the students in a weekly Zoom session, which students prepare for through textbook and online exercises (Summit 1, English for Today's World and MyEnglishLab web site). Weekly discussion boards will provide an opportunity to engage with peers, using the vocabulary and conversation strategies presented in each unit. This course is fast-paced and requires a significant time commitment and a self-motivated attitude. Students complete one unit each week, learning new vocabulary and idioms in the context of theme-based oral exercises, conversation models, pair-work activities, and listening texts. In addition, students learn strategies to improve accents, rhythm, intonation, and stress patterns. Students deliver oral presentations and share them with their classmates through the course web site and weekly meetings on Zoom.

This is a two-part course. Registration is required separately for each part of the course.

Learning Objectives

- Increase active conversational skills by building vocabulary, improving pronunciation, and applying grammar concepts
- Develop communication skills by focusing on speaking to be understood, listening to understand, and responding meaningfully in conversations
- Develop a personal toolbox of resources to further develop English conversation skills in a variety of contexts

Credits: 2

Class Type: Graduate Course

Prerequisites:

No prerequisites are required. Students may take both parts or one part of the course. However, students must begin the course with a basic conversational ability in English. The textbook, Summit 1, is designed for students at the B2 level (GSE 57-70).

Program: Languages and General Studies

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