



## De Anza College—Spring 2025

*ESL 261/461: Low Advanced Listening & Speaking*

**Classroom:** L31 and Canvas

**Teacher:** Tram Dang, Ph.D.

**Office Hours:** M-Th: 8:30-9:30 (L65/L34)

**Time:** Weds 1:30-3:20

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### **Holidays:**

- May 24-26: Memorial Day Weekend - no classes, offices closed
- June 19: Juneteenth Holiday - no classes, offices closed

### **Materials:**

- Northstar Listening & Speaking 5 (ISBN-13: 978-0-13-428084-4)
- Pronunciation Power (provided by De Anza)
- Laptop/Tablet & Internet Access
- 8 1/2 x 11 paper or notebook
- Folder or binder to organize class handouts

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course emphasizes listening comprehension and proficiency in speaking in academic settings, and expression of students' ideas using a variety of speaking strategies, along with development of vocabulary, pronunciation and note-taking skills.

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs):**

- Produce comprehensible low advanced spoken English on academic topics through one-on-one, group and public speaking situations.
- Demonstrate listening comprehension of a variety of low advanced materials, including academic lectures, newscasts, dialogues and interviews by taking notes and answering questions.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- A. Use appropriate spoken American English in discussions and for given functions on a variety of academic topics.
- B. Use the appropriate spoken American English grammar for a given function with allowance for a few gross errors.
- C. Demonstrate oral competency by listening to and answering comprehension questions on both literal and inferred meaning.

- D. Exhibit appropriate note-taking skills on passages including lectures, newscasts, discussions, conversations, and interviews.
- E. Analyze and apply cross-cultural customs and attitudes by comparing and contrasting them with the students' own.
- F. Demonstrate clear pronunciation and adequate rate of speech appropriate to the low-advanced level of English fluency.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

**Attendance:** Plan to attend every class and always arrive a few minutes before class begins. Students who miss class any time during the first two weeks will automatically be dropped. If you are absent or late, please contact your study-buddy or check Canvas to find out what you missed. Quizzes and graded assignments under the *participation category* cannot be made-up.

**Academic Honesty:** Academic dishonesty regarding tests in this class is defined as using resources not made available by me to everyone in the class during the testing time. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism. *Plagiarism* means to give the teacher someone else’s writing and say that you wrote it. Plagiarism includes using someone else’s words or ideas on any assignment. You will receive a zero on any work that you do not do yourself. Repeated plagiarism could result in failing the course.

**Disruptive Behavior:** The college will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the *Standards of Student Conduct* (see catalog). Any student disrupting the class may be asked to leave that class. Administrative follow-up may result.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments more than one day late will NOT be accepted. All late assignments will receive 1/2 credit.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be announced and unannounced (pop quizzes). Quizzes and exams cover vocabulary and listening strategies covered in class. Quizzes cannot be made up.

**Exams:** You will have a midterm and a final exam. Exams are in the form of a formal presentation. Exams can only be made-up if you make arrangements with me **AHEAD** of time. Please refer to the class calendar for specific exam dates.

**Audio Journal/Workshop Report:** Each week, you will turn in one journal entry in Canvas. More info about this later.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE	GRADE CONVERSION
<b>Participation &amp; Group Work</b>	<b>20%</b>	97-100=A+ 96-93=A 92-90=A- 87-89=B+ 83-86=B 80-82=B- 77-79=C+ 74-76=C <b>73-0=no pass</b>
<b>NorthStar MyEnglishLab Homework (8 units, 5% per unit)</b>	<b>40%</b>	
<b>Midterm: Listening Exam</b>	<b>10%</b>	
<b>Midterm Presentation</b>	<b>10%</b>	
<b>Final: Listening Exam</b>	<b>10%</b>	
<b>Final Presentation</b>	<b>10%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT (ADA):** Students with disabilities or students who need special accommodations can meet with Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss their needs. Contact Disability Support Services at <https://www.deanza.edu/dsps/> | Email: [dss@deanza.edu](mailto:dss@deanza.edu) | Phone: 408-430-7681. Please also discuss these with me so that I can better support you.

## **RESOURCES & SUPPORT**

### **EXTRA SUPPORT on CAMPUS:**

- Writing and Reading Center in AT 309
- Listening and Speaking Center in AT 304
- Math, Sciences and Technology Resource Center in S43
- Academic Skills Center in AT 302
- General Subject Tutoring in AT 305
- Disability Support Services in SCS 141

### **Student Health Resources:**

- Health Services: <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/> , (408) 864-8732
- Psychological Services: <http://www.deanza.edu/psychologicalservices/> , (408) 864-8868
- Timely Care (excellent help for students): <https://www.deanza.edu/resources/timely.html>
- Crisis Hotlines: <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/hotlines.html>
- Title IX: <http://www.deanza.edu/titleix/>
- Disabled Student Services: <http://deanza.edu/dsps/dss/index.html> , (408) 864-8753
- Food Pantry: [http://deanza.edu/outreach/food\\_pantry.html](http://deanza.edu/outreach/food_pantry.html) , (408) 864-8327

### **Emergency and Police:**

- Emergency Information: <https://www.deanza.edu/collegeops/emergencies/>
- Campus Police:
  - **From a campus phone: Dial 9-1-1** (You don't need to dial "9" before calling 9-1-1 from a campus phone.)
  - **From a mobile phone: Call 408.924.8000**
  - **For non-emergencies:** Call 650.949.7313 or dial extension 7-3-1-3 from campus phones

### **Academic Resources:**

- Admissions and Records: <http://deanza.edu/admissions/index.html>
- Academic Calendar: <http://www.deanza.edu/calendar/>
- Bookstore: <http://deanza.edu/bookstore/>
- Distance Learning: <http://deanza.edu/online-ed/>
- Faculty and Staff Directories: <http://deanza.edu/directory/>
- Final Exams: <http://www.deanza.edu/calendar/finalexams.html>
- Library: <http://www.deanza.edu/library/>
- Men of Color Community: <https://www.deanza.edu/mc2/>
- Pride Center: <https://www.deanza.edu/pride/>
- Registration Instructions and Guide: <http://www.deanza.edu/registration/>
- Student Success Center: <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>
- Undocumented Students: <http://www.deanza.edu/students/undocumented.html>

## **Community Resources:**

- Billy de Frank LGBT Community Center: <http://www.defrankcenter.org/>
- Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY), <https://www.thehotline.org/>
- Second Harvest Food Bank: <http://www.shfb.org/>
- SIREN (Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network): <http://www.siren-bayarea.org/>

**Please ask me if you have any questions or need any help!**