

Academic Spoken English for Internationals

The Graduate School, UAB



Present your Ideas

Polish Your Professional Speech

Speak Fluently and Persuasively

Discuss Current Issues

Get your Point Across

Debate with Colleagues

Converse with Confidence

Express Yourself

GRD 720 Navigating Academia 3 credit hours

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Speaking and listening course for international graduate students, postdocs, and employees seeking to develop the English language skills needed to excel in a sometimes *confusing* U.S. academic environment - and beyond! Discover strategies for communicating effectively with instructors and advisors, classmates and colleagues, whether in the classroom or in meetings, by telephone or by e-mail. Explore the language you'll need to take advantages of services offered both on and off campus, from finding your way around the library to applying for a driver's license to understanding a lease. Online course components promote the development of speaking skills, grammatical accuracy, and pronunciation. Recommended for all entering international graduate students as well as for all others who wish to improve their spoken English both in an academic setting and in the wider community. Intermediate through advanced. Spring, Summer and Fall. Pass/No Pass.

GRD 721 Academic Interactions 3 credits hours

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Speaking and listening course for international graduate students, postdocs, and employees who wish to master the English language skills they need to interact confidently and effectively whether speaking to one person or to a group! Discover strategies for handling speaking tasks ranging from simple to complex – from one-on-one conversations, to small group discussions and departmental meetings, to presenting at conferences. Learn how to “hold your own” in sometimes challenging interactions such as expressing your opinion, agreeing and disagreeing or at departmental social events or job interviews. Interesting, up-to-date online materials promote the development of vocabulary, grammatical accuracy, and pronunciation. Prerequisite: Advanced-level placement, successful completion of GRD 720, or permission of the instructor. Spring, Summer and Fall. Pass/No Pass.

GRD 730 Academic Spoken English III 3 credit hours

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Designed to help students **achieve advanced proficiency**, build communication skills and learning strategies while exploring cultural values. Through small-group interaction, students learn to effectively discuss their opinions, organize effective talks, and analyze complex problems. This class prepares students for the kinds of communication expected in graduate school —participating in academic discussions; debating scholarly projects with colleagues; and delivering formal talks at professional meetings. Prerequisite: GRD 721 or permission of the instructor. Spring, Summer and Fall. Pass/No Pass.