



Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Communication Skills Level 4

The goals of Communication Skills Level 4 are for students to continue strengthen their listening comprehension skills for both academic and casual conversation, use current events to explore English at a more advanced academic level, and successfully execute academic presentations. By the end of Communication Skills Level 4, students will be able to:

--Demonstrate enhanced academic communication skills. (CS4.1-CS4.21)

Communication Skills Level 4 Teaching Objectives:

- 1. Improve comprehension and note-taking skills with regard to academic lectures and discussions:
1.1. Make accurate predictions about listening passages.
1.2. Correctly identify topics and subtopics in listening passages.
1.3. Correctly identify key words and discourse cues in listening passages.
1.4. Accurately document numbers and statistics.
1.5. Accurately categorize rhetorical patterns.
1.6. Demonstrate the accurate use of newly acquired vocabulary.
1.7. Demonstrate effective advanced note-taking strategies.
1.8. Accurately recap lectures from notes.
1.9. Demonstrate in-depth comprehension of listening passages through group discussion.
2. Develop students' abilities in oral communication skills:
2.1. Effectively describe or explain world news events.
2.2. Effectively ask for and state an opinion.
2.3. Provide accurate detailed support for an argument.
2.4. Correctly identify problems and offer effective solutions.
2.5. Coherently express agreement and disagreement.
2.6. Correctly identify cultural influences affecting opinions.
2.7. Demonstrate effective discussion etiquette.
3. Develop student proficiency in giving academic presentations at the college level:
3.1. Effectively give a personal experience speech.
3.2. Effectively give a personal opinion speech.
3.3. Effectively give an impromptu speech.
3.4. Effectively give an informative speech.
3.5. Effectively give a persuasive speech.

Course Evaluation

Table with 2 columns: Evaluation Method, Percentage. Rows: Presentations (40%), Quizzes (15%), Discussion (20%), Listening/Notetaking (25%).



**Communication Skills Level 4 Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:**

- Students will be able to:
- In written or spoken classroom exercises, make accurate predictions about listening passages. (CS4.1)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, correctly identify topics and subtopics found in listening passages. (CS4.2)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, correctly identify key words and discourse cues found in listening passages. (CS4.3)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, effectively document the accurate use of numbers and statistics. (CS4.4)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, accurately categorize rhetorical patterns. (CS4.5)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, demonstrate the accurate use of newly acquired vocabulary. (CS4.6)
  - In classroom exercises, demonstrate effective advanced notetaking strategies. (CS4.7)
  - In written or spoken classroom exercises, accurately recap lectures from notes. (CS4.8)
  - In classroom discussion, demonstrate in-depth comprehension of listening passages. (CS4.9)
  - In classroom discussion, effectively describe or explain world news events. (CS4.10)
  - In classroom discussion, effectively ask for and state an opinion. (CS4.11)
  - In classroom discussion, provide accurate detailed support for an argument. (CS4.12)
  - In classroom discussion, correctly identify problems and offer effective solutions. (CS4.13)
  - In classroom discussion, effectively express agreement and disagreement. (CS4.14)
  - In classroom discussion, correctly identify cultural influences affecting opinions. (CS4.15)
  - In classroom discussion, demonstrate effective discussion etiquette. (CS4.16)
  - Effectively deliver a personal experience speech to classmates. (CS4.17)
  - Effectively deliver a personal opinion speech to classmates. (CS4.18)
  - Effectively deliver an impromptu speech to classmates. (CS4.19)
  - Effectively deliver an informative speech to classmates. (CS4.20)
  - Effectively deliver a persuasive speech to classmates. (CS4.21)

**Grading Scale**

EXCELLENT		GOOD		AVERAGE		REPEAT	
A+	98-100	B+	88-91	C+	78-81	R	0-70
A	95-97	B	85-87	C	74-77		
A-	92-94	B-	82-84	C-	71-73		
The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is almost always accurate and is characterized by a strong competence in the SLOs listed above.		The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by a competence in the SLOs listed above.		The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is somewhat accurate and is characterized by an emerging competence in the SLOs listed above.		The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above.	

**Communication Skills Level 4 Requirements for Promotion**

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71% or higher).