Along with disciplinary expertise, Postdoctoral Scholars are expected to demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that enable them to effectively communicate with colleagues of all levels. The English as a Second Language (ESL) program helps Postdocs develop core communication competencies as it relates to research, teaching, and professional interactions.

### SKILLS

#### Speaking
- Research presentation
- Conference and seminar presentations
- Job interviews and job talks
- Professional, collegial interactions

#### Teaching and mentoring
- Teaching methods and styles
- Education system
- Learning styles
- Student/Teacher expectations

#### Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Politeness in discourse: Style, tone, register
- Non-verbal cues
- Negotiation
- Performance Reviews/Feedback
- Conflict Resolution

### COURSES OFFERED

#### American Culture
- Practice conversational discourse
- Enhance awareness of cultural differences
- Increase pronunciation accuracy
- Increase awareness of American English dialect diversity

#### Professional Presentations
- Refine oral/aural English skills and body language
- Enhance interactions among member of research teams, faculty and staff, and local community.
- Present research in various forms and to various audiences

#### Speaking Skills: Pragmatics
- Improve English pronunciation, intonation, rhythm and stress
- Increase awareness of pragmatic aspects of English use in different contexts
- Enhance use of conventions of conversation and politeness.

#### Writing
- Effective writing strategies
- Organization, discourse, & grammatical features of manuscripts, grant proposals, etc.
- Overview of publishing process
For many international postdocs, we do NOT have a right method to learn English. This will take much longer time to make progress without a good method...this class helps a lot on this, including the stress syllable, pauses, thought groups, body languages, and others.

For foreign postdocs and even for English speakers I would recommend this course because here you could learn more than just English, you learn how to express yourself correctly.

I am really enjoying this course and I am finding it extremely useful. It is the best English course I ever took. The teacher creates a friendly environment to experience, train, and develop key oral communication skills, which in some cases are even beyond English idiom. In fact, the tools provided by this course are helping me to communicate in my native language as well. This course provides an amazing set of tools and tricks to improve oral communication in English.

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Testimonials

An ESL Program for Postdoctoral Scholars

Classes meet once a week for 1.5 hours over a 7-week session. The cost of each course is $350.

Find out more and register: http://u.osu.edu/osupac/english-courses