



Spoken Communication: General American Pronunciation

Course Description:

Spoken Communication: General American Pronunciation is an eight-week, mixed proficiency-level speaking course for speakers of English as an additional language. The course prioritizes speaker intelligibility and seeks to professionalize students' spoken English by focusing on word stress, stress-timing in phrases, the prominence of keywords in strings of speech, and phonemic accuracy and intonation patterns within the General American dialect. Students develop a working knowledge of the International Phonetic Alphabet and explore General American pronunciation through guided listening, exercises, journaling, presentations, and recorded projects.

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the quarter, students will be able to:

- Apply a variety of strategies to control the rhythm and stress of their speech
- Make useful generalizations about stress at the phrase and sentence level
- Predict and produce reductions that occur frequently in North American speech
- Apply a variety of specific linking strategies to connect individual words
- Identify fundamental intonation patterns at the ends of phrases and sentences
- Divide prepared, formal speech into thought groups
- Apply stress strategically to create focus on keywords
- Pause strategically to increase intelligibility and impact of message
- Identify IPA symbols that represent target segments

Required Materials:

- ❖ *Well Said: Pronunciation for Clear Communication* by Linda Grant 4th ed. (ISBN 978-1-305-64136-5) (e-book to be provided)
- ❖ Device (e.g., smartphone, laptop, tablet) with internet access for Zoom, Canvas and other online materials
- ❖ Access to Google Drive