

B.A. (Honours) in Contemporary English Studies

Course Title	:	Models of Speech and Writing I
Course Code	:	ENG108
Recommended Study Year	:	1 st Year
No. of Credits/Term	:	3
Mode of Tuition	:	Lecture and Tutorial
Class Contact Hours	:	2 hours Lecture/week 1 hour Tutorial/week
Category in Major Programme	:	Required Course
Prerequisite(s)	:	N/A
Co-requisite(s)	:	N/A
Exclusion(s)	:	N/A
Exemption Requirement(s)	:	N/A

Brief Course Description

This course aims to develop the productive language skills of students in the first semester of their first year by employing a range of speaking tasks and activities, including oral presentation, debates, role play and drama. Communicative competence is stressed, but accuracy and fluency are equally valued. Promoting awareness of genres and discourse features in speaking is a fundamental component of the course strategy. Appropriate writing tasks will also be included.

Aims

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

1. Analyse their own needs, monitor their language development and become self-directed learners of the English language;
2. Give improved oral presentations in English;
3. Understand the techniques of good speech through analysis of intonation, use of colloquial expressions, discourse markers and various speech acts;
4. Apply the techniques of given models to their oral production in English.

Learning Outcomes

See above

Indicative Content

1. The development of oral skills. Argumentation. Debating skills. Formal and informal presentations;
2. Stylistic variation: relating to your listener;
3. Using visual materials in presentations;
4. Listening skills: understanding academic discourse;
5. Role play and discussion;
6. Drama techniques;
7. Producing accurate English: The Cobuild Dictionary;
8. Journal writing.

Teaching Method

3 hours of seminars weekly.

Measurements of Learning Outcomes

Class discussion, individual presentations, written journals, written assignment.

Assessment

Final Examination: 40%

Continuous assessment: 60%

Required Readings

Texts and materials written specifically for the course will be supplied.

Supplementary Readings

Collins Cobuild, *English Language Dictionary*, London: Collins, 2005.

De Wyze, V., *Speaking with confidence*, Hong Kong: United Learning, 1994.

Roget, P.M., L.R. and R.R., Latest edition, *Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*, London: Longman.

World Debating Website. (www.debating.net/flynn/colmmain.html)