

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
English Language for Academic Purposes, Linguistics and Communication Studies
DEPARTMENT SYLLABUS
ELAS 980 English Language Academic Speaking/Listening II

Catalog Description

Emphasizes the development and use of language skills necessary for understanding others and expressing oneself orally in American English in academic, professional, and social contexts. The course includes vocabulary development, practice with appropriate language structures, and discussion of important aspects of cross-cultural communication.

PREREQUISITE: ELAS 970 or AELS 910 with a grade of C or better or placement by testing required by the College of non-native speakers of English. Pre/Co-requisites: ELAR970, ELAW970. Additional laboratory required. Five hours each week. Formerly AELS920. Five equivalent credit hours. Not applicable to a degree or certificate. May not be used to satisfy degree requirements. Not included in GPA calculation.

NOTE:

The course and the grade earned are posted on the student's Official Transcript. The grade is not included in GPA calculation. The credits do not apply to a degree or certificate at Montgomery College.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. use targeted American English idioms and academic vocabulary with control of basic spoken English grammar.
2. demonstrate competency in academic listening and note-taking appropriate for college-level courses.
3. participate effectively and appropriately in class as group members and presenters by discussing basic points and opinions.
4. use communication strategies to identify and explain misunderstandings in collaborative communication.
5. fluently and accurately use targeted academic vocabulary in oral communication.
6. independently create presentations and supporting documents using digital media.

Methods of Instruction

Class instruction and practice may include spoken and written work and other preparation techniques in small and large groups; discussions and note taking; individual listening and pronunciation exercises as needed, i.e., lab work. Required coursework will include 5-8 listening assessments, 2-4 vocabulary assessments, and 2-3 oral assessments.

Course Requirements

To pass ELAS 980, a student must satisfy ALL of the following requirements:

1. **Attend all classes.** Class meets 5 hours a week (or the equivalent in summer). Students who accumulate more than 5 hours of absences may be dropped from the course. Instructors take attendance.
2. **Complete all assigned work.** All work must be submitted to the instructor on time, according to the instructor's specifications. Work missed because of unexcused absences may be made up according to the instructor's policy for missed work.
3. **Complete lab requirements.** This course has a lab requirement. All lab work assigned must be completed satisfactorily within established deadlines.

Course Materials: Required: Text(s) as required by instructor

Recommended: An English language dictionary, a USB

Grades

A final grade of C or better is required to advance to ELAI 990 and ELAS 990. The course and the grade earned are posted on the student's Official Transcript. The grade is not included in GPA calculation. The credits do not apply to a degree or certificate at Montgomery College.

Grades will be calculated as follows:

- 35% for quizzes (listening, vocabulary, and pronunciation)
- 30% for speeches
- 10% for participation and lab work
- 25% for final exam

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS and OTHER INFORMATION

Important Student Information Link

In addition to course requirements and objectives that are in this syllabus, Montgomery College has information on its web site (see link below) to assist you in having a successful experience both inside and outside of the classroom. It is important that you read and understand this information. The **link below provides** information and other resources to areas that pertain to the following: student behavior (student code of conduct), student e-mail, the tobacco free policy, withdraw and refund dates, disability support services, veteran services, how to access information on delayed openings and closings, how to register for the Montgomery College Alert System, and finally, how closings and delays can impact your classes. If you have any questions please bring them to your professor. As rules and regulations change they will be updated and you will be able to access them through the link. If any student would like a written copy of these policies and procedures, the professor would be happy to provide them. By registering for this class and staying in this class, you are indicating that you acknowledge and accept these policies.

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/student-resources/syllabus-resource-list.html>