



Columbia West College

Course Syllabus

Level 6 Listening & Speaking

This Course Syllabus outlines course-specific information. For program-wide information, please refer to the Program Syllabus, which can be accessed at www.columbiawestcollege.edu
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Prerequisite: Placement by assessment or successful completion of Level 5.

Course Objectives: The goal of this course is for you to gain confidence in your ability to speak and write English accurately and fluently by addressing and meeting the learning outcomes listed below. Upon successfully completing this course, you should be able to (1) easily understand virtually everything heard or read, (2) summarize information from different spoken sources, coherently reconstruct arguments and accounts, and (3) express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

Learning Outcomes: After you finish this course, you will be able to:

1. understand with no difficulty various broadcasts specifically designed for native speakers of English;
2. define and appropriately apply advanced vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in spontaneous speech;
3. convey finer shades of meaning in speech and correct errors with little detection;
4. present clear, smoothly flowing descriptions or arguments in a manner conducive to listeners' understanding and retaining information, and;
5. take part in debates, group discussions and role-play scenarios at a native proficiency level.

Program Length: ESL Level 6 is divided into 3 modules, and each module is 4 weeks in length. However, the length of your individual educational program depends on your commitment to the

Required Textbooks:

PBS and History Channel historical documentary series films with corresponding curriculum materials.



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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	PBS Home Video Destination America	American Experience The Gold Rush	American Experience The Kennedys	American Experience Surviving the Dust Bowl
B	American Experience Silicon Valley	American Experience We Shall Remain	American Experience Summer of Love	American Experience Billy the Kid
C	American Experience Las Vegas: An Unconventional History	American Experience Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement 1954-1985	American Experience The Crash of 1929	History Channel The Men Who Built America

Audio-visual material from the PBS series American Experience and the History Channel, with accompanying lesson development and activities.

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