



# Columbia West College

## Course Syllabus

### Communication Skills – Advanced

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](http://www.columbiawestcollege.edu) → Students → Syllabi and Curriculum Guides.

**Prerequisite:** Placement by assessment or successful completion of Beginning American Communication.

**Course Objectives:** The primary aim of this course is for students to gain confidence in their ability to listen to and speak English accurately and fluently by addressing and meeting the learning outcomes listed below. Course objectives are based on critical thinking, listening, speaking, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation, and include inferring meaning, making predictions, expressing opinions and wishes, comparing and contrasting viewpoints, vocabulary development, pronunciation, and using advanced grammatical structures and verb tenses.

**Learning Outcomes:** After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Initiate, maintain and end a conversation naturally with effective turn-taking;
2. Identify and use nuanced expressions to accomplish goals of conversation, including:
  - a. Softening assertive or contrary opinions;
  - b. Acknowledging others' points of view;
  - c. Introducing new topics, subtopics, and supporting evidence;
  - d. Offering assurance, partial agreement, advice, honest criticism, support;
  - e. Expressing appreciation, interest, concern, frustration, empathy, and encouragement;
  - f. Changing topics; and
  - g. Emphasizing points;
3. Express attitudes, opinions, and ideas using idiomatic language;
4. Compare the advantages and disadvantages to possible approaches to an issue or a problem;
5. Express regret and take responsibility, complain about public conduct, make suggestions about safety, discuss overcoming obstacles, analyze humor, discuss one's own skills and talents, and react to news about global issues

**Program Length:** Advanced American Communication is made up of Essential English levels 5 and 6. Each section is twenty-four (24) weeks long. Therefore, you may stay in one section for 24 weeks and not repeat class material. After your first 12 weeks, your completion certificate will show your first level. However, the length of your own program depends on your study habits.

#### Required Textbooks

#### Winter & Summer Term:

Ascher, Allen, and Joan Saslow. *Summit: English for Today's World (Level 1)*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Pearson Education, Inc., 2017, Hoboken, NJ.

#### Spring & Fall Term:

Ascher, Allen, and Joan Saslow. *Summit: English for Today's World (Level 2)*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Pearson Education, Inc., 2017, Hoboken, NJ.



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## Curriculum Guide

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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<b>A</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 1 <b>Outlook and Behavior</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 2 <b>Music and Other Arts</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 3 <b>Money, Finance, and You</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 4 <b>Clothing and Appearance</b>
<b>B</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 5 <b>Communities</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 6 <b>Animals</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 7 <b>Advertising and Consumers</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Units 5,6,7 <b>Review / Production Assessment</b>
<b>C</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 8 <b>Family Trends</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 9 <b>Facts, Theories, and Hoaxes</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Unit 10 <b>Your Free Time</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Units 8,9,10 <b>Review / Production Assessment</b>

Textbook: Ascher, Allen, and Joan Saslow. *Summit: English for Today's World (Level 1)*. 3rd ed., Pearson Education, Inc., 2017, Hoboken, NJ.

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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<b>A</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 1 <b>Dreams and Goals</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 2 <b>Character and Responsibility</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 3 <b>Fears, Hardships, and Heroism</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 4 <b>Getting Along with Others</b>
<b>B</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 5 <b>Humor</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 6 <b>Troubles While Travelling</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 7 <b>Mind Over Matter</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Units 5,6,7 <b>Review / Production Assessment</b>
<b>C</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 8 <b>Performing at Your Best</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 9 <b>What Lies Ahead?</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 2  Unit 10 <b>An Interconnected World</b>	SUMMIT – LEVEL 1  Units 8,9,10 <b>Review / Production Assessment</b>

Textbook: Ascher, Allen, and Joan Saslow. *Summit: English for Today's World (Level 2)*. 3rd ed., Pearson Education, Inc., 2017, Hoboken, NJ.