



Columbia West College

Course Syllabus

Level 5 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 4.

Course Objectives: The goal of this course is for you to gain confidence in your ability to understand the main ideas of complex and extended speech and to interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native English speakers quite possible without strain.

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

1. Predict content and perspectives;
2. Distinguish main ideas and details;
3. Make inferences based on tone, pace, vocabulary, word choice, and implied information;
4. Relate listenings to personal experiences and values, as well as to others' viewpoints;
5. Organize and synthesize information from the listenings;
6. Express and ask opinions;
7. Add information and opinions to others' ideas;
8. Participate in and summarize a discussion;
9. Introduce, defend and express the different sides of an issue;
10. Express and defend preferences;
11. Begin and maintain conversations;
12. Role-play semi-scripted scenarios based on unit themes;
13. Recognize and use metaphorical expressions and figurative language;
14. Tell and encourage others to tell an anecdote;
15. Respond appropriately to complex and controversial questions
16. Use linking expressions to discuss similarities and differences and;
17. Paraphrase and react to quotes.

Program Length: ESL Level 5 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 school.

Required Textbooks:

Preiss, Sherry. *NorthStar Listening and Speaking Level 5*, 4th ed. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2014. Print.



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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Unit 1 The Fantastic Plastic Brain	Unit 1 The Fantastic Plastic Brain	Unit 2 Is Honesty the Best Policy?	Unit 2 Is Honesty the Best Policy?
B	Unit 3 Revolution of the 50%	Unit 3 Revolution of the 50%	Unit 4 Ancient Wisdom Travels West	Unit 4 Ancient Wisdom Travels West
C	Unit 5 Business Not As Usual	Unit 5 Business Not As Usual	Unit 8 Changing Lives for \$50	Unit 8 Changing Lives for \$50

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