

# Oral Expression (Ústny prejav)

Semester: **Summer 2010**

Level: **Second Year**

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## Course Description

Following an introductory unit on pronunciation, students will have the opportunity to improve their communication skills in various formal settings, including formal presentations, telephoning, and discussions.

## Course Requirements

Each student will be required to participate in a variety of in- and out-of-class activities, which will form their participation grade, as well as complete four other assessed tasks: a pronunciation test, a group presentation, an individual presentation, and a telephoning test. An optional recital of a text or song on the last day of class will add up to 10% of extra credit to a student's final grade.

## Grading Policy and Attendance

I will use the standard A-Fx scale for grading. The following standard correspondences between percentages and letter grades will be used: Fx=0-64%, E=65-72%, D=73-79%, C=80-86%, B=87-93%, and A=94-100%. Attendance is mandatory for this course, though students will be allowed one unexcused absence, after which any additional absences, in lieu of a proper written excuse, will result in a 5% deduction from the student's final grade in the course. Note that **students who miss more than four classes for any reason will fail the course**. Each student's final grade will be calculated as follows:

Group Presentation	25%
Individual Presentation	25%
Telephoning Test	25%
Participation	25%
Extra-credit Recital	10% +
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	110% – ((# of unexcused absences – 1) x 5)

## Academic Honesty

Any form of academic dishonesty, such as collaborating on tests or plagiarism (presenting someone else's writing as your own), will result in a **0% grade** on the given assignment or test, with no chance for improvement.

## Redoing Assignments

Students who are due to receive an **Fx** at the end of the semester will have **one** chance to retake **one** assignment of their choice. This does not apply to cases of academic dishonesty.

## Late Presentations

Since it will only be possible to do presentations during class time, those students who do not present on the scheduled date must do so during the next class. Unless these students have had excused absences on the original date, their presentations will suffer a 25% penalty.

## Weekly Schedule

## Homework (due the next class)

8/2 Week 1: - getting acquainted - pronunciation assessment	
15/2 Week 2: - discussion of accents - difficult phonemes - intro to group presentation	- brainstorm for group presentation
22/2 Week 3: - stress rhythm with music and poetry - planning of group marketing presentation	- prepare and practise group presentation
1/3 Week 4: - <b><u>group marketing presentation due</u></b> - presentation feedback	- reading for discussion
8/3 Week 5: - discussion on crime and punishment - individual presentation assignment	- choose topic for individual presentation
15/3 Week 6: - discussion on linguistic diversity - presentation preparation	- prepare and practise individual presentation
22/3 Week 7: - <b><u>individual presentation due</u></b> - introduction to telephoning	- reading for discussion - phone call
29/3 Week 8: - telephoning continued	- <b><u>telephoning test</u></b>
5/4 Week 9: Easter – no class	
12/4 Week 10: - extra credit recitals	- Good luck on your theses, and have a great summer!