

CAMOSUN COLLEGE – COURSE OUTLINE**BESL ELD 077- 003 –English Pronunciation
Summer 2018
May 16th to July 25th**

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Office hours: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday (or by appointment)	
Class times and locations: Monday: 12:30 – 2:20 CBA 102 Wednesday: 12:30 – 1:20 CBA 102 1:30 – 2:20 CBA 144 (Computer Lab)	
In-class hours: 4 hours per week	Estimated homework: 3 hours per week
Required materials: a headset (with audio and microphone) and a three-ring binder	
Drop date: The official drop date (without penalty is July 3 rd)	

No classes

Victoria Day: Monday, May 21st
Canada Day: Monday, July 2nd (Canada Day is July 1st)

Short Course Description

This course focuses on improving pronunciation to develop the communicative ability of non-native English speakers. The goal is to develop spoken English that is reasonably easy for native speakers to understand. Students' ability to understand native speakers will also be a goal.

Background to the course

Everyone has an accent. Native speakers have the accent of the country they come from, and ESL learners have "foreign" accents. Some people have accents that are easier to understand than others – but why?

It is not just the sounds of the words that make the difference. It is other things as well, such as speed, loudness, pitch and the way words are linked together. Because these things are not written on the page when we read English, it's easy to imagine that they don't exist or aren't important, but they are very important.

Can you ever get rid of your accent? Probably not. But, neither can anyone else. You can improve both the sounds of the words and the other factors involved in clear speech. This will make you understandable to a wide range of listeners.

Goals of the course

This course provides a wide variety of methods and activities to improve your pronunciation. Listening practice will be an integral part of each lesson, since pronunciation and listening are closely linked skills. The main goal of the course is to help you to interact clearly, naturally and confidently with native speakers of English in a variety of social settings.

Many people think of an English pronunciation class as mainly one where students' vowel and consonant sounds are practiced and corrected. Most pronunciation teachers, and most of their students, however, have found such pronunciation work to be only part of what they need.

Recent research and experience has shown that factors other than vowels and consonants are the most important to master. This course is designed to help you practice these aspects of English pronunciation, such as word stress, sentence intonation, phrasing of word groups, and pausing – as well as the consonants and vowels. All of these aspects need to be mastered to some degree in order to communicate clearly in English.

Overview of course content

In this course, you will improve your ability to:

- produce more natural English speech
- understand natural English speech
- predict the correct pronunciation of words and phrases

These abilities will be improved by studying and understanding the English sound system and using it correctly.

Intended learning outcomes

At successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand how speech sounds are physically made and why, and understand the sound system of English
- Use long and short vowels, consonants and consonant clusters correctly
- Understand and use intonation, rhythm, word stress, speed, loudness, phrasing and pausing in both listening and speaking
- Use a dictionary to aid pronunciation of words
- Use spelling rules in determining the pronunciation of words.

Attendance

Regular attendance is very important in this course, as most of the work we do will be in class. If you attend regularly, participate actively in class work, and work consistently both in class and outside class, you will make progress.

Evaluation

Camosun College Standard Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency (GPA)
90-100	A+	Superior level of achievement	9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+	High level of achievement	6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+	Satisfactory level of achievement	3
60-64	C	Sufficient level of achievement to proceed to next level of study	2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved	0
	I	Work is not complete, but instructor has granted an extension. Mark will become an "F" unless the work is completed within six weeks	

Your final grade will be based on in-class work, assignments and tests that will be given over the course of the semester. ***The date to drop this course without it going on your record is July 3, 2018 ***
Here is an explanation of how you will be graded in the course:

Listening Tests	1/3
Speaking Tests	1/3
Participation/Attendance	1/3
Total:	100 %

Both your pronunciation skills and listening comprehension are important.

Except in cases of verified illness or other emergencies, **all assessments must happen on the assigned dates.**

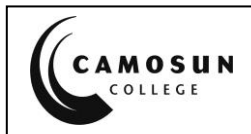
Academic honesty

All assignments must be completed entirely by the student. Work that is copied from another person or source without proper citing of sources or done in whole or in part by another person is plagiarism – the theft of another person's ideas and work.

Plagiarized work will result in a zero grade for the assignment. In extreme cases, plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course.

This policy is in accordance with the Camosun College Calendar –Student Conduct section – <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-&-support/e-2.5.1.pdf>

No electronic devices (electronic dictionaries, cell phones, music players, etc.) can be used during tests. This policy also applies to other in-class assignments at the discretion of the instructor.



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Progress and Attendance Policy Winter 2018
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Students are responsible for

- attending classes regularly (see “Attendance” below)
- speaking English in class
- participating in discussions and group activities
- doing assigned homework and in-class work
- contributing to a positive learning environment
- turning off cell phones
- going to the Help Centre (CBA 160) for extra help.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend every class, participate in class discussions and group activities, and complete assignments.

If you are absent, email or leave a message with your teacher(s).

<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html#admissions>

It is each student’s responsibility to attend the first class meeting of each course. If a student does not attend the first class and does not contact the instructor, an ELD instructional assistant or an international education advisor within two working days following the first class with a satisfactory explanation, admittance to the course may be denied.

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If a student does not attend classes and does not officially withdraw (via Camlink or Student Services) prior to fee deadlines, he or she will be required to pay all outstanding fees, will receive no further service until the fees are paid and may receive an F grade.

**If you cannot come the day of a test, you MUST phone or email the instructor
 BEFORE the beginning of the class.**

Makeup tests will ONLY be considered with a valid excuse and sufficient notification.

During the term, if a student misses one week of class(es) without official documentation, s/he will first meet with the instructor to resolve the problem. If no resolution can be made, then the student will meet with the Chair of the department who may recommend the following:

- getting help from the Help Centre
- counselling
- program changes
- withdrawal
- discussion with an Academic or an International Student Advisor (where appropriate)