



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2026	Instructor Name:	Adriana Torres
Course Title & #:	ESL 014 Speaking & Listening for ESL 4	Email:	adriana.torres@imperial.edu
CRN:	20158	Office Hours:	Wednesdays: 12:00 – 2:00 PM by Zoom OR 6:00 – 7:00 PM email
Class Dates:	February 17 – June 12, 2026	Office:	806
Class Days:	Tuesdays and Thursdays (R)	Office Contact:	Canvas (Inbox preferably)
Class Times:	11:20 AM – 1:50 AM	Emergency Contact:	Lency Lucas – Dept Secretary 760-355-6337
Classroom #	206		
Class Format:	Face – to - Face		

Course Description

ESL 014 is a listening and speaking course for ESL students who want to develop oral language and listening skills at the intermediate level. Students learn to comprehend extended spoken discourse and lectures and learn to give explanations and opinions on a variety of common academic topics. This course may be taken concurrently with other Level 4 ESL courses. Successful completion of this course will prepare students for ESL 015. (CEFR B1) (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable) Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

ESL 013 or appropriate placement.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Apply knowledge of English pronunciation rules in oral and/or aural exercises. (ILO 1, ILO 2)
2. Participate in speeches/ conversations/ presentations utilizing the format and vocabulary of the identified speech act. (ILO 1, ILO 2)
3. Listen to a passage or conversation and identify the main ideas and supporting details, either orally or in writing. (ILO 1, ILO2)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Follow straightforward talks on familiar topics;
2. Understand the main points in clear, standard language on familiar matters regularly encountered at work, school, leisure, etc., including short narratives;



3. Present on a variety of subjects with clear organization using appropriate signals;
4. Maintain a conversation or discussion;
5. Use generally accurate pronunciation, including intonation and stress;
6. Demonstrate knowledge of sufficient vocabulary to express ideas on most topics pertinent to everyday life such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel, and current events.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Ellii (ESL – Library)

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This is a face-to-face course delivered in a full-term format. There are scheduled class meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, but your instructor will also be available during the week through office hours and email/inbox. It is VERY important for you to make sure you do your work each week! Deadlines WILL NOT be extended.

Manage your time. Do not try to complete your assignments in one day. It will be too much for you to do and too much for your brain to handle. If you do not do your work, or you do not submit your work when it is due, you will not pass the class.

Communicate in English in class. This course is designed to help you improve your speaking and listening skills in English. If you do not practice using English or do not use English to communicate in class with your teacher and your classmate, your progress will be slower.

You may be expected to speak in English in the following contexts:

- (1) with a partner;
- (2) in a small group;
- (3) in a formal group presentation in front of the class;
- (4) with your teacher;
- (5) in recorded assignments;

You will also listen to audio clips and watch videos and will be expected to discuss and write about the content in English. We will do a variety of activities in class. Sometimes there will be lectures where you will need to take notes (and ask questions!). Sometimes you will do individual writings and exercises, and sometimes you will do pair/group writings and exercises. You will also take tests throughout the term.

Success: Acquiring another language requires focused effort. Sitting in class is simply not sufficient for you to succeed. You must study, speak, read, and listen to English as much as you possibly can outside of class. College guidelines suggest that you study two hours for every hour of class. Since this is a five-hour class, this would mean that you are expected to study or participate in some other learning activity for an additional ten hours every week.'



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Instructional Methodology: Demonstration Discussion Group Activity Individual Assistance Lecture Distance Learning Audio Visual Computer Assisted Instruction

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Participation (Attendance)	10%
Vocabulary	10%
Discussion Starters/Class Assignments	20%
Mini – Oral Presentations	20%
Mid Term Interview Exam	20%
Final Listening Exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

Course Policies

When are assignments due? You must complete each assignment when it is due.

Can I complete work when I want? You must complete each assignment by the deadline. (weekly).

Can I complete my work after the deadline? No late work is accepted.

What happens if I have a problem? If something happens, please talk to me or email me as soon as possible! I will work to help you!

Attendance:

Any student who is absent for 3 consecutive days will be dropped. Students should complete all required assignments throughout the semester, which includes homework, class assignments, mini-presentations, and listening practices. Regular participation is required.

Participation includes:

- Completing weekly homework;
- Completing weekly in class assignments;
- Submitting your work on time;

If there is a problem with completing your work (such as being in the hospital or being sick), please let me know. I am willing to help you, but you need to make sure you communicate with me.

Participation:

- To ensure your success, plan to participate in all class activities! There are many ways that we can participate, collaborate, and share ideas in our environment. Here are a few:
- Contribute and share ideas in group discussions.
- Attend office hours to ask questions when you do not understand something.
- Reading information from the instructor as well as classmates.
- Be prepared and complete homework before due dates.

- Turning in assignments, quizzes, homework on-time keeps you on task

A student who is absent due to illness or surgery will be permitted an absence of up to TWO weeks. The student is responsible for providing a copy of an official document from their doctor or hospital stating the diagnosis or medical release.

What happens if I don't participate?

You may be dropped if you are no longer actively participating in the course and engaging in course material. Active participation and engaging with course content, completing and turning in homework, assignments, and quizzes. If you have a personal problem or issue, please communicate with me and let me know what's going on before too much time has passed.

Netiquette and Respectful Use:

IVC's Respectful Use and Netiquette Policy: IVC's official policy about netiquette is as follows:

What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners: online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word.

Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online. Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette:

1. identify yourself,
2. include a subject line,
3. avoid sarcasm,
4. respect others' opinions and privacy,
5. acknowledge and return messages promptly,
6. copy with caution,
7. do not spam or junk mail,
8. be concise,
9. use appropriate language,
10. use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and
11. use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks!!!!]

Our Respectful Use and Netiquette Policy: For this course, I expect all students to be treated with respect. If someone disagrees with an opinion, it is not an opportunity for name calling or belittling. It is a time to respectfully listen, contemplate, and learn. We do not have to agree on the discussion boards, but we do have to be respectful and kind. Any instances of disrespect in a discussion or group collaboration should be brought to the instructor's attention and may result in the disrespectful student losing points or being reported to the campus disciplinary officer.

Late Work Policy:

Any student struggling with a deadline should contact the instructor as soon as possible. With prior notice, some deadlines may be adjusted at the instructor's discretion. Without prior notice or contact, assignments may be submitted in the week following the original due date for reduced points. Quizzes and discussion assignments will not be accepted late and must be completed on or before the original due date.

Academic Honesty Policy

What is Academic Honesty?

I expect that all students will conduct themselves with integrity. All students in my class are held to the highest academic honesty standards. Please help keep this a positive learning environment for all students by doing your own work. The following are some examples of plagiarism and/or cheating:

- buying, forging, or copying papers
- plagiarizing or copying chunks of text and then claiming them as your own
- getting someone else to write papers or to take quizzes or tests for you
- doing someone else's work for them

- copying others' homework and handing in others' work as your own
- submitting an assignment that was completed for a different course
- memorizing a presentation and using it for a timed exam
- Sharing information with another person during a test or exam.

*Summary: You may not copy or use material written by another person unless there is proper citation. Cheating or plagiarizing in any form will result in a “zero” for the assignment and/or referral to the Dean of Language Arts. For a complete description of academic honesty policies, see the Imperial Valley College Catalog (www.imperial.edu)

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Notes:
Week 1	Introduction: Course In- Class Listening Activity – Movie Trailers	
Week 2	Discussion and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Goal Setting Vocabulary **Please make sure you to register to Ellii with your code by next Tuesday**	Listen and Take Notes Ellii Homework
Week 3	Speaking and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Personality Traits Vocabulary Mini - Presentation	Listen and Take Notes Ellii Homework
Week 4	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Career Trends Vocabulary Pronunciation	Think and Discuss Listen and Take Notes Ellii Homework Vocabulary
Week 5	Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Career Trends Mini - Presentation	Ellii Homework
Week 6	Speaking and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Culture Shock Pronunciation	Vocabulary Ellii Homework
Week 7	Listening, Speaking and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Law and Order	Vocabulary Ellii Homework

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Notes:
Week 8	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Law and Order Practice & Listen Group Discussion Mock Trial	
Week 9	Mid – Term Interview	Vocabulary Ellii Homework
Week 10	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Bullying	Think and Discuss
Week 11	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Social Distancing True Grammar Stories	Vocabulary Ellii Homework
Week 12	Spring Break	
Week 13	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Discussion Starter – Finance Matters Pronunciation Assignment	Listen and Take Notes
Week 14	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Pronunciation Assignment-Canvas	
Week 15	Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Pronunciation Assignment-Canvas	Presentation Assessment
Week 16	Finals Review Week Final Exam	

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