Academic English 23 A – Pronunciation 1

Course Description: Academic English 23 A is designed to help international graduate students develop English oral communication skills. You will be introduced to the pronunciation of the English language with an emphasis on consonants, vowels, intonation, and word stress.

Weekly work in the language lab will provide an opportunity to practice pronunciation and to test listening comprehension. Student digitized recordings are posted to the class EEE dropbox and commented on by the instructor. Class presentations include talks on personal experiences and reports on campus services and activities.

Required Text and Materials:

Texts:  
*English Pronunciation Made Simple* (Dale & Poms)  
*Longman Advanced American Dictionary* (recommended, optional)

Materials:  
Academic English ESL Oral Communications Handbook (*OCH*) (available at ET 203)

Objectives:
In this class you can expect to:
- review the system for English vowel and consonant production
- learn basic rules for stress, pitch and intonation
- practice phrasing rules for longer sentences
- develop a personal vocabulary list indicating correct stress and pronunciation
- improve informal spoken English

Grades:
Students will receive a Pass/No Pass grade at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned based on:
- Lab Hours and Handbook Work 20%
- Listening Quizzes 20%
- Oral Presentations 20%
- Class Participation 10%
- Midterm 10%
- Final 20%

Attendance: You are expected to attend all class meetings. Because of the interactive nature of the course, your full participation is crucial to your success. If you miss more than one class meeting, your class participation grade will be affected. You are responsible for finding out from classmates what you missed.
Quizzes: Six listening quizzes will be given in the lab over the course of the quarter based; they are based on the audio and video programs in the textbook. If you do not get a passing score of 75%, you can make up the quiz in the language lab.

Oral Presentations: Short speeches in front of the class will be video recorded and reviewed by the tutor and instructor. Videos will be uploaded to the HIRC website so that you can also evaluate yourself after viewing the presentation.

Outside Practice: You are required to practice English pronunciation outside of the classroom. For this, you need to go to the HIRC language lab (HH 269) outside of class for a total of 7 hours for the quarter. Here you will work on listening practice from our text or other sources. You will keep track of those hours in your handbook.

Tutoring: Individual or group tutoring is available to you through the ESL office. It is highly recommended that you see a tutor.