ESL 0590 Academic Sup. Pronunciation—2 cr. Spring 2010
MW, 9:05-9:55, Walker (11), Room 116

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Course Description: For non-native speakers of English, not for native speakers of English. This course focuses on pronunciation including English spelling and English sounds, speech mechanism, syllable stress, vowel and consonant length, content and function words, word stress and phrasing, intonation, vowel and consonant sounds, and homophones. Not for graduation credit. May be repeated. Grade: Pass/Fail.

Course Objectives:
Students will demonstrate proficiency in American English by producing understandable speech in the following areas:

- English spelling and sounds,
- Syllable stress
- Vowel and consonant length
- Content words and function words
- Word stress and phrasing
- Intonation
- Vowel and consonant sounds

Course Evaluation: Course evaluation is based on class exercises and short quizzes. Course grade is Pass/Fail.

Grading Scale:
- A 96-100% AB 91-95 B 84-90 BC 79-84
- C 72-78 CD 66-71 D 60-65 F 0-59

Course Grade: 75% or above = Pass 74% or below = Fail

Course Policies: Students will actively participate in class exercises.

University Policies

Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance with the University's policies. If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following:

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http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability

Equal Opportunity Statement:

Schedule

Week 1  1/11, 13  Introduction to Course.
Week 2  1/18, 20  Introduction to course. Reading 1, handout. Pronunciation.
Week 3  1/25, 27  Pronunciation Tests from Clear Speech 2nd ed.
Week 4  2/1, 3  Part 1, Overview; Sounds of American English
                   Part 2, Stress and Intonation
Week 5  2/8, 10  Part 2, Stress and Intonation
Week 6  2/15, 17  Part 3, Vowel Sounds, Units 9, 10, 11, 12
Week 7  2/22, 24  Part 3, Vowel Sounds, Units 13, 14, 15, 16
Week 8  3/1, 3  Part 3, Vowel Sounds, Units 17, 18, 19, 20

March 8-14  Spring Break

Week 9  3/15, 17  Part 4, Consonant Sounds, Units 21, 22, 23
Week 10  3/22, 24  Part 4, Consonant Sounds, Units 24, 25, 26
Week 11  3/29, 31  Part 4, Consonant Sounds, Units 27, 28, 29
Week 12  4/5, 7  Part 4, Consonant Sounds, Units 30, 31, 32
Week 13  4/12, 14  Part 4, Consonant Sounds, Units 33, 34, 35, 36
Week 14  4/19, 21  Appendix: Homophones
Week 15  4/26-30  Finals Week

We reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus as needed.