

Course Description

ELS 512 Oral Communication Skills for International Teaching Assistants (3 credits)

Focus on the oral communication skills needed to be successful in graduate studies. Students build fluency in oral English by developing speaking and listening skills through weekly assignments. Students develop their presentation skills by giving oral reports. Students also enhance their cross-cultural awareness by learning about American cultural values and writing reflections on cross-cultural topics. This course is open to all graduate students whose first language is not English, but preference is given to international teaching assistants.

ELS 612 Advanced Communication Skills for International Teaching Assistants (3 credits)

Focus on the oral communication skills needed to be successful in graduate studies. Students build fluency in oral English by developing speaking and listening skills with an intensive focus on pronunciation. Students develop their teaching skills by presenting oral reports and micro-teaching assignments. Students also enhance their cross-cultural awareness by reflecting on differences between America and their countries, particularly differences in education. This course is open to all graduate students whose first language is not English, but preference is given to international teaching assistants.