

Bergen Community College
Division of Arts, Humanities, and Wellness
Department of ESL Speech
Student Guide

SPE-009 American Language Foundations: Speaking and Listening

Instructor:

Office Location:

Office Hours:

E-mail Address:

Semester and year:

Course and section number:

Meeting times and locations:

Course Description: SPE-009 is a course for international students with little or no exposure to English. It provides students with instruction in basic expression and understanding simple oral language, including following instructions. Students will learn to use vocabulary in everyday speaking situations.
Prerequisite: Placement Test

Required Textbook: *Interactions Access, Silver Edition*

Student Learning Goals: At the end of the semester, if you have met all the requirements of this course, you will:

- Produce simple sentences using basic grammar
- Engage in guided conversations
- Express opinions orally
- Use appropriate expressions in a given situation
- Ask and answer basic questions
- Listen and understand simple conversations
- Listen and understand simple audio passages
- Take notes to improve listening comprehension
- Identify and practice some sounds of American English
- Develop an awareness of the regular past tense ending and its various pronunciations
- Develop an awareness of the “-s” inflectional ending and its various pronunciations
- Practice stress patterns in words
- Increase your vocabulary
- Deliver short presentations on known topics
- Use the Internet to learn about different subjects

Means of Assessment: Assessment for the purpose of grading and of student learning may include tests, quizzes, presentations, class discussions, homework, voice recordings, and class participation.

Special Features of the Course: There is an online (Internet) component of the textbook. You will be required to access this.

Grading Policy:

Homework: 25%

Class Participation and Attendance: 25%

Tests and Speeches: 50%

Grade Breakdown:	A	91-100
	B+	88-90
	B	81-87
	C+	78-80
	C	70-77
	F	69-below

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend class regularly and punctually. Attendance will be taken at each class session. If students occasionally arrive late, they should enter quietly, and not disturb the class. If students miss class, they should find out what they missed. It is probably a good idea for students to exchange telephone numbers with other students as a way to find out about missed classes.

Poor attendance will affect a student's grade. If a student's absence exceeds one and a half times the number of weekly meetings, the student's grade will be lowered by one full letter grade. If a student is absent excessively, the student can expect to fail the course. Lateness counts, too. Two late arrivals will equal one absence.

Student and Faculty Support Services

ELRC (English Language Resource Center)	Room E-156	201- 612-5292 http://www.bergen.edu/elrc
The Office of Specialized Services (for students with disabilities)	Room S-131	201-612-5270 www.bergen.edu/oss
The Sidney Silverman Library – Reference Desk	Room L-226	201-447-7436 http://www.bergen.edu/library