

■ THE INTENSIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER ■

Course Title: ITA Workshop

Taught By: IALC Faculty

Hours Per Week: 3 (for 6 weeks)

Description: The ITA Workshop has been designed to address problems identified during the ITA exam. This course provides practical and direct work on communication strategies (especially pronunciation), effective teaching skills, and cultural awareness of the American classroom. Throughout the course, students are videotaped teaching practice lessons, which the instructor uses to address specific issues in communication and to demonstrate progress.

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Course Title: Pronunciation Workshop

Taught By: IALC Faculty

Hours Per Week: 3 hours (for 8 weeks)

Description: This intensive pronunciation workshop is designed for students who have a serious desire or need to address

their specific pronunciation difficulties. Sections are limited to 6 students. Each student receives an extensive evaluation at the beginning of the course. From this evaluation, the teacher develops individualized pronunciation goals and programs to concentrate on in class. Students are expected to practice outside of class with materials, including a book and CD or tapes that each student purchases for this course.

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Course Title: Listening/Speaking

Taught By: IALC Faculty

Hours Per Week: 6 hours (for 8 weeks)

Description: This intensive academic preparation course is a valuable tool to everyone who wants to improve listening skills and speaking skills, both formal and conversational.

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Course Recommendations for International Teaching Assistants

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Closed on National Holidays

There are five courses currently offered by Washington State University that the ITA Evaluation Committee often recommends for International Teaching Assistants who are interested in improving their teaching and public speaking skills, or modifying their accents.

This leaflet lists and gives a brief overview of each class. If you are interested in one of these classes, please call or email the department contact.

■ SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES ■

Course Title: Accent Reduction Non-Credit Distance Course

Facilitated By: A Clinical Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences with national certification in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

Description: This is a computer-based course designed for non-native speakers of English who wish to modify their accents, pronunciation, intonation, and comprehensibility. Students must complete the course within 9 months from the date of enrollment.

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■ THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ■

Course Title: U 590 (University 590): Preparation for College Teaching

Taught By: Dr. Debra Sellon, Association of the Graduate School and Other Faculty Members of WSU

Credits: 2

Description: University 590 is offered for all graduate students at WSU. The course is especially useful for Teaching Assistants who will be dealing with undergraduate students, or for students who hope to obtain jobs as faculty members at colleges and universities. The course lasts for one semester and is graded S/F.

Session Titles:

- *Introduction; The Syllabus*
- *Trends in Graduate Education; Introduction to Colleges and Universities*
- *Faculty Jobs at Colleges and Universities: Getting hired, tenure and promotion, balancing multiple roles*
- *The Teaching Assistant; WSU Structure and Governance*

- *Understanding your Students: How do students learn? How do you motivate students?*
- *Classroom Culture; Facilitating Discussions*
- *Group Learning: Problem-solving in a lecture format*
- *Technology in the Classroom; Lectures with PowerPoint*
- *Writing in the Classroom*
- *Dealing with Classroom Challenges: Harassment, Academic Integrity, Stress, Behavior, ESL*
- *Assessment of Teaching and Learning*

Students are expected to read required materials prior to class, participate in classroom discussions, and complete assignments.

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