**ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

**FALL 2024-2025**

ELL 125 **COURSE SYLLABUS** Dr. Yağmur Sönmez Demir

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**Office hours:** Monday 14.00-16.00,

Wednesday 13.00-15.00, or by appointment

**Course Description**

This course has been designed to help students improve their understanding of spoken English and their ability to communicate effectively. Through exposure to a wide range of audiovisual sources, they will have the opportunity to engage with the structure, morphology and phonetics of the language in native contexts, and to acquire competence in listening comprehension and analysis. In addition, they will learn to develop communicative confidence and fluency, and to refine their pronunciation, through class discussions and speaking drills. With the guidance of the instructor and through various assignments, students will also be encouraged to develop their communicative abilities outside of the classroom.

**Course Material:**

A Course Pack including photocopies from various sources will be compiled by the lecturer and left to the photocopy room for the students.

**Final grades will include:**

Phonetic Alphabet Quiz % 10 pts

Impromptu speech\* % 10 pts

Oral Presentation\*\* % 25 pts

Midterm Examination % 30 pts

Final Examination % 25 pts

\*Each student will perform at least two 3-minute speeches without prior preparation, each week a few students are going to be chosen and they will deliver a speech on a topic given by the instructor. Each speech will be evaluated out of 5.

\*\* Each student will perform 1 presentation around 8-10 minutes.

**Course Requirements and Means of Evaluation**

•Please do NOT use your mobile phones during the courses. If you need to check dictionary, bring a published one to the class.

•If you are regularly late to the classes, you may be marked absent for the classes you participated.

•The students who do not attend the classes regularly may fail the course with NA grade and have to repeat the course. The absenteeism limit for this course is **9 hours.**

•Students who are found to have committed cheating in an examination or plagiarism on an assignment will fail the examination or assignment.

**Weekly Schedule**

**(Please note that the schedule is tentative, the professor may make some changes if necessary)**

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| **Weeks** | **Topics** |
| 1. Oct. 3 | Introduction to the course  Introduction to the Phonetic Alphabet |
| 1. Oct. 10 | Note-taking methods  Listening to short lectures and note taking |
| 1. Oct. 17 | Listening to short lectures and note taking  *Phonetic Alphabet Exercises* |
| 1. Oct. 24 | Listening to short lectures and note taking |
| 1. Oct. 31 | Listening to short lectures and note taking  *Phonetic Alphabet Exercises* |
| 1. Nov. 7 | *Listening to TED Talks* and note taking |
| 1. Nov. 14 | **Phonetic Alphabet & Pronunciation Quiz** |
| 1. Nov. 18-22 | **Midterm Exam (listening & note taking)** |
| 1. Nov. 28 | Introduction to Presentation Skills  Guidelines for preparing effective visual aids  Oral Presentation rubric |
| 1. Dec. 5 | *Listening to TED Talks* and note taking |
| 1. Dec 12 | **Oral presentations of the students** |
| 1. Dec. 19 | **Oral presentations of the students** |
| 1. Dec. 26 | **Oral presentations of the students** |
| 1. Jan 2, 2025 | *Listening to Short Stories* |

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