



THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

**English Language
Institute**

Spoken Communication: Intensive Academic English Fundamentals

Course Description

Spoken Communication: Intensive Academic English Fundamentals is an intensive 4 week course that focuses on improving fluency in academic and some non-academic contexts. Speaking skills in this class will have a focus on improving fundamental level English speaking by explicitly reviewing and practicing grammar, verb tenses, constructing accurate oral sentences, and building vocabulary. Students will improve speaking skills through guided activities, presentations, research, and self-reflection on the English they currently speak.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of the quarter, students will be able to:

1. Participate in conversations in English using high-frequency expressions and vocabulary.
2. Participate in conversations in English using high-frequency grammatical structures.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of how to use high-frequency grammatical elements including nouns, verbs, adverbs, and prepositions.
4. Ask a variety of basic questions in English including wh-, do, and be questions.
5. Control fundamental pronunciation features including stress, rhythm, and intonation.
6. Recognize contextually appropriate vocabulary for academic purposes.

Required Materials:

American Headway 2 (3rd ed) Oxford Press Online Textbook
American Headway 2 (3rd ed) Oxford Press Online Workbook
(both books to be digitally given to students in Week 2)