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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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Spoken Communication: General American Pronunciation

Course Description:

Spoken Communication: General American Pronunciation is an eight-week, mixed proficiency-level speaking course for speakers of English as an additional language. The course prioritizes speaker intelligibility and seeks to professionalize students' spoken English by focusing on word stress, stress-timing in phrases, the prominence of keywords in strings of speech, and phonemic accuracy and intonation patterns within the General American dialect. Students develop a working knowledge of the International Phonetic Alphabet and explore General American pronunciation through guided listening, exercises, presentations, and recorded projects.

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

- Modify their own pronunciation breakdowns based on their native language
- Use various strategies based on typical North American pronunciation features
- Identify IPA conventions (find simple IPA symbols)
- Create realistic pronunciation goals based on North American cultural influences

Required Materials:

- ❖ *Well Said: Pronunciation for Clear Communication* by Linda Grant 4th ed. (ISBN-13: 978-1305641365) (book to be provided)
- ❖ Device (e.g., smartphone, laptop, tablet) with internet access for Zoom, Canvas, and other online materials
- ❖ Access to Google Drive