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## COURSE CONTENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS								
I Semester: CE / CSD / CSM / ECE / EEE / ME								
II Semester: CSE								
Course Code	Category	Hours / Week			Credits	Maximum Marks		
24X0073	Foundation	L	T	P	C	CIA	SEE	Total
		0	0	2	1	40	60	100
Contact Classes: Nil	Tutorial Classes: Nil	Practical Classes:30			Total Classes: 30			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> There are no prerequisites to take this course.								

### Course Overview

The **English Language and Communication Skills (ELCS) Lab** focuses on listening and speaking skills, particularly on the production and practice of sounds of language and familiarizes the students with the use of English in everyday situations both in formal and informal contexts.

### Objectives

1. To enable students, develop their active listening skills
2. To equip students with necessary training in listening, so that they can comprehend the speech of people from different linguistic backgrounds
3. To improve their pronunciation and neutralize accent
4. To enable students express themselves fluently and appropriately
5. To practice speaking in social and professional contexts

### Course Outcomes:

After successful completion of the course, student will be able to:

1. **Identify** key information while listening to spoken texts.
2. **Interpret** the speaker's intention from the speech.
3. **Apply** pronunciation techniques to improve intelligibility.
4. **Demonstrate** fluency, clarity, and confidence while speaking.
5. **Use** English effectively in real-life situations.

**Syllabus:** English Language and Communication Skills Lab (ELCS) shall have two parts:

- a. Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Lab which focusses on listening skills
- b. Interactive Communication Skills (ICS) Lab which focusses on speaking skills

The following course content is prescribed for the **English Language and Communication Skills Lab**.

## **Exercise – I Listening and Speaking Skills**

### **CALL Lab:**

Understand: Listening Skill- Its importance - Purpose- Process- Types- Barriers- Effective Listening.

Practice: Introduction to Phonetics - Speech Sounds - Vowels and Consonants - Minimal Pairs- Consonant Clusters- Past Tense Marker and Plural Marker- Testing Exercises

### **ICS Lab:**

Understand: Spoken vs. Written language- Formal and Informal English.

Practice: Ice-Breaking Activity and JAM Session- Situational Dialogues - Greetings - Taking Leave - Introducing Oneself and Others.

## **Exercise – II Speaking Skills**

### **CALL Lab:**

Understand: Structure of Syllables - Word Stress- Weak Forms and Strong Forms - Stress pattern in sentences - Intonation.

Practice: Basic Rules of Word Accent - Stress Shift - Weak Forms and Strong Forms- Stress pattern in sentences - Intonation - Testing Exercises

### **ICS Lab**

Understand: Features of Good Conversation - Strategies for Effective Communication.

Practice: Situational Dialogues - Role Play- Expressions in Various Situations -Making Requests and Seeking Permissions - Telephone Etiquette.

## **Exercise – III Speaking Skills**

### **CALL Lab**

Understand: Errors in Pronunciation-Neutralising Mother Tongue Interference (MTI).

Practice: Common Indian Variants in Pronunciation - Differences between British and American Pronunciation - Testing Exercises

### **ICS Lab**

Understand: Descriptions- Narrations- Giving Directions and Guidelines - Blog Writing

Practice: Giving Instructions - Seeking Clarifications - Asking for and Giving Directions - Thanking and Responding - Agreeing and Disagreeing - Seeking and Giving Advice - Making Suggestions.

## **Exercise – IV Speaking Skills and Writing Skills**

### **CALL Lab**

Understand: Listening for General Details.

Practice: Listening Comprehension Tests - Testing Exercises

### **ICS Lab**

Understand: Public Speaking - Exposure to Structured Talks - Non-verbal Communication- Presentation Skills.

Practice: Making a Short Speech - Extempore- Making a Presentation.

## **Exercise – V Group Discussion and Listening Skills**

### **CALL Lab**

Understand: Listening for Specific Details.

Practice: Listening Comprehension Tests -Testing Exercises

### **ICS Lab**

Understand: Group Discussion

Practice: Group Discussion

### **Minimum Requirement of infrastructural facilities for ELCS Lab:**

#### **1. Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Lab:**

The Computer Assisted Language Learning Lab has to accommodate 40 students with 40 systems, with one Master Console, LAN facility and English language learning software for self- study by students.

System Requirement (Hardware component):

Computer network with LAN facility (minimum 40 systems with multimedia) with the following specifications:

- i) Computers with Suitable Configuration
- ii) High Fidelity Headphones

#### **2. Interactive Communication Skills (ICS) Lab:**

The Interactive Communication Skills Lab: A Spacious room with movable chairs and audio-visual aids with a Public Address System, a T. V. or LCD, a digital stereo - audio & video system and camcorder etc.

- ❖ **Note: English Language Teachers are requested to prepare Materials / Handouts for each Activity for the Use of those Materials in CALL & ICS Labs.**

### **Suggested Software:**

- Cambridge Advanced Learners' English Dictionary with CD.
- Grammar Made Easy by Darling Kindersley.
- Punctuation Made Easy by Darling Kindersley.
- Oxford Advanced Learner's Compass, 10th Edition.
- English in Mind (Series 1-4), Herbert Puchta and Jeff Stranks with Meredith Levy, Cambridge.
- English Pronunciation in Use (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced) Cambridge University Press.
- English Vocabulary in Use (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced) Cambridge University Press.
- TOEFL & GRE (KAPLAN, AARCO & BARRONS, USA, Cracking GRE by CLIFFS).

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- Board of Editors. (2016). ELCS Lab Manual: A Workbook for CALL and ICS Lab Activities. Orient BlackSwan Pvt. Ltd.
- Mishra, Veerendra et al. (2020). English Language Skills: A Practical Approach. Cambridge University Press
- (2022). English Language Communication Skills - Lab Manual cum Workbook. Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd.
- Ur, Penny and Wright, Andrew. 2022. Five Minute Activities - A Resource Book for Language Teachers. Cambridge University Press.

### **Electronic Resources:**

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general\\_writing/grammar/index.html?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/index.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[https://www.ego4u.com/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.ego4u.com/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[https://www.eslfast.com/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.eslfast.com/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

### **Material Online:**

1. Open-ended experiments
2. Lab Manuals