

**NAJRAN UNIVERSITY  
PREPARATORY YEAR DEANSHIP**

**COURSE TITLE:** Listening and Speaking  
**COURSE CODE:** 142  
**CREDIT HOURS:** 2  
**CONTACT HOURS:** 4  
**LEVEL:** 1  
**PREREQUISITE:** NA

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course (i.e. *Northstar 1 Listening and Speaking* 3rd edition (GCC)) helps students develop their English listening and speaking skills and enables them to succeed in college level courses and to achieve their academic as well as language and personal goals in order to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The course engages and motivates students to listen to new, short, updated contemporary, authentic discourse with a view of demonstrating understanding. The course also emphasizes development of academic discussion through pre-listening activities, and develops comprehension skills through post-listening activities, with a focus on identifying main ideas and details and on pronunciation, intonation, stress patterns; and on vocabulary through using the same creatively in similar contexts. In addition, it develops critical thinking/listening skills through activities that engage students in logical thinking: predicting information and making inferences. The course also encourages the use of English communicatively through academic discussion as well as through task-based learning; and to improve speaking fluency skills with careful attention to pronunciation elements, students participate in more communicative oral activities such as discussions, pair and group work, role playing, interviews, etc.

**COURSE GOALS:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- State the main ideas in an authentic audio recording;
- Recall the specific details in an authentic audio recording;
- Predict information from context as they listen to an authentic audio recording;
- Recognize important/key words or information in an authentic audio recording;
- Differentiate types of pronunciation, intonation and stress in an authentic audio recording;
- Produce short, meaningful conversations using speaking skills and strategies;
- Speak at a reasonable speed, using correct pronunciation, intonation and stress;
- Use vocabulary in an appropriate context.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Students having more than 25% absences from class lectures will be debarred from the final exam.

**ASSESSMENT:**

There will be one midterm exam, which is worth 40% of the course mark. At the end of the semester, the final exam will be worth 60% of the course mark. Moreover, quizzes and class tests will be given but not counted for the course marks.

**TEXTS AND REFERENCES:**

North Star 1: Listening & Speaking, 3rd edition (GCC), by Polly Merdinger and Laurie Barton.

**EXTRA SUPPORT:**

The program provides a wide range of opportunities to consult with faculty and uses various English-language materials in a variety of media.

Coordinator



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