

# ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

Spring 2007

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Wednesday 4:10-6:00p.m. at E404 (2 credit hours)

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## **Course Objectives**

- Familiarize students with American English pronunciation, with an emphasis on the oral accuracy of the basics (e.g. sound segments) as well as communicative fluency (e.g. stress, rhythm, intonation). Attention will be brought to students on pronunciation errors particular to Chinese speakers.
- Help students improve their overall English pronunciation through in-class exercises, authentic reading, and instructor feedback.
- Students will listen to regular radio show or CD-ROM of English native speakers, and therefore, notice the difference between their accent and that of the native speakers.
- Help students identify their personal pronunciation problems, and develop self-monitoring and self-correction abilities.

## **Textbook**

*Studio Classroom* monthly magazine. (Available at your local bookstore.)

## **Syllabus**

Date	Discussion Topic
03/07	Overview of the class
03/14	Segments (letter-sound correspondence)
03/21	Segments (cont.)
03/28	Phonetics Show'N'Tell presentations #1-7
04/04	<i>Spring Break (No class!)</i>
04/11	Contrastive sounds, grammatical endings Show'N'Tell presentations #8-13

- 04/18 Consonant clusters-initials  
Show’N’Tell presentations #14-20
- 04/25 *In-class mid-term*
- 05/02 *Mid-term (Time & Place TBA)*
- 05/09 Consonant clusters-finals  
Show’N’Tell presentations #21-27
- 05/16 Tense vs. lax vowels  
Show’N’Tell presentations #28-34
- 05/23 Stress & vowel reduction  
Show’N’Tell presentations #35-41
- 05/30 Connected speech-rhythm  
Show’N’Tell presentations #42-48
- 06/06 Connected speech-intonation  
Show’N’Tell presentations #49-55
- 06/13 Review  
Show’N’Tell presentations #56-63
- 06/20 *In-class final exam*
- 06/27 *Final exam (Time & Place TBA)*

*Have a great summer break!!!*

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\*syllabus subject to change

### **Evaluation**

- Class participation: 30%
- Show’N’Tell presentation: 30%
- Exams:
  - Mid-term 20%
  - Final exam 20%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.