



IELTS SPEAKING SKILLS

Subtitle: A compact course to train IELTS candidates preparing for the Speaking Test including all essential concepts and practical features required to sharpen speaking skills for success in IELTS Speaking Test or for moving from a low band score to a high band score.

NOC Number: 41200 University professors and lectures

1.0 Course Faculty Information

Name: Prof. Dr. S. A. Ali
NSRIC-IELTS Professor

2.0 Course Information

Course Code	LAP--C-C00404
Class Days	Follow posting in NSRIC LMS system
Class Time	Follow posting in NSRIC LMS system
Course Credit Hours	1+1+1 = 3
Class Location	NSRIC online platform
prerequisites and/or co-requisites	n/a
Level /A, E, H, I, K12, M, P, S, T, U, V, W	Undergraduate / I

Note: The below classification of courses is related to any areas of knowledge:

A: Advanced level academic level courses; **C:** Canadian Immigration Course; **E:** Executive courses; **H:** Higher-level courses (i.e., graduate courses); **I:** Intermediate courses (i.e., university preparatory courses – Grade XII+); **K12:** Foundational, and lower-level courses; **M:** Mid-level courses (i.e., undergraduate courses); **P:** Professional courses; **S:** Short/seminar courses; **T:** Training courses; **U:** Tutorial Courses; **V:** Vocational training courses; and **W:** Workshop courses.

3.0 Professor Information

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4.0 Target Audience

- Candidates intending to take IELTS Speaking Test.
- Students who are required to take IELTS to study in international institutions.
- Individuals who are required to take IELTS for emigration purposes.
- Any individual interested in sharpening writing skills for whatever purpose.

5.0 Course Description

This compact Speaking Course is designed to address the needs of candidates preparing for the IELTS Speaking Test. It explains in the clearest possible terms the essential features of all three parts of this test, the progressive levels of difficulty, and conversation types therein. It also explains the examiner's expectations, how the Speaking Paper is marked and the assessment criteria including the significance of pronunciation, intonation, fluency and coherence. It keenly focuses on the initial steps of accurate speaking, talking about familiar topics, and using the right tense in the first part. In the second part, it focuses on understanding the task of giving a talk, fluency and coherence, taking and organizing notes for your talk. In the third part, the focus is on talking about abstract topics, suitable expressions for agreeing and disagreeing, and using accurate and wide-ranging vocabulary. Explanations are reinforced with intense practice. This course equips you with SPEAKING SKILLS essential to succeed, or to move from a low band to a high band, in the IELTS last part.

Keywords: Speaking strategies, pronunciation, intonation, fluency, coherence, accuracy, tense, familiar topics, abstract topics, agreement, disagreement, notes, vocabulary, assessment.

6.0 Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Speak with considerable confidence.

CLO2: Talk about common topics.

CLO3: Use wide-ranging vocabulary and grammatical structures accurately.

CLO4: Make and organize notes for a talk.

CLO5: Give a talk with minimum flaws.

CLO6: Speak fluently and coherently.

CLO7: Talk about abstract topics.

CLO8: Speak with correct pronunciation, intonation, and chunking.

7.0 How the course supports the attainment of the student outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes (1-6)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
low	low	Low	Moderate	Good	High	Excellent

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8.0 Course Materials

Online course materials

- Online PowerPoint presentation slides in pdf form
- Video/audio recording of lectures (optional)
- Online practice sessions and practice tests
- Writing worksheets for practice.
- Quizzes / MCQs in the form of evaluation at the NSRIC online LMS system / Google Classroom

Textbook and resources (If any)

- 1) *The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS For Academic & General Learning*

Support material:

- 2) *Cambridge English IELTS (Authentic Examination Papers From Cambridge ESOL) with Answers*

Online resources:

- 3) www.ielts.org
- 4) <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/preparation-resources/sample-test-questions>
- 5) <https://www.idp.com/australia/ielts/ielts-faq/>

9.0 Academic Integrity

Students are encouraged to have a look at the NSRIC's statement of academic integrity at NSRIC website. It is noted that by signing this syllabus, you will acknowledge that you have understood that any detected plagiarism should be reported.

10. Assessment for Grade

The course grade is only related to the undergraduate training courses based on performance as shown in Table 1:

Table 1: NSRIC Grading System

Type of Assessment	Grade %
Attendance/Participation/Engagement/Performance	20%
Quizzes/Drills	40%
IELTS WRITING TEST	40%
Total	100%

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Important Note:

- i) The below classified courses (i.e., academic courses) will only be evaluated based on the grade system shown in Table 2. A grade and certificate will be issued for the student(s) and participant(s).

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- ii) The below classified courses will **not** be evaluated based on the grade system shown in Table 2. A certificate will be issued for the student(s) and participant(s).

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Participation/Engagement/Performance

Your participation in every aspect of the course is important for the learning process. Your engagement in every discussion in the course with due delivery of all assignments and quizzes will be fruitful. These efforts from your side will reflect your performance in the course delivery and your commitments. This performance is the reflection of your dream grade!!

At the end of the term, below Table 2 will be used for translating your marks into a “Letter Grade” based on the NSRIC grading policy.

11.0 Advice and Additional Requirements

I advise you to:

- Please contact me if you need any help.
- Students are expected to attend all scheduled online lectures/classes.
- Students are expected to study from the course materials and/or textbooks which will help to easily read and understand.
- Students are encouraged to write their own notes during lectures/presentations (pdf PowerPoint presentations, and additional materials if any).
- Students are encouraged to attend online platform classes on time because late attendees disrupt the flow of the class for both the instructor and the other students.

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Table 2: NSRIC grading system

Marks	Letter Grade	Points	Description
≥ 93	A+	4.00	Outstanding
≥ 90	A	3.75	
≥ 87	A-	3.50	Excellent
≥ 84	B+	3.25	Very good
≥ 81	B	3.0	
≥ 78	B-	2.75	Moderately Good
≥ 75	C+	2.50	Good
≥ 72	C	2.25	
≥ 69	C-	2.0	Moderately Good
≥ 66	D+	1.75	Pass
≥ 63	D	1.50	
≥ 60	D-	1.25	Poor Pass
< 60	F	0	Failing

Additional information (During Online Course offering Period)

- Lectures will be delivered via **Zoom** or **Moodle**.
Quizzes / Practice Tests / Exams will be administered via: **Google Classroom**
- The PowerPoint course materials, and video lectures will be available at the NSRIC Platform.
- There will be scheduled discussion/tutorial sessions **every Thursday** at the scheduled class time. All students must attend this session.
- Students need to send an email request for personal consultation about any course-related problem they have so that a zoom meeting can be arranged based on availability of the course instructor.

13.0 Course Topics

- Initial steps to start talking.
- Familiar topics.
- Three task types.
- Vocabulary accuracy.
- Grammar range and accuracy.
- Fluency, coherence, and pronunciation.
- Correct tense.
- Abstract topics.
- Personal opinion.
- Agreeing and disagreeing.
- Checking, assessing, correcting.
- Common problems in speaking.

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- Multiple texts, work-related texts, MCQs

Requirements/Instructions

Students are **advised** to register for **all IELTS courses** to gain full expertise in the subject area.

14.0 Course Contents and Schedule

Lec No.	IELTS SPEAKING	Topics	Quiz 40 points
01	General Introduction Common for both AM and GTM	What is a writing test? How is it conducted? Three Task types. How is it assessed? Four Assessment Criteria. Examiner's expectations. How to prepare? Band score? Speaking strategies. Fluency, coherence, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary. Improving speaking score.	
02	Part 1 Initial steps	Getting ready to speak. Talking about familiar topics. Using the correct tense. Grammatical range and accuracy.	Quiz 1 10 points
03	Part 2 Giving a talk	Understanding the task. Talking about a topic. Improving fluency and coherence. Organizing your notes and your talk.	Quiz 2 10 points
04	Part 3 Abstract topics	Talking about abstract topics. Giving your personal opinion. Agreeing and disagreeing. Improving your vocabulary score.	Quiz 3 10 points
05	Revision Improvement	Understanding checking, correcting, and self-assessing. Common problems. Dealing with problems. Pronunciation, intonation, and chunking. Grammatical accuracy. Vocabulary. Fluency and cohesion. Assessing your level.	Quiz 4 10 points
06	Drill 1		
07	Drill 2		
08	Drill 3		
09	FINAL EXAM	AM / GTM SPEAKING TASTER TEST	40 points

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