**Syllabus – Spring 2017**

**Course:** ESL-265LS-59641 Low-Intermediate Academic Listening & Speaking (credit)

ESL-365LS-59642 Low-Intermediate Academic Listening & Speaking (noncredit)

**Time/ Location:**

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| **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 10:00-10:50  *HUM 64* | 10:00-10:50  *LAL 1* | 10:00-10:50  *HUM 64* |

**Units:** ESL 265LS: 3 units ESL 365LS: 0 units

**Important Dates:** No Classes: 2/17, 4/10 – 4/14

Deadline to drop the class to avoid a “W” (withdrawal): 1/27

Deadline to drop the class to avoid a grade: 3/10

Final Exam: Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., Room HUM 64

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**Materials**: 1. **Required**: NorthStar 2 Student Book with MyEnglishLab, Mills & Frazier, ISBN 9780134280813, 4th edition, Pearson.***This is a workbook. Used books are not acceptable****.*

2. **Recommended**: A USB flash drive *or* cloud-based document storage such as *Google Drive* or *Dropbox*.

3. **Recommended**: A good English/ English dictionary such as the Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary, ISBN 978-0877795506.

***MyEnglishLab Registration:*** User Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Course name: **2017 Spring ESL 265LS/365LS**

Course ID: **N73G-ISIK-6GCG-O2RU** Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** ESL 265LS is a listening and speaking course designed for speakers of other languages who want to develop oral language skills at the low-intermediate level. This course may be taken concurrently with ESL 265. ESL 265LS is four levels below English 1A. Students who successfully complete this course will be prepared for ESL 266LS.

**Subject Prerequisites:** English as a Second Language 264LS or placement through a multiple-measure

process, including an appropriate score on an approved ESL placement test.

**Repeatability:** ESL 265LS may not be repeated after successful completion.ESL 365LS is repeatable after successful completion.

**Course Objectives:** In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. listen to low-intermediate materials on academic topics from a variety of sources

2. listen and identify global and discrete meaning

3. converse on academic topics

4. identify and use patterns of intonation and pronunciation

**Course Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. listen and understand spoken English at the low-intermediate level

2. communicate orally at the low-intermediate level

**Grading**: This is a pass / no pass course. Current grades will be available to students throughout the semester on *Canvas*. Final grades will be calculated as follows:

*Pass* (P) >70%;

*No Pass* (NP) <70%

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| **Categories** | **Weight** |
| Homework | 30% |
| Oral Presentations / Oral Progress Checks | 20% |
| Unit Exams | 40% |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | 10% |

***Homework*:** Classroom and lab assignments are due at the beginning of the class period on the date due unless stated otherwise. Unless other arrangements are made, no credit will be given for homework handed in late. Extra work or makeup work will not affect your grade. Most homework will be turned in on MyEnglishLab. Some assignments are for practice or review and will not be graded. Graded homework will be clearly identified.

***Oral Presentations / Oral Progress Checks*:** Oral presentations are open demonstrations of your oral communication skills, performed in front of the whole class. Oral progress checks are private demonstrations of your oral communication skills, performed one-on-one with the instructor.

***Exams:***The date for exams will be announced in advance. If you are absent on the day of an exam, you will receive a zero score. You are not allowed to take the exam on a later day unless you have made arrangements with the instructor **before** the exam. Most exams will be taken on MyEnglishLab in the computer lab. **Unit Exams** focus on the content of each unit in the schedule. The **Comprehensive Final Exam** covers the content of all the units in the schedule.

**Privacy**: Your work done in this class will be heard by other students in this class. Choose speaking topics that you are willing for others to hear. Your class work will not be private.

**Cheating and Plagiarism**: You will receive no credit for an assignment or exam if in the opinion of the instructor you have cheated or plagiarized. You may be reported to the college for academic dishonesty.

**Cheating** is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another’s work, supplying one’s work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor’s permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.

**Plagiarism** is a specific form of cheating: the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.

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**Class Participation:** Your active participation in class is important for not only you but also your classmates. Make it your priority to be in class every day. You are expected to come to class on time with your homework complete, and actively engage in classroom activities such as group discussions and pair practice. If you miss class, you are still responsible for the homework and activities that went on in your absence. Contact a classmate or your teacher for assignments so you can be prepared for the next class.

**Time Commitment**: To succeed in this class, you need to spend time studying outside of class. In addition to 3 hours of class time each week, you should plan on spending at least 4 – 6 hours per week studying outside of class. Most assignments will be completed on MyEnglishLab, and you can use the student computer lab in the Reedley College library. You can also use your own computer or tablet.

**Canceled Class:** In the event that class must be canceled unexpectedly, an official form will be placed on the classroom door by the Dean’s Office. When you arrive to class, you are responsible to read the notice for any special assignments or instructions.

**Accommodations for students with disabilities:** If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact the instructor as soon as possible.

**Other Policies:**

* Children are not allowed in class. Adult visitors are allowed with permission of the instructor. Please make arrangements in advance.
* Please do not allow your cell phones to disrupt class time. Set your phone so it remains quiet. Do not answer your phone, make calls, text, or use your phone for non-academic purposes during class.
* You may be dropped from the class if you miss more than 4 class periods. If you miss class, please communicate with the instructor.

**Schedule** (subject to change):

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| **Weeks** | **Topics and Exams**  Northstar 4 (NS4) | **Homework**  MyEnglishLab (MEL) | **Oral Progress Checks / Presentations** |
| 1 – 3 | * **Unit 1: Work** * Unit 1 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 1.1 * MEL Checkpoint 1.2 | * Oral Progress Check 1 |
| 4 – 6 | * **Unit 2: Student Life** * Unit 2 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 2.1 * MEL Checkpoint 2.2 | * Oral Presentation 1 |
| 7 - 9 | * **Unit 3: Money** * Unit 3 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 3.1 * MEL Checkpoint 3.2 | * Oral Progress Check 2 |
| 10 – 12 | * **Unit 4: Etiquette** * Unit 4 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 4.1 * MEL Checkpoint 4.2 | * Oral Presentation 2 |
| 13 – 15 | * **Unit 5: Food** * Unit 5 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 5.1 * MEL Checkpoint 5.2 | * Oral Progress Check 3 |
| 16 – 17 | * **Unit 6: Heroes** * Unit 6 Exam | * MEL Checkpoint 6.1 * MEL Checkpoint 6.2 | * Oral Presentation 3 |
| 18 | **Comprehensive Final Exam** | | |