IELI 2310 – Comprehending Authentic Discourse

Catalog Description
Focuses on listening and note-taking of authentic passages, such as interviews, news reports, lectures, and documentaries. Develops strategies for comprehension and organization of information.

Course Goals
Students will . . .
• comprehend authentic listening passages from various sources
• develop note-taking skills which reflect an understanding of the organization of the listening passages

Expected Learner Outcomes
1. Students demonstrate listening comprehension* by . . .
   • identifying main ideas
   • answering questions about the passages
   • summarizing passages
   • restating information
   • filling out graphic organizers

2. Students demonstrate note-taking skills by . . .
   • taking notes that reflect the organization of passages
   • taking notes that capture the important content
   • organizing important information in a visually comprehensible manner

Typical classroom topics / activities
• Recognizing good notes
• Discussing various graphic organizers/methods of notetaking
• Using abbreviations and symbols in notes
• Guided notetaking, including filling in skeleton notes
• Interviews with native English speakers
• Discussion groups
• Paired notetaking
• Vocabulary/listening journals
• Internet assignments using sources such as NPR, ABC News, the New York Times, and YouTube
• Information gaps
• Using notes to “lecture” to partner/group
• Dictation

* Students can perform the listening tasks at an intermediate level. MH (02/2022)