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# **English Pronunciation Course for Overseas-Born Professionals**

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This English pronunciation course will give you the confidence and ability to communicate clearly in the workplace – ensuring your unique perspective and experience is heard and valued.

Overseas-born professionals bring vital diversity to a workplace, but sometimes you may struggle to get your message across due to your accent and the inherent difficulties of English pronunciation. This course aims to help you communicate effectively by minimising obstacles which may sometimes arise not only from the way you speak, but also from how others perceive the way you speak.

Through our interactive workshops focusing on speech sounds, intonation and social context, you will improve your communicative confidence and reinforce your professional capabilities.



## Course duration

6 sessions, 18 hours total



## Time

6pm – 9pm



## Format

Face-to-face  
or  
Online in real-time



## Dates

Browse available  
[course dates](#)

## Intended audience

Suitable for advanced second-language English speakers who have a high level vocabulary and grammar knowledge.

This course does not provide instruction in grammar, writing, spelling or comprehension.

## Prerequisites

None



## Upon completion

Every participant receives a University of Sydney certificate of completion.



## Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should have acquired the knowledge and tools to continue addressing, practising and improving your pronunciation skills. Additionally, you should be able to:

- manipulate your vocal tract to correctly form individual phonemes (consonants and vowels)
- link sounds with timing for improved speech rhythm
- express yourself more efficiently and persuasively with meaningful use of intonation and stress
- self-monitor and self-correct your own pronunciation skills
- identify speech patterns and nuances particular to Australian speakers
- communicate with Australian-born professionals with improved confidence.



## Content

### **Introduction to various elements of pronunciation, and discussion of individual needs and objectives**

- Segmental and suprasegmental aspects of pronunciation
- The importance of pronunciation for overseas-born professionals
- Individual needs and objectives
- Phonemes and sounds in isolation – consonants

### **Intonation: Rising and falling speech patterns and inflection**

- Voice and vocal quality
- Summary of the group's needs and objectives
- Intonation: rising and falling speech patterns
- Intonation: inflection
- Sounds in isolation – consonants

### **Rhythm – word and sentence stress**

- Understanding syllables and syllable stress
- Word and sentence stress
- Rhythm
- Sounds in isolation – consonants

### **Linking in connected speech**

- Connected speech: linking and sound mergers
- Sounds in isolation – consonants

### **Vowels – monophthongs**

- Volume
- Australian voices
- Chunking
- Sounds in isolation – vowels (monophthongs)

### **Vowels - diphthongs**

- Sounds in isolation – vowels (diphthongs)
- Summing it all up
- Suggestions for self-study



*“The facilitator stood out with not only knowledge, but understanding the difficulties of the language for foreigners.”*

**Tomas Abrahao**

*“This course is very good for overseas born professionals and I would strongly recommend the University of Sydney.”*

**Mani Mandadi**

*“Due to the difficult theme that was taught I consider the quality of the class was outstanding. The tutor was able to cope with the challenge of keeping the class engaged in the topic, which was fundamental for our better understanding about the topics that we were studying. For sure I will recommend this course to my friends because I know that it will live up to their expectations..”*

**Renata Cristina Chagas Prata**



### **Delivery style**

Presented in an actively engaging way, combining presenter explanation, instruction and demonstration, as well as interactive discussions, group work and pair work activities. Active participation is highly encouraged and beneficial.

### **Materials**

Course materials, including a presentation and a course booklet, are provided electronically.



### **Organisational training and development**

This course can be delivered as a private session for groups, and tailored to meet the needs of your business. Contact us to discuss our range of organisational training solutions.

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