To communicate effectively, we need to understand subtle differences in language use in different social contexts. We will use the format of the SPEAK® Test to study language functions and pragmatics of English: description, narration, persuasion, presentation, reporting information, explanation, and more. These language functions are essential for academic presentations, so consider this course if you wish to improve your presentation skills. Students preparing for the May SPEAK® Test will also benefit. Students will practice listening and speaking in a variety of contexts, receive instructor and peer feedback, and compare and contrast cultural norms. A non-credit course for international TGS students and scholars.

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