

University of Puerto Rico
Río Piedras Campus
English Department
College of Humanities

Course title: Conversational English.
Class is online through **Google Meet**

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Office hours: By appointment through email.

Code: INGL-3051

Credit Hours: 3 credit hours

Prerequisites: INGL-3041

Co-requisites: Attendance in the laboratory (TALLER 3042) for an additional hour per week.

Course description: Students will work on vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammatical Structures needed for daily conversation and written communication in English.

Objectives: By the end of the course, students will have demonstrated improvement in the following skills:

- 1) Comprehension of and appropriate use of vocabulary.
- 2) Intelligible pronunciation in speech and oral reading.
- 3) Correct use of grammatical structures needed in daily conversation, reading and writing.
- 4) Ability to read basic written English.

Teaching strategy: Grammar exercises out loud, reading out loud, class discussions, debates, dialogue, oral presentations, music and games.

Google Meet invitations will be sent out weekly. Students must log in from 10:00am to 11:20am Tuesday and Thursdays.

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Evaluation: Class participation, oral presentation, written homework, exams, laboratory work. 8 absences constitute failure of the course. No texting in class. If a student receives a call, he/she must leave the class and come back when done with such call. Only the institutional UPR email is to be used to communicate. THE PROFESSOR'S NAME AND CLASS CODE MUST BE IN THE HEADING OF ANY WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT, OTHERWISE, THE WORK WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU TO REVISE AND RESUBMIT. TRY TO HAVE CAMERAS ON DURING THE WHOLE CLASS. THE CLASS WILL BE THROUGH GOOGLE MEET. INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT WEEKLY.

Bibliography:

Touchstone Student's book 2 by Michael McCarthy, Jeanne McCarten and Helen Sandiford. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Touchstone workbook 2 by Susan Rivers and Georgiana Farnoaga. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Touchstone workbook 3 by Michael McCarthy, Jeanne McCarten and Helen Sandiford. Cambridge.

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