



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Discussing Academic Courses

Topic: Academic Classes

Level: Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

- Make a list of useful words to talk about your academic life as a student. Try to focus more on vocabulary related to studying rather than social life.
 - University, classroom, course/class, teacher/professor, major, to study, student, sociology, biology, physics, chemistry, history, semester, exam...
- Prepare a passage in which you use these terms.
 - I am a student. I study history at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. I have five classes this semester. On Monday I have two classes, history and math. My history teacher is Professor Smith and my math teacher is Professor Hicks...
- Practice conversations about your academic courses, teachers, etc.
 - What classes do you have? I have three...
 - Who is your teacher? Professor Smith is...
 - When is your history class? It is on...
 - When is your history exam?
 - How many classes do you have? I have five...

Practice in Conversation Session

- Tell your conversation partner about the courses you have this semester. Then be prepared to respond to your conversation partner's questions about your courses.
- Ask about your conversation partner's courses. What classes is he/she taking?
- Have a more extended conversation with your conversation partner about academic courses, weekly schedules, length of classes, names of teacher, if you like a course or not...
- When are you exams? How many semesters do you have left? How long is a semester? ...