



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### Conversation Preparation Guides

**Title: Academic Courses**

**Topic: Academic Classes**

**Level: Novice**

#### 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...
- Learn to express:
  - I study math/physics/history...
  - I have/take five classes/courses...
- Think about your current semester. What are the courses you are taking? Name your teachers along with the courses they teach, the days you have those courses...
  - Can you ask: "What courses do you have?" "What is your teacher's name?"/"Who is the teacher?" "When is your history class?"

#### Practice in Conversation Session

- Show your list of academic words to your conversation partner. Check the spelling. Make sure you pronounce them correctly, especially when the terms are similar to English ones.
- Tell your conversation partner about your major...
  - I study history/politics...
- Now tell your conversation partner the courses you are taking. Name your teachers, discuss your weekly class schedule, etc.
  - I have/take five classes. On Monday I have economics ...
- Can you ask your conversation partner about his/her academic schedule?
  - What courses do you have/take? When is your history class?