



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Mastering English through Improv

Course Description

Following an instructional model that has supported the communicative competence of professionals from a broad range of disciplines, this eight week course seeks to apply the training methods of improvisational theatre to the acquisition of English as an additional language. We aim to discover how improvisational training improves performance in discussion groups, job interviews, work meetings, and social interactions.

Course Objectives

In this course, participants will engage in a variety of improvisation exercises specifically tailored to develop the language skills needed to communicate with confidence and authenticity and to adapt quickly to changing information in dynamic settings.

Student Learning Outcomes

After the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate improved spontaneous communication.
2. Exhibit enhanced vocabulary and fluency in English.
3. Adapt immediately to unpredictable language scenarios.
4. Analyze and express the impact of improv exercises on their English language skill.

Required materials

- Access to Canvas and Google Drive
- A device for note taking and reflection

Recommended materials

- Comfortable clothes that you can move in