Advanced English Conversation

Course Description:
This course in conversation is designed for non-native speakers of English with an emphasis on practical application of English speaking skills, especially as used in American society. (American idioms used in everyday speech will be included.) Students will also engage in English pronunciation exercise concentrating on those vowel sounds that are particularly difficult for native Polish speakers.

Specific topics to be studied include:
1) Popular Conversation Topics in the US – location, celebrities, sports.
2) Differences between American and British English
3) The sounds of language
4) Interactive listening skills
5) Handling practical situations – complaints, asking for assistance etc.
6) On the Telephone, answering machine, voice mail, and cell phones
7) Jobs, occupation, and work; interview skills
8) Misunderstood American slang

Literature:
- Allie Patricia Wall, Say it Naturally, Level 2, 1998.
- Don Nilsen and Alleen Nilsen, Pronunciation Contrasts in English, 2002.
- Ronald E. Feare, Practice with Idioms, 1980.
- Marvin Terban, Dictionary of Idioms, 1996.
- Nina Weinstein, Crazy Idioms, 1990.

Web sites
Randall’s ESL Cyber Listening - www.esl-lab.com
Dave’s ESL Café - www.daveseslcafe.com