

Speech

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At present the Developmental Speech Program at the Church College of Hawaii consists of beginning, intermediate and advanced classes in Speech for non-native English speakers. Students meet three days a week for class study and two days a week for private tutoring. Additional tutoring is available for students with special speech problems.

Students learn the International Phonetic Alphabet and are drilled on words with their specific weaknesses. The subject matter of the course deals with orientation to colleges and universities. This gives the student an opportunity to use terms and gain a working knowledge on how to register, make letters of application, and how to set up an individual four year program in a specialized area.

The students also have opportunities to give short speeches and participate in group discussions and conversations relating to themselves and their educational pursuits.

To test achievement a student gives a three minute speech on a subject of his choice. He is also asked certain questions to generate conversation. The student is graded on his organization and ability to communicate and on his mastery of the sounds, rhythms, and intonations of Standard American English.