

Tamkang University Academic Year 102, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	ORAL COMMUNICATION	Instructor	HUANG YUEH-KUEY
Course Class	TFLXB2F DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 2F	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Required ◆ 1st Semester ◆ 2 Credits
D e p a r t m e n t a l t e a c h i n g o b j e c t i v e s			
<p>I . Cultivate diverse research specialists with abilities in language, literature, culture, and English teaching.</p> <p>II. Carry on and further the excellent tradition of domestic language instruction and literary research to be a department contributing equally to research and language teaching.</p> <p>III. Foster a holistic learning process by putting equal emphasis on language and literature, theory and practice.</p> <p>IV. Strategies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train students' abilities in five skills: English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. 2. Promote technologicalization and internationalization. 3. Upgrade the quality and quantity of those students who participate in the Junior Year Abroad program. 4. Launch a common English Proficiency Test and enhance students' competitiveness in the job market. 5. Enrich international video conferencing. 6. Promulgate such areas of research as English and American literature, cultural studies, ecocriticism, and English Teaching. 			
D e p a r t m e n t a l c o r e c o m p e t e n c e s			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Strengthen students' abilities in English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. B. Develop students' critical thinking skills in an English language learning context. C. Enable students to comprehend and appreciate English language media. D. Strengthen students' workplace English ability. E. Develop students' professional abilities in linguistics and English teaching. F. Develop students' ability to appreciate Anglophone literature in social, cultural and historical contexts. 			

Course Introduction	<p>The course is designed to help students learn effective communication strategies for a variety of topics and situations. Students will have many opportunities to improve oral English by practicing both in class and outside of class and via homework assignments. Class work and activities include: participating in pair/group discussions to give opinions, collect information, and explain ideas; listening for main ideas/details in conversations, lectures, news reports; planning and delivering individual and group presentations; engaging in mini lessons on speech articulation and idiomatic usage.</p>
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The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences

I. Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

- (i) Cognitive Domain : C1-Remembering, C2-Understanding, C3-Applying, C4-Analyzing, C5-Evaluating, C6-Creating
- (ii) Psychomotor Domain : P1-Imitation, P2-Mechanism, P3-Independent Operation, P4-Linked Operation, P5-Automation, P6-Origination
- (iii) Affective Domain : A1-Receiving, A2-Responding, A3-Valuing, A4-Organizing, A5-Characterizing, A6-Implementing

II. The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences :

- (i) Determine the objective level(s) in any one of the three learning domains (cognitive, psychomotor, and affective) corresponding to the teaching objective. Each objective should correspond to the objective level(s) of ONLY ONE of the three domains.
- (ii) If more than one objective levels are applicable for each learning domain, select the highest one only. (For example, if the objective levels for Cognitive Domain include C3, C5, and C6, select C6 only and fill it in the boxes below. The same rule applies to Psychomotor Domain and Affective Domain.)
- (iii) Determine the Departmental core competences that correspond to each teaching objective. Each objective may correspond to one or more Departmental core competences at a time. (For example, if one objective corresponds to three Departmental core competences: A, AD, and BEF, list all of the three in the box.)

No.	Teaching Objectives	Relevance	
		Objective Levels	Departmental core competences
1	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to</p> <p>--speak with increasing ease and comfort</p> <p>--participate in classroom discussions, conversations and information gathering activities</p> <p>--demonstrate an understanding of topics and main ideas</p> <p>--select and organize information to prepare short oral presentations</p> <p>--discuss and give opinions about a variety of contemporary issues</p>	A6	ABD

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Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment			
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1	By the end of the course, students will be able to --speak with increasing ease and comfort --participate in classroom discussions, conversations and information gathering activities --demonstrate an understanding of topics and main ideas --select and organize information to prepare short oral presentations --discuss and give opinions about a variety of contemporary issues	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
2	By the end of the course, students will be able to --speak with increasing ease and comfort --participate in classroom discussions, conversations and information gathering activities --demonstrate an understanding of topics and main ideas --select and organize information to prepare short oral presentations --discuss and give opinions about a variety of contemporary issues	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation

This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students			
Essential Qualities of TKU Students		Description	
◇ A global perspective		Helping students develop a broader perspective from which to understand international affairs and global development.	
◇ Information literacy		Becoming adept at using information technology and learning the proper way to process information.	
◇ A vision for the future		Understanding self-growth, social change, and technological development so as to gain the skills necessary to bring about one's future vision.	
◇ Moral integrity		Learning how to interact with others, practicing empathy and caring for others, and constructing moral principles with which to solve ethical problems.	
◇ Independent thinking		Encouraging students to keenly observe and seek out the source of their problems, and to think logically and critically.	
◇ A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle		Raising an awareness of the fine balance between one's body and soul and the environment; helping students live a meaningful life.	
◇ A spirit of teamwork and dedication		Improving one's ability to communicate and cooperate so as to integrate resources, collaborate with others, and solve problems.	
◇ A sense of aesthetic appreciation		Equipping students with the ability to sense and appreciate aesthetic beauty, to express themselves clearly, and to enjoy the creative process.	
Course Schedule			
Week	Date	Subject/Topics	Note
1	102/09/16 ~ 102/09/22	Course Overview; Warm up	
2	102/09/23 ~ 102/09/29	Getting acquainted, Unit 1	
3	102/09/30 ~ 102/10/06	Expressing yourself; Learning how to learn, Unit 2	
4	102/10/07 ~ 102/10/13	Expressing yourself; Learning how to learn	
5	102/10/14 ~ 102/10/20	Surprises and superstitions, Unit 4	
6	102/10/21 ~ 102/10/27	Surprises and superstitions	
7	102/10/28 ~ 102/11/03	Education and learning, Unit 5	
8	102/11/04 ~ 102/11/10	Education and learning	
9	102/11/11 ~ 102/11/17	Course midterm exam	
10	102/11/18 ~ 102/11/24	Midterm Exam Week	
11	102/11/25 ~ 102/12/01	Fame and fortune, Unit 6	
12	102/12/02 ~ 102/12/08	Fame and fortune	

13	102/12/09 ~ 102/12/15	Around the world, Unit 7	
14	102/12/16 ~ 102/12/22	Around the world	
15	102/12/23 ~ 102/12/29	Technology, Unit 8	
16	102/12/30 ~ 103/01/05	Technology	
17	103/01/06 ~ 103/01/12	Course final exam	
18	103/01/13 ~ 103/01/19	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Attendance/class participation is a must. Unexcused absences or tardiness will result in a lower participation grade. Preview unit lessons and prepare for class discussion on a weekly basis.		
Teaching Facility	Computer		
Textbook(s)	Let's Talk 3 (2nd Ed) by Leo Jones. Cambridge University Press, 2008.		
Reference(s)	online sources: British Council: learning English, BBC, VOA, etc.		
Number of Assignment(s)	4 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 20.0 % ◆ Mark of Usual : 20.0 % ◆ Midterm Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Other 〈2 oral presentations〉 : 20.0 %		
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