

## Tamkang University Academic Year 102, 2nd Semester Course Syllabus

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| Course Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ENGLISH CONVERSATION                 | Instructor | YANG CHEN-KUEI                                                                                            |
| Course Class                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | TFLXB1J<br>DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 1J | Details    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Required</li> <li>◆ 2nd Semester</li> <li>◆ 2 Credits</li> </ul> |
| D e p a r t m e n t a l   A i m   o f   E d u c a t i o n                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |            |                                                                                                           |
| <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"> <li>1. Train students' abilities in five skills: English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation.</li> <li>2. Promote technologicalization and internationalization.</li> <li>3. Upgrade the quality and quantity of those students who participate in the Junior Year Abroad program.</li> <li>4. Launch a common English Proficiency Test and enhance students' competitiveness in the job market.</li> <li>5. Enrich international video conferencing.</li> <li>6. Promulgate such areas of research as English and American literature, cultural studies, ecocriticism, and English Teaching.</li> </ol> |                                      |            |                                                                                                           |
| 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"> <li>A. Strengthen students' abilities in English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation.</li> <li>B. Develop students' critical thinking skills in an English language learning context.</li> <li>C. Enable students to comprehend and appreciate English language media.</li> <li>D. Strengthen students' workplace English ability.</li> <li>E. Develop students' professional abilities in linguistics and English teaching.</li> <li>F. Develop students' ability to appreciate Anglophone literature in social, cultural and historical contexts.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |            |                                                                                                           |

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| Course Introduction | In the second semester of this course, students will again be drilled on basic conversation skills in order to express themselves clearly in grammatically correct language and to carry on a conversation on daily subjects such as reading, natural disasters, life plans and so on. Some attention will also be focused on pronunciation and fluency of speech. |
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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   | To cultivate students' ability to use the language accurately as well as fluently | A6               | ABD                           |

### Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment

| No. | Teaching Objectives                                                               | Teaching Methods                                            | Assessment                       |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1   | To cultivate students' ability to use the language accurately as well as fluently | Lecture, Discussion, Simulation, Practicum, Problem solving | Practicum, Report, Participation |
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This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students

| Essential Qualities of TKU Students         | Description                                                                                                                                             |
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| ◆ 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    | 103/02/17 ~<br>103/02/23 | Oreintation & Book report on winter break assignment                              |      |
| 2    | 103/02/24 ~<br>103/03/02 | Book report continued/Unit 4: Describe your reading habits (p. 44)                |      |
| 3    | 103/03/03 ~<br>103/03/09 | Discuss the quality of reading (46)/Unit 5: Natural Disaster (50)                 |      |
| 4    | 103/03/10 ~<br>103/03/16 | Convey a message/Report news (52-55)                                              |      |
| 5    | 103/03/17 ~<br>103/03/23 | Describe natural disasters/Prepare for an emergency (56-59)                       |      |
| 6    | 103/03/24 ~<br>103/03/30 | 1st activity (a skit on memory or experience of natural disasters)                |      |
| 7    | 103/03/31 ~<br>103/04/06 | 1st activity continued/Unit 6: Life Plans (62)                                    |      |
| 8    | 103/04/07 ~<br>103/04/13 | Explain a change in life and work plan/Express regrets about past actions (64-67) |      |
| 9    | 103/04/14 ~<br>103/04/20 | Review                                                                            |      |
| 10   | 103/04/21 ~<br>103/04/27 | Midterm Exam Week                                                                 |      |

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| 11                      | 103/04/28 ~<br>103/05/04 | Discuss skills, abilities, and qualifications/Discuss factors that promote success (68-71)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 12                      | 103/05/05 ~<br>103/05/11 | Unit 7: Holidays and Traditions/Wish someone a good holiday (74-77)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 13                      | 103/05/12 ~<br>103/05/18 | Ask about local customs/Exchange information about holidays (78-81)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 14                      | 103/05/19 ~<br>103/05/25 | Explain wedding traditions/Unit 8: Inventions and Discoveries (82-87)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 15                      | 103/05/26 ~<br>103/06/01 | 2nd activity (group presentation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 16                      | 103/06/02 ~<br>103/06/08 | 2nd activity continued/Describe technology (88-89)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 17                      | 103/06/09 ~<br>103/06/15 | Review                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 18                      | 103/06/16 ~<br>103/06/22 | Final Exam Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| Requirement             |                          | regular attendance, active participation and homework                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Teaching Facility       |                          | Computer, Projector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Textbook(s)             |                          | Top Notch 3 (2nd edition by Joan Saslow & Allen Ascher) PearsonLongman, 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| Reference(s)            |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| Number of Assignment(s) |                          | (Filled in by assignment instructor only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Grading Policy          |                          | ◆ Attendance : 5.0 %   ◆ Mark of Usual : 15.0 %   ◆ Midterm Exam : 25.0 %<br>◆ Final Exam : 25.0 %<br>◆ Other 〈Language Lab by TA〉 : 30.0 %                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Note                    |                          | This syllabus may be uploaded at the website of Course Syllabus Management System at <a href="http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp">http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp</a> or through the link of Course Syllabus Upload posted on the home page of TKU Office of Academic Affairs at <a href="http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php">http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php</a> .<br><b>※ Unauthorized photocopying is illegal. Using original textbooks is advised. It is a crime to improperly photocopy others' publications.</b> |  |