

## Tamkang University Academic Year 103, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	ENGLISH CONVERSATION	Instructor	YING-HSUEH MOELLER
Course Class	TFLXB1H DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 1H	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Required</li> <li>◆ 1st 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

- I . Cultivate diverse research specialists with abilities in language, literature, culture, and English teaching.
- 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.
- III. Foster a holistic learning process by putting equal emphasis on language and literature, theory and practice.
- IV. Strategies
  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

- 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. Strengthen students' workplace English ability.
- D. Develop students' professional abilities in linguistics and English teaching.
- E. Develop students' ability to appreciate Anglophone and Western literatures in cultural and historical contexts.

Course Introduction	In this course we aim to explore spoken communication in English which includes voice, sound, and delivery. Hence, students will be shown that good communication involves not just accent, but more importantly, what we say and how we say it. Finally, great communicator also knows how to listen actively, show emotion appropriately, and demonstrate the right body language.
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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 become effective and affective communicator.	C3	A

**Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment**

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	To become effective and affective communicator.	Discussion, Appreciation	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	103/09/15~ 103/09/21	Ice breaking and goal setting. Filling out questionnaires	
2	103/09/22~ 103/09/28	Life plan, future tenses	
3	103/09/29~ 103/10/05	meaning of life and regrets	
4	103/10/06~ 103/10/12	discussing writing an autobiography	
5	103/10/13~ 103/10/19	Holidays and traditions, why do we need them?	
6	103/10/20~ 103/10/26	Strange customs around the world	
7	103/10/27~ 103/11/02	Describe a best holiday and why	
8	103/11/03~ 103/11/09	Inventions and discoveries. What changed us for better or worse?	
9	103/11/10~ 103/11/16	Any new inventions?	
10	103/11/17~ 103/11/23	Midterm Exam Week	
11	103/11/24~ 103/11/30	Historical impact of an important invention	
12	103/12/01~ 103/12/07	How to talk about controversial issues. Should we all care about politics?	

13	103/12/08 ~ 103/12/14	Countable and uncountable concepts in English. Issues of globalization	
14	103/12/15 ~ 103/12/21	Write about two sides of a story	
15	103/12/22 ~ 103/12/28	Beautiful World!? Explore the world we live in.	
16	103/12/29 ~ 104/01/04	Global warming is real or not?	
17	104/01/05 ~ 104/01/11	Describe our home geographically	
18	104/01/12 ~ 104/01/18	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Attend classes consistently is important. To participate in discussion is even more important.		
Teaching Facility	Computer, Projector		
Textbook(s)	Top Notch--English for Today's World. Pearson/Longman Other reading materials from various journals		
Reference(s)	BBC News and Radio		
Number of Assignment(s)	3 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 20.0 %   ◆ Mark of Usual : 40.0 %   ◆ Midterm Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Other < > : %		
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