

## Tamkang University Academic Year 105, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	ENGLISH CONVERSATION	Instructor	YANG CHEN-KUEI
Course Class	TFLXB1J DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 1J	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	<p>This course provides opportunities for students to learn, practice, and improve. Starting from the textbook, every week students are prompted to discuss and share what they have experienced and learned in their life. There will be plenty activities in which students interact, present and perform based on the topic of the week. Students should come to class with an open mind and an eager tongue. They will not only learn but enjoy the process each time the class meet. Outside classroom conversation practice is scheduled to happen every other week except before exams and should be uploaded.</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-Charaterizing, 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	This course aims to improve students' ability to effectively communicate with people in English on daily topics. After repetitive and continuous discussion and presentation activities, students will be able to feel comfortable expressing themselves in English.	C5	A

**Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment**

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment

1	This course aims to improve students' ability to effectively communicate with people in English on daily topics. After repetitive and continuous discussion and presentation activities, students will be able to feel comfortable expressing themselves in English.	Discussion, Practicum, Problem solving	Participation, oral exam
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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	105/09/12~ 105/09/18	Orientation: self-introduction & knowing each other	
2	105/09/19~ 105/09/25	Unit 1: Make Small Talk/Lesson 1	
3	105/09/26~ 105/10/02	Unit 1: Make Small Talk/Lesson 2 & 3	1st convo upload
4	105/10/03~ 105/10/09	Unit 1: Make Small Talk/Lesson 4 & Review	
5	105/10/10~ 105/10/16	Unit 2: Health Matters/Lesson 1	2nd convo upload
6	105/10/17~ 105/10/23	Unit 2: Health Matters/Lesson 2 & 3	
7	105/10/24~ 105/10/30	Group activity: a short skit	3rd convo upload
8	105/10/31~ 105/11/06	Group activity: a short skit (Continued)	

9	105/11/07 ~ 105/11/13	Unit 2: Health Matters/Lesson 4 & Review	
10	105/11/14 ~ 105/11/20	Midterm Exam Week	
11	105/11/21 ~ 105/11/27	Unit 3: Getting Things Done/Lesson 1	
12	105/11/28 ~ 105/12/04	Unit 3: Getting Things Done/Lesson 2 & 3	4th convo upload
13	105/12/05 ~ 105/12/11	Unit 3: Getting Things Done/Lesson 4 & Review	
14	105/12/12 ~ 105/12/18	Unit 4: Reading for Pleasure/Lesson 1	5th convo upload
15	105/12/19 ~ 105/12/25	Individual presentation	
16	105/12/26 ~ 106/01/01	Individual presentation--continued	6th convo upload
17	106/01/02 ~ 106/01/08	Unit 4: Reading for Pleasure/Lesson 2 & 3	
18	106/01/09 ~ 106/01/15	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Attendance is a basic requirement. Absences exceeding 5 incur suspension from final exam.		
Teaching Facility	Computer, Projector		
Textbook(s)	Top Notch:English for Today's World. Level 3, Third Edition. By Joan Saslow & Allen Ascher. New York: Pearson Education, 2015		
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 % ◆ Final Exam : 25.0 % ◆ Other ( language lab ) : 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> . <b>※ Unauthorized photocopying is illegal. Using original textbooks is advised. It is a crime to improperly photocopy others' publications.</b>		