

Tamkang University Academic Year 106, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	ENGLISH CONTEMPORARY STUDIES	Instructor	YA-CHIEN HUANG
Course Class	TQAXB2A DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAM), 2A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Selective ◆ One Semester ◆ 3 Credits
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			
To develop student's English proficiency and communication skills.			
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			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The ability to communicate in English. B. The ability to use practical English. C. The ability to identify critical issues. D. The ability to analyze data. E. The ability to understand connotations of culture. F. The ability to work as a team. 			
Course Introduction	<p>Reading English news has many benefits for language learners. It can help us improve our reading ability, learn more vocabulary and let us know what has happened in the world. This course aims to develop students' reading comprehension and cultural understanding through reading a bulk of news in English.</p>		

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	increase reading skills	C2	C
2	increase student's vocabulary	C2	CE
3	Understand aspects of the British/American culture and society	C4	CE

Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	increase reading skills	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation	Written test, Participation
2	increase student's vocabulary	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation	Written test, Participation
3	Understand aspects of the British/American culture and society	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation	Written test, 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	106/09/18 ~ 106/09/24	Class introduction	
2	106/09/25 ~ 106/10/01	News in the Entertainment Section	
3	106/10/02 ~ 106/10/08	News in the Entertainment Section	
4	106/10/09 ~ 106/10/15	News in the Health Section	
5	106/10/16 ~ 106/10/22	News in the Health Section	
6	106/10/23 ~ 106/10/29	News in the Technology Section	
7	106/10/30 ~ 106/11/05	News in the Technology Section	
8	106/11/06 ~ 106/11/12	World Politics	
9	106/11/13 ~ 106/11/19	World Politics	
10	106/11/20 ~ 106/11/26	Midterm Exam Week	
11	106/11/27 ~ 106/12/03	Sports news	
12	106/12/04 ~ 106/12/10	Sports News	

13	106/12/11 ~ 106/12/17	News about food culture	
14	106/12/18 ~ 106/12/24	News about food culture	
15	106/12/25 ~ 106/12/31	Social news	
16	107/01/01 ~ 107/01/07	Social news	
17	107/01/08 ~ 107/01/14	Group presentation	
18	107/01/15 ~ 107/01/21	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	<p>More than 18 hours of absence may result in failing of this course.</p> <p>Presentations (with a written report) need to be delivered on the assigned date without exceptions.</p>		
Teaching Facility	Computer		
Textbook(s)			
Reference(s)			
Number of Assignment(s)	1 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	<p>◆ Attendance : 10.0 % ◆ Mark of Usual : 25.0 % ◆ Midterm Exam : 30.0 %</p> <p>◆ Final Exam : 25.0 %</p> <p>◆ Other <presentation> : 10.0 %</p>		
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