

## Tamkang University Academic Year 113, 2nd Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	ENGLISH CONVERSATION	Instructor	CHANG, CHIEH-YING
Course Class	TFLAB1A DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAM), 1A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ General Course</li> <li>◆ Required</li> <li>◆ 2nd Semester</li> <li>◆ 2 Credits</li> </ul>
Relevance to SDGs	SDG4 Quality education SDG5 Gender equality SDG10 Reducing inequalities SDG16 Peace, justice and strong institutions		
<b>Departmental Aim of Education</b>			
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 <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>			
<b>Subject Departmental core competences</b>			
A. Strengthen students' abilities in English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. (ratio:20.00) B. Develop students' critical thinking skills in an English language learning context.(ratio:30.00) C. Strengthen students' workplace English ability.(ratio:25.00) D. Develop students' professional abilities in linguistics and English teaching.(ratio:15.00) E. Develop students' ability to appreciate Anglophone and Western literatures in cultural and historical contexts.(ratio:10.00)			

Subject Schoolwide essential virtues

1. A global perspective. (ratio:10.00)
2. Information literacy. (ratio:10.00)
3. A vision for the future. (ratio:20.00)
4. Moral integrity. (ratio:10.00)
5. Independent thinking. (ratio:20.00)
6. A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle. (ratio:10.00)
7. A spirit of teamwork and dedication. (ratio:10.00)
8. A sense of aesthetic appreciation. (ratio:10.00)

Course Introduction

This English Conversation course is designed to enhance students' speaking and listening skills through engaging discussions, role-plays, and interactive activities. Focused on real-life communication, it aims to build confidence, improve pronunciation, and expand vocabulary in diverse contexts. Students will participate in group conversations, debates, and presentations to develop fluency and cultural understanding in English.

**The correspondences between the course's instructional objectives and the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor objectives.**

Differentiate the various objective methods among the cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains of the course's instructional objectives.

- I. Cognitive : Emphasis upon the study of various kinds of knowledge in the cognition of the course's veracity, conception, procedures, outcomes, etc.
- II. Affective : Emphasis upon the study of various kinds of knowledge in the course's appeal, morals, attitude, conviction, values, etc.
- III. Psychomotor: Emphasis upon the study of the course's physical activity and technical manipulation.

No.	Teaching Objectives	objective methods
1	Develop students' fluency and confidence in spoken English through practical conversation skills, listening comprehension, pronunciation improvement, and cultural awareness. Emphasize real-life communication scenarios, effective vocabulary use, and collaborative dialogues to foster active participation and enhance interpersonal communication in English.	Cognitive

The correspondences of teaching objectives : core competences, essential virtues, teaching methods, and assessment

No.	Core Competences	Essential Virtues	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	ABCDE	12345678	Lecture, Discussion, Practicum, Experience, Imitation	Testing, Study Assignments, Discussion(including classroom and online), Practicum, Report(including oral and written), Activity Participation

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Course Contents	Note
1	114/02/17 ~ 114/02/23	Introduction week: How <The Economist> will be used as the weekly read to scaffold the course	
2	114/02/24 ~ 114/03/02	Technology and Society	
3	114/03/03 ~ 114/03/09	Climate Change and Sustainability	
4	114/03/10 ~ 114/03/16	Mental Health Awareness	
5	114/03/17 ~ 114/03/23	Social Media and Its Impact	
6	114/03/24 ~ 114/03/30	Gender Equality	
7	114/03/31 ~ 114/04/06	Education in the 21st Century	
8	114/04/07 ~ 114/04/13	Consumerism and Minimalism	
9	114/04/14 ~ 114/04/20	Midterm Exam/Midterm Assessment Week (teachers can adjust the week as needed)	
10	114/04/21 ~ 114/04/27	Cultural Diversity and Inclusion	
11	114/04/28 ~ 114/05/04	The Role of Media	
12	114/05/05 ~ 114/05/11	Health and Wellness	
13	114/05/12 ~ 114/05/18	Environmental Conservation	
14	114/05/19 ~ 114/05/25	The Gig Economy	
15	114/05/26 ~ 114/06/01	Global Migration	
16	114/06/02 ~ 114/06/08	Ethical Dilemmas in Science and Medicine	
17	114/06/09 ~ 114/06/15	Final Exam/Final Assessment Week (teachers can adjust the week as needed)	

18	114/06/16~ 114/06/22	Flexible Teaching Week: Generally, no in-person classes; teachers may arrange teaching activities or final assessments, among other options.	
Key capabilities	self-directed learning International mobility Information Technology Social Participation Humanistic Caring Problem solving Interdisciplinary		
Interdisciplinary	Competency-based education 'competency exploration' sustained competency or global issues STEEP (Society, Technology, Economy, Environment, and Politics) In addition to teaching content of the teacher's professional field, integrate other subjects or invite experts and scholars in other fields to share knowledge or teaching		
Distinctive teaching	Game-based learning courses Project implementation course Translation Teaching Course Learning technologies (such as AR/VR,etc.) incorporated to physical courses		
Course Content	Intellectual Property (learning intellectual property) Gender Equality Education Logical Thinking AI application		
Requirement			
Textbooks and Teaching Materials	Self-made teaching materials:Presentations, Handouts, Videos, Worksheets Using teaching materials from other writers:Presentations, Handouts, Videos, Worksheets		
References			
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 20.0 %    ◆ Mark of Usual :        %    ◆ Midterm Exam : 40.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 40.0 % ◆ Other ( ) :        %		
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