

Oral Communication

Spring 2008

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Friday 2:10-4:00 a.m. at B218 (2 credit hours)

Office hour: By appointment at FL203

Course Objectives

1. Students will be able to improve their oral ability (listening and speaking) through interaction (synchronous chats) with students at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
2. Students will be able to obtain in-depth understanding of social and global issues of interest to them, and therefore, understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between Taiwanese and Japanese cultures.
3. Students, by doing Show’N’Tell, will be able to practice oral communication skills.

Textbook

Selected units from Richards, J. C. (2005). *Interchange 3*. (3rd ed.). New York, N.Y.: Cambridge.

Syllabus

<i>Date</i>	<i>Discussion Topics</i>
02/22	Class orientation: Overview of the class Unit 4: What a story!
02/29	Unit 4 (cont.)
03/07	Unit 4 (cont.)
03/14	Unit 5: Crossing cultures
03/21	Unit 5 (cont.) Show’N’Tell
03/28	Unit 10: The past and the future Show’N’Tell
04/04	<i>Spring Break (No class!)</i>
04/11	Unit 10 (cont.)

Show'N'Tell

- 04/18 Topic #1: Happiness factors—onsite discussion
04/25 *Mid-term (No class!)*
05/02 Topic #1 (cont.)—chat (B218)
05/09 Topic #2: Relationship—onsite discussion
05/16 Topic #2 (cont.)—chat (B218)
05/23 Topic #3: Climate change—onsite discussion
05/30 Topic #3 (cont.)—chat (B218)
06/06 Topic #4: globalization—onsite discussion
06/13 Topic #4 (cont.)—chat (B218)
06/20 *Final exam (No class!)*

Have a great summer!

*syllabus subject to change

Evaluation

- Attendance/Participation: 30%
- Show'and'Tell: 25%
- Chat: 25%
- TOEFL: 20%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.