

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Fall 2008

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Friday 2:10-4:00 p.m. at T307 (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 intensive synchronous chat and asynchronous online discussion with Japanese students at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
2. Students will be able to obtain in-depth understanding of Taiwanese and Japanese culture through discussions of trendy issues of interest to college students, and therefore, understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between the two cultures.
3. Students will be able to practice their speaking and listening in onsite small-group discussion of various topics as well as Show’N’Tell presentation.

Textbook

Richards, J. C. (2005). *Interchange 3*. (3rd ed.). New York, N.Y.: Cambridge.
(Available at 驚聲 Bookstore)

Syllabus

<i>Date</i>	<i>Discussion topics</i>
09/12	Course orientation
09/19	Unit 4 (cont.)
09/26	Unit 4 (cont.)
10/03	Unit 5: Crossing Cultures
10/10	<i>Double Tenth Day (No Class!)</i>
10/17	Unit 5 (cont.) What’s in a name: Chat Show’N’Tell
10/24	Unit 5 (cont.)

	Show’N’Tell
10/31	Topic #2: Happiness Factors—onsite discussion Show’N’Tell
11/07	Topic #2 discussion: Chat
11/14	<i>Mid-term week (No Class!)</i>
11/21	Topic #3: Family Roles
11/28	Topic #3 discussion: Chat
12/05	Topic #4: Neighborhood
12/12	Topic #4 discussion: Chat
12/19	Topic #5: Climate change—onsite discussion
12/26	Topic #5 discussion: Chat
01/02	<i>New Year’s Day (No Class!)</i>
01/09	<i>Final exam week (No class!)</i>

Have a great winter break!

[*syllabus subject to change](#)

Evaluation

- Attendance/Participation (onsite discussions): 30%
- Show’N’Tell: 20%
- Chat participation: 20%
- T.A. evaluation: 30%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.