

Oral Communication

Spring 2009

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Friday 2:10-4:00 a.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 interaction (synchronous chats) with students at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
2. Students will be able to obtain in-depth understanding of current issues related to country images and pop culture presented in the media, and therefore, understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between Taiwanese and Japanese cultures.

Textbook

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

Syllabus

<i>Date</i>	<i>Discussion Topics</i>
02/20	Class orientation: Overview of the class
02/27	Unit 5: Crossing cultures
03/06	Unit 5 (cont.)
03/13	Unit 5: Crossing cultures
03/20	Unit 10: The past and the future
03/27	Unit 10 (cont.)
04/03	<i>Spring Break (No class!)</i>
04/10	Media
04/17	Media
04/24	<i>Mid-term week (No class!)</i>
05/01	Media

- 05/08 Introduction—[chat](#)
What's in a name?
- 05/15 Topic #1: Advertising—[chat](#)
- 05/22 Topic #2: Country images through world news—onsite discussion
- 05/29 Topic #2 (cont.)—[chat](#)
- 06/05 Topic #3: Popular culture—onsite discussion
- 06/12 Topic #3 (cont.)—[chat](#)
- 06/19 *Final exam week (No class!)*

Have a great summer!

[*syllabus subject to change](#)

Evaluation

- Attendance/Participation: 35%
- Chat: 20%
- Course [N@vi](#) assignments: 15%
- T.A.: 15%
- TOEFL: 15%

Note: This class will be conducted in English.

Late, makeup or plagiarized assignments will NOT be accepted.