

National Tsing Hua University

Advanced English: Reading and Discussion

Fall 2019

Course Code Number: 10810FL102803

Class hours: Monday 10: 10 a.m. ~ 12: 00 a.m.

Classroom: 人社 C522

Credits: 2

Instructor & Contact Information:

Name	Email	Office & Tel	Office Hour
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Course Goals / Description:

This course aims to help students to become efficient and competent readers. Students will learn how to understand and analyze texts through asking questions, making predictions, drawing inferences, and identifying the main idea. Further, students are expected to read extensively outside of class time.

Core capabilities to be cultivated by this course

1. The ability to communicate and express oneself in English 40%
2. The ability to think critically and organize ideas logically in English 20%
3. Having the knowledge of English learning strategies and techniques 10%
4. Having the global views of English and multicultural diversity 10%
5. The ability to use existing English learning resources and to develop an independent self-learning habit 20%

Textbook:

Laurie Blass, Mari Vargo (2018). *Pathways 4: Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking (2nd edition)*. National Geographic Learning. ISBN-13: 978-1-337-40780-9.

Additional reading learning resources:

<http://www.npr.org>

<http://www.pbs.org>

Requirements & Rules:

- * The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus when necessary.
- * Full attendance and active engagement in class discussions is integral to the success of the course. Late arrivals and/or unexcused absences will affect your grade.
- * Please turn in homework on time, late homework will not be graded for credit.

Grading:

1. Classroom participation: 10%
2. Midterm exam: 25%
3. Final exam: 25%
4. Homework: 20%
5. Individual Presentation: 20%

Schedule:

1. Sep. 9 Introduction, Syllabus
2. Sep. 16 Unit 1: Changing the Planet
3. Sep. 23 Unit 2: On the Edge
4. Sep. 30 Unit 3: Beauty and Perception
5. Oct. 7 Unit 4: Rethinking Business
6. Oct. 14 Unit 5: Working Together
7. Oct. 21 Unit 6: Language and Culture
8. Oct. 28 Unit 7: Resources and Development
9. Nov. 4 Midterm Exam
10. Nov. 11 Unit 8: Living Longer
11. Nov. 18 Unit 9: Truth and Deception
12. Nov. 25 Unit 10: Imagining The Future
13. Dec. 2 Tips for Reading Fluently, Tips for Reading Critically
14. Dec. 9 Tips for Learning Vocabulary
15. Dec. 16 Individual Presentation
16. Dec. 23 Individual Presentation
17. Dec. 30 Individual Presentation
18. Jan. 6 Final Exam

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