

National Tsing Hua University
Advanced English: Listening and Speaking

Fall 2019

Course Code Number: 10810FL 102807

Class hours: Monday 8: 00 a.m. ~ 9: 50 a.m.

Classroom: 人社 C522

Credits: 2

Instructor & Contact Information:

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Course Goals / Description:

This course is designed to develop students' English listening and speaking competencies. Students will further develop listening skills (e.g. identifying main ideas and details, making inferences, and analyzing what you have heard) through listening to authentic materials related to culture, news, and current events. Students will also develop discussion skills through a variety of interactive activities. By the end of the course, students will learn to:

1. comprehend listening materials which cover more specialized or sophisticated topics,
2. identify and analyze points of view, arguments, or implicit information in the listening material,
3. lead and participate in effective group discussions and deliver oral presentations.

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%

Textbooks:

Paul Dummett, John Hughes & Helen Stephenson (2019) *Life (2rd edition)*. National Geographic Learning. ISBN: 978-1-337-28633-6

Additional speaking and listening 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: (Paper-based exam) 25%

3. Final exam: (view approximately one hour documentary film at home, write a critique paper, and use your paper to make a PPT to support your in-class presentation) 25%
4. Homework: 20%
5. Quiz: 20%

Schedule:

1. Sep. 9 Introduction, Syllabus
2. Sep. 16 Unit 1: Lesson for Life
3. Sep. 23 Unit 2: More than a job
4. Sep. 30 Unit 3: Design for life
5. Oct. 7 Unit 4: Innovation
6. Oct. 14 Unit 5: The magic of travel
7. Oct. 21 Unit 6: Body matters
8. Oct. 28 Unit 7: Digital media
9. Nov. 4 Midterm Exam
10. Nov. 11 Unit 8: The music in us
11. Nov. 18 Unit 9: Window on the past
12. Nov. 25 Unit 10: Social living
13. Dec. 2 Unit 11: Reason and emotion
14. Dec. 9 Unit 12: Mother nature
15. Dec. 16 Individual Presentation
16. Dec. 23 Individual Presentation
17. Dec. 30 Individual Presentation
18. Jan. 6 Final Exam

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