

National Tsing Hua University
Upper-Intermediate English III - Listening & Speaking
Fall 2019

Course number: 10810LANG103014

Class hours: M3M4 (10:10 ~11:50, no break)

Credits: 2

Classroom: 綜二 104

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COURSE GOALS & DESCRIPTION:

This is a two-credit course designed for high-intermediate level students. In this course, students learn strategies for listening and speaking as well as communicating and presenting effectively. TED Talks are used as a major source of authentic language input to enhance students' comprehension skills and sharpen their critical thinking skills. Students will increase fluency and accuracy in expressing their ideas in English and build up their academic vocabulary.

TEXTBOOK:

Christien Lee (2017) 21st Century Communication, Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking. Student Book 4. National Geographic Learning & Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-305-95547-9

GRADING:

Attendance and participation 15%

Final exam 25% (1/6; units 1, 3, 5, 8 + self-learning units 4, 6 TED Talks)

Final group presentation 20% (12/30, five minutes each student)

In-class activities 20% (recording, worksheet, discussion, game)

Online assignments 10% (three units, each takes about 20~30 minutes)

Review Quiz 10% (11/4)

CLASS ACTIVITIES:

Listening comprehension activities

In-class discussions

In-class recording

Thought-provoking questions & discussion

Video viewing

Group presentation

CLASS RULES:

Students are expected to arrive at the class on time. Sleeping, Using cell phones, and other disruptive behaviors are not allowed in class. Roll calls are taken regularly and active class participation is highly valued.

SYLLABUS:

Week	Date	Main Topic
1	9/9	Course introduction & Orientation
2	9/16	Unit 1 Free Therapy
3	9/23	Unit 1 Free Therapy
4	9/30	Unit 1 Free Therapy
5	10/7	Unit 1 Free Therapy; Unit 3 Listen Up!
6	10/14	Unit 3 Listen Up!
7	10/21	Unit 3 Listen Up!
8	10/28	Unit 3 Listen Up!
9	11/4	Quiz (Unit 1, 3 all + Unit 4 TED Talk Listening) Unit 5 Fear Factor
10	11/11	Unit 5 Fear Factor
11	11/18	Unit 5 Fear Factor
12	11/25	Unit 5 Fear Factor
13	12/2	Unit 8 Life Hacks
14	12/9	Unit 8 Life Hacks
15	12/16	Unit 8 Life Hacks
16	12/23	Unit 8 Life Hacks How to Give a Presentation/ Presentation Discussion
17	12/30	Final Group Presentation
18	1/6	Final Exam

Final Exam covers units 1, 3, 5, 8 (listening & vocabulary) + self-learning units 4, 6 (Part 2 TED Talks for listening only)