

National Tsing Hua University  
Upper-Intermediate English III - Listening & Speaking  
中高級英文三聽講, Fall 2019  
Tentative Syllabus



### Course Information

Course Number	LANG 103034	Credits	2	Classroom	綜二 204
Class hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8:00A.M. – 9:50A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:10A.M. – 12:00P.M.				
學生身分別	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 頂標生 <input type="checkbox"/> 前標生 <input type="checkbox"/> 中級生 <input type="checkbox"/> 初級生				

### Instructor & Contact Information

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### University Student Core Competency Indicators

25%	1. The ability to communicate and express oneself in English 英語溝通與表達能力
25%	2. The ability to think critically and organize ideas logically in English 深度分析與組織思考能力
20%	3. The knowledge of English learning strategies and techniques 英語學習策略與技巧
15%	4. Global views of English and multicultural diversity 對英語與多元文化的國際視野
15%	5. The ability to use existing English learning resources and development of independent self-learning habit 善用英語學習資源，培養獨立學習英語的習慣能力

### Classroom Language

English 80 %

Mandarin 20 %

## Course Goals / Description

中高級英文三聽講為一門 2 學分學期課程，為訓練中高級程度之大一學生習得進階主題式英語溝通與表達，強化學生思考、組織及表達的整合技能；並培養學生發現問題、以英語提問並表達意見的能力，經由實境口說與演講訓練，增進學生英語聽力及訓練演說技巧。

This semester-based course is specifically designed to enhance freshman students' listening & speaking competency at the upper-intermediate level. Students are required to prepare the designated passages BEFORE class, ACTIVELY participate in class discussions and complete exercise sections ON TIME.

**Listening input:** A variety of authentic English-speaking contexts, including university lectures, interviews, podcasts, and classroom discussions not only activate students' background knowledge of the topic, prime them for the authentic and inspirational content they will meet in the thought-provoking TED Talks, but also guide them systematically through strategies and activities to meet future academic, personal or professional goals. Specific and key academic skills are focused in each theme-based unit, where students effectively learn to predict, identify main ideas/details/inferences, take notes and manage lengthy input. Pronunciation is also highlighted as an aid to improving both listening comprehension & speaking fluency.

**Speaking output:** Presentation skills inspired by the TED speakers give students the techniques & authentic language they need to successfully deliver their own presentations, help them gain the opportunity to personalize the language they learn, and build their confidence in expressing ideas and opinions. Visual/digital literacy will be promoted through lots of infographics and speaking activities designed to involve students working with a partner or in a group. With connected ideas and integrated language skills, students will give individual, pair and group projects/presentation regularly throughout the semester.

The ultimate goals of the course are to encourage students to take charge of their learning and to facilitate their essential 21st century skills—collaboration, communication and critical thinking.

## Uniform Textbook

Christien Lee (2017) *21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication, Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking*.








Student Book 4. National Geographic Learning & Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-305-95547-9

CEFR Scale  B2-C1  B2  B1  A2+  A2

## Online Learning Platform(s)

1. Online workbook MyELT [myelt.heinle.com](http://myelt.heinle.com)
2. Class material site iLMS <http://lms.nthu.edu.tw/>

## Grading

1.	Attendance and participation	15%
2.	Final exam (mainly on listening & vocabulary) Textbook: <i>21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication, Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking</i>  About <b>80%: Designated units #1, 3, 5, &amp; 8</b> (listening & vocabulary)  About <b>20%: Self-study units #4 &amp; 6</b> (Part 2 TED Talks for listening only)	25%
3.	Final presentation / project (mainly on speaking)	10%
4.	Quizzes (designated units + self-learning units)	15%
5.	End-of-unit presentations  Oral presentations  Self & peer evaluations	15%
6.	Assignments  Self-learning units  Voice recordings  Take-home assignments	20%

## Class Activities

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Assignments
- ✓ Unit quizzes
- ✓ Listening comprehension activities
- ✓ In-class (pair / group) discussion
- ✓ Lab training
- ✓ Student presentations
- ✓ Vocabulary building activities
- ✓ Thought-provoking questions & discussion
- ✓ English Online Learning Site (VoiceTube & TED)

## Class Rules

1. **Class attendance, lesson preparation and active class participation** are required.

🚧 Attendance will be taken frequently throughout the semester. If absent in case of uncontrollable situations (e.g. illness, emergency, important occasions, etc.), **a valid proof** should be provided **WITHIN TWO WEEKS**. (medication bag from accredited hospitals can be seen as a valid proof.) **FIVE absences or THREE unexcused absences will yield a failing grade.**

2. Absence from a class is **NO** excuse for not knowing the assignment and what has been discussed in that class. **It is YOUR responsibility to ask your fellow classmates what has been covered and what will be doing in the class.**

3. **Plagiarism** and **cheating** on the exam is **absolutely not permitted**. If someone is found plagiarizing or cheating on an exam, it means he/she will get a zero point for that exam.

4. There will be **NO make-up exams/presentations** unless valid and official reasons for absence are presented **beforehand**.

5. The handouts given in the class should be kept at least till the end of the semester for later reference or final exam.

6. **Cellular phone** should be turned off during the two-hour class period.

## Detailed Syllabus

Week	Date	Content Topic	Class Activity
1.	9/12	<b>Course introduction &amp; Orientation</b>	
2.	9/19	<b>Unit 1 Free Therapy</b>	<b>Part 1 Upgrade Your Life</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Listening: Listen for supporting evidence</li> <li>📌 Speaking: Emphasize key details</li> <li>📌 Pronunciation: Use pauses effectively</li> </ul>
3.	9/26		<b>Part 2 TED TALKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Ron Gutman: <i>The hidden power of smiling</i></li> <li>📌 Note Taking: use visuals to guide your NT</li> </ul>
4.	10/3		<b>Part 3 Put it Together</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Communicate: group presentation</li> <li>📌 Presentation skill: use visuals effectively</li> </ul>
5.	<b>10/10</b>	<b>Double Tenth Day (no class)</b>	
6.	10/17	<b>Lab Training + Quiz #1 + End-of-unit presentations #1</b>	
7.	10/24	<b>Unit 3 Listen Up!</b>	<b>Part 1 The Business of Listening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Note Taking: note the sequence of events</li> <li>📌 Listening: draw conclusions</li> <li>📌 Speaking: use humor</li> <li>📌 Pronunciation: intonation for lists</li> </ul>
8.	10/31		<b>Part 2 TED TALKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Ernesto Sirolli: <i>Want to help someone? Shut up and listen!</i></li> </ul>
9.	11/7		<b>Part 3 Put it Together</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Communicate: pair presentation</li> <li>📌 Presentation skill: use gestures</li> </ul>
9.	11/7	<b>Quiz #2 + End-of-unit presentations #2</b>	
10.	11/14	<b>Unit 5 Fear Factor</b>	<b>Part 1 Fear in the Media</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📌 Note Taking: use abbreviations for numerical details</li> <li>📌 Listening: recognize repetition</li> </ul>

11.	11/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Speaking: ask questions</li> <li>✚ Pronunciation: thought groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 2 TED TALKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Karen Thompson Walker: <i>What fear can teach us</i></li> </ul>
12.	11/28		<p><b>Part 3 Put it Together</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Communicate: individual presentation</li> <li>✚ Presentation skill: support your message with a story</li> </ul>
13.	12/5		<b>Quiz #3 + End-of-unit presentations #3</b>
14.	12/12	<b>Unit 8 Life Hacks</b>	<p><b>Part 1 Self-Tracking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Listening: recognize a speaker's attitude</li> <li>✚ Speaking: express your view strongly</li> <li>✚ Pronunciation: stress &amp; intonation in comparisons &amp; contrasts</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 2 TED TALKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Sebastian Wernicke: Lies, damned lies, and statistics (about TED Talks)</li> <li>✚ Note Taking: note key information on slides</li> </ul>
15.	12/19		
16.	12/26		
17.	<b>1/2</b>		<b>Final Presentation / Project (mainly speaking)</b>
18.	<b>1/9</b>	<b>Uniform Final Exam (mainly listening &amp; vocabulary)</b>	