

# National Tsing Hua University

Advanced English: Reading and Discussion

Spring 2023

Course Code Number: 11120FL102803

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:

Lorraine C. Smith (2014). *Longman Academic Reading Series 5 : Reading Skills for College*. Pearson Education. ISBN-13: 978-0-13-276067-6.

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. Feb. 13 Introduction, Syllabus
2. Feb. 20 Chapter 1: Sociology: How We Become Who We Are
3. Feb. 27 Holiday-228 Peace Memorial Day (No Class)
4. Mar. 6 Chapter 2: Art History: Origins of Modern Art
5. Mar. 13 Chapter 3: Anthropology: The Study of Human Cultures
6. Mar. 20 Chapter 4: Science: Human Achievements over Time
7. Mar. 27 Chapter 5: Political Science: Managing Hard Times
8. Apr. 3 Holiday- (No Class)
9. Apr. 10 **Midterm Exam**
10. Apr. 17 Chapter 6: Health Sciences: Medical Mysteries Solved
11. Apr. 24 Chapter 8: History: Encountering New Worlds
12. May. 1 Chapter 9: Business: Ethical Issues
13. May. 8 Individual Presentation
14. May. 15 Individual Presentation
15. May. 22 Individual Presentation
16. May. 39 Final Exam
17. Jun. 5 Flexible learning week
18. Jun. 12 Flexible learning week

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