# National Tsing Hua University

# 中高級選讀英文-英文段落寫作 English Paragraph Writing

Fall 2023

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Course Informa	ourse Information					
Course Number	LANG 2000 <u>03</u> Credits 2 Classroom 綜二館 201					
	Monday 🗌 Tuesday 🗌 Wednesday 🗌 Thursday 🗌 Friday					
Class Hours	□ 1:20р.м. – 3:10р.м. ■ 3:30р.м. – 5:20р.м.					
Course Type	<ul> <li>EGP (English for general purposes)</li> <li>EAP (English for academic purposes)</li> <li>EOP (English for occupational purposes)</li> </ul>					
Language Level	□ B1(中級) □ B1-B2 ■ B2(中高級) □ B2+ □ C1					
Core Ability	<ul> <li>comprehension/reception</li> <li>communication/interaction</li> <li>production</li> </ul>					
可選課學生 身分別	■ 頂標生 ■ 前標生 □ 中級生 □ 初級生					
Prerequisites	Students have taken up Upper-Intermediate English I/II or III. OR					
	• Students are familiar with English sentence patterns and the most frequent					
	<ul> <li>2000 words in English</li> <li>Students like to write and publish their own ideas, feelings, and perspectives</li> </ul>					
加簽說明	<ul> <li>Students like to write and publish their own ideas, feelings, and perspectives</li> <li>不開放人工加簽。所有學生須由選課系統亂數選課。No extra course registration is available.</li> <li>開放人工加簽 位學生。學生符合以下條件,得於第 週上課時,向老師提出加簽申請。老師簽署申請表後,申請表送英語教育中心辦公室。由老師進行線上簽核。</li> <li>條件1:必須於第一週到課</li> <li>條件2:須有其他時段【選讀英語文】衝堂無法選課之證明(如選課紀錄或本學期所有科目課程表)</li> <li>條件3:自所屬選課階段(大二生:第1-2次選課;大三、大四學生:第3次選課)起,亂數選課皆未選上(選上但退選者,不得以人工加簽再次選課)</li> <li>條件4:應屆畢業生</li> <li>條件5: (如老師有其他加簽條件,請自行書寫)</li> <li>提醒:學生修讀英文領域課程,請依本校規劃選課之修業年級選課。如因個人考量,未對應年級而逕自改於其他修業年級選課之英文領域課程,或指定加簽某特定課程,英語教育中心與任課教師將礙難配合或處理。</li> </ul>					
停修條件	The student's application for course withdrawal will NOT be approved if 1. The student never attends class nor submits assignments.					
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2. The student is absent or asks for leave with NO valid excuses for more than 6 classes.
3. The student never explains to or discusses with the teacher his/her difficulty in taking care of this subject.
4. The student neither offers valid excuses on his application for course
withdrawal nor notifies the teacher beforehand.
學生如遇有以下情形,其停修申請將不予「同意」
1. 學生未曾到課或繳交任何作業。
2. 學生無故缺席或未有證明之請假超過六次
3. 學生從未向老師解釋、或與之討論,修讀本課程時的困難
4. 學生未在停修申請上敘明或以其他通訊方式告知老師停修本課程之原因
避免學生規避「低修」學分數而選課,或以其他理由選課但不上課等情事
提醒:請於選課前參考課程大綱,了解評分方式、各週進度。並於第一堂課進一步了
解作業、報告、考試的規劃與所需處理時間。評估自已的學習量能,避免修課失衡。
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### Instructor & Contact Information

Name	Email	Office & Tel	Office Hour
徐桂平	personal messaging	綜二館 B 側 209	Tuesday 10:00 а.м12:00 р.м.
Vicky Hsu	on eeclass	(🖀 34417)	綜二館 B 側 209
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### Course Aims / Description

### 1. Primary aim

This writing course is designed for students who are novice writers in English. It aims to prepare students for developing basic writing strategies and skills and organizing their ideas logically within PARAGRAPHS. Through sentence-building and paragraph-writing tasks, students are expected to write more skillfully to communicate their ideas more effectively in a PARAGRAPH.

### 2. Subsidiary aim

In this class, students will have opportunities to

- 1. review parts of speech and basic sentence patterns and practicing sentence-combining
- 2. organize their ideas and develop the topic sentence, supports, and the concluding sentence for specific paragraph patterns
- 3. revise and edit their writing for clarity (cohesion & coherence) and appropriate use of vocabulary, grammar and transitional devices
- 4. identify and correct common mistakes in word choice and grammar points

## 3. Corresponding CEFR Can-do statements

Can-do statement #1	[READING] can understand articles, reports and reviews in which the writers
	express specific points of view.

Can-do statement #2	[WRITING] can write at length about topical issues, even though complex concepts may be oversimplified, and can correct many of my mistakes in the process.
Can-do statement #3	[WRITING] can write clear, detailed descriptions on a variety of subjects related to my field of interest.
Can-do statement #4	[WRITING] can write a paper giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
Can-do statement #5	<b>[QUALITY OF LANGUAGE]</b> can link what I write into clear, well-organized text, though I may not always do this smoothly so there may be some "jumps."
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No.	Core Competency Indicators	
1.	英語溝通與表達能力 (ability to communicate and express oneself in English)	30%
2.	深度分析與組織思考的能力 (ability to think critically and organize ideas logically in English)	20%
3.	英語學習策略與技巧 (knowledge of English learning strategies and techniques)	30%
4.	對英語與多元文化的國際視野 (global views of English and multicultural diversity)	10%
5.	善用英語學習資源,培養獨立學習英語的習慣與能力 (ability to use existing English	10%
	learning resources and development of independent self-learning habit)	

# Teaching Materials and References

Textbook(s)	A course pack prepared by the teacher		
	Bulter, Eugenia et al. (1995). Correct Writing, 6th edition. Lexington, MA:		
	D.C. Heath and Company. ISBN: 957-586-675-4.		
	CEFR Scale 🗌 B1 🗌 B1-B2 📕 B2 🗌 B2+ 🗌 C1		
Additional Writing Sources	1. BBC Learning English <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/</u>		
	2. Humans of New York <u>https://www.humansofnewyork.com/</u>		
	. Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) <u>https://owl.purdue.edu/</u>		
	. Grammarly <u>https://app.grammarly.com/</u>		
	online English-English & English-Mandarin dictionaries		
	<ul> <li>Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English</li> </ul>		
	https://www.ldoceonline.com/		
	✓ Cambridge Dictionary <u>https://dictionary.cambridge.org/</u>		
	✓ Macmillan Dictionary <u>https://www.macmillandictionary.com/</u>		

References1. Altman, Pam et al. (2011). Sentence-Combining Workbook, 3Boston, MA: Wadsworth. ISBN: 978-0-495-90975-0.			
	<ol> <li>Ward, Colin. (2012). Focus on Writing 3. White Plains, NY: Pearson. ISBN: 978-0-13-231353-7.</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>Folse, Keith S. et al. (2010). Great Writing 2: Great Paragraphs 3rd. edition. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-4240-7112-8.</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>Brandon, Lee. (2009). At a Glance: Paragraphs, 4th edition. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company. ISBN: 978-0-618-95775-0.</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>Clark, Roy Peter. (2006). Writing Tools: 50 Essential Strategies for Every Writer. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company. ISBN: 978-0-316- 01499-1.</li> </ol>		
Platforms for course materials and learning resources	<ol> <li>清華大學 eeclass 數位學習系統 <u>https://eeclass.nthu.edu.tw/</u></li> <li>MS Forms (for assignments &amp; quizzes)</li> <li>MS Teams (using your office365 account when online classes are offered) Team code: gylxmwc</li> </ol>		
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## Grading Scheme

1.	Attendance and participation (See Requirements & Rules #1)	15%
2.	Paragraph Writing / Revision (2 paragraph patterns * 3 drafts)	50%
3.	My writing notebook (a self-access learning project for becoming a better writer)	10%
4.	Grammar / vocabulary exercises/quizzes	15%
5.	Pair presentation (based on Correct Writing) / individual presentations (My writing	10%
	journey)	
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## **Requirements & Rules**

- 1. Class attendance, lesson preparation and active class participation are required.
  - ✓ The instructor takes attendance almost every class throughout the semester. If you are all present whenever the instructor takes the roll, you will get 70 (i.e. the primitive score) in this category (i.e. Class attendance). 經常性點名,全勤者可得此評分項目中 70%。
  - ✓ If you are absent from a class meeting, **10 points** will be deducted from this primitive score. 每次未 假未到課,扣除此評分項目的 10%。
  - ✓ If you are absent in case of UNCONTROLLABLE situations (e.g. illness, emergency, important occasions, etc.) and you decide to take a leave, please fill out the MS Forms (Request for leave with proof) using your office 365 account issued by Computer and Communication Center of National Tsing Hua University, with the valid proof WITHIN TWO WEEKS. A receipt or a medicine prescription with



correct stamp of date by accredited hospitals can be seen as a valid proof. 遇不可抗力情形需請假

者,請用本校計通中心核發的 office365 帳號填寫請假申請,並附上請假證明(就醫收據、藥 袋、公假單等)。

Request for leave with proof (MS Forms): <u>https://forms.office.com/r/f2DWA37uPd</u>

- ✓ Being late for more than 10 minutes is treated as absence from that hour (5 points will be deducted).
   Being late for more than 60 minutes is treated as absence from the whole class. 遲到逾 10 分鐘,
   扣除此評分項目的 5%。遲到逾 60 分鐘,視為該次上課未到課。
- ✓ If you are absent for more than 8 hours, your course withdrawal will NOT be approved, and you will definitely be flunked. 無故不到課逾8小時者,將不予同意其停修申請,學期成績以不及格論。
- 2. Absence from a class is no excuse for submitting assignments in time or ignoring assignments or the class you have missed. It is your responsibility to ask your classmates or the instructor what has been covered in the class. 缺席不得作為無法及時繳交作業或完成作業之藉口。缺席者 富有處理作業繳交或完成之責。(委託同學代為繳交或領取,或自行前來教師研究室繳交或領取。)
- Plagiarism on assignments and cheating on the exam is absolutely unacceptable. If someone is found plagiarizing or cheating, it means he/she will get a zero point for that assignment or exam. 嚴禁抄襲與作弊。抄襲與作弊者,學期成績以不及格處理。情節重大時,將提報至相關單 位依校規處理。
- 4. AI-assisted reports and assignments are allowed in limited instances: AI can be used to prepare for reports and assignments by brainstorming and tentative revision, but students must show how AI helps them reach the result. 僅限使用生成式 AI 於作業或報告之準備(如腦力激盪與初步 修訂等),學生須註明 AI 如何用於協作其作業或報告。
- 5. There will be **NO make-up exams** or **presentations** unless you notify the instructor valid and official reasons for your absence **beforehand**. If a group presentation is "crippled" due to your lateness or absence, you will receive no grade on the presentation. 無合理且正式的缺課原因, 將不予補考或補行報告。
- 6. Assignments are expected to be completed and submitted by due date. No late submission will be accepted or graded unless the instructor approves your application of late submission. 作業請按時繳交(或上傳)。未獲教師同意可延遲繳交者或超過以下寬限期,其遲交作業不批 改、不計分。

NO full credit for late submission/Penalty for late submission: 10% of the total mark awarded will be deducted for each working day after the submission date. 每遲交一日。扣 10%成績

Late Submission		Mark Awarded After Penalty	
Number of days late	Penalty	Original grade 90	Original grade 60
1	10%	81	54
2	20%	72	48
3	30%	63	42
4	40%	54	36

5	50%	45	30
More than 5 days	Not completed and	grade of zero awarded 🗄	遲交逾5日,不計分

## 7. Penalty for no or poor participation in pair or group work

Students are expected to take part in various pair or group activities. Failure to engage in these activities may lead to reductions in grades awarded. Sometimes the reduction may be suggested by other group members; in other circumstances, the instructor may reduce the grade awarded without reference to other group members.

 Mobile devices are only used for educational purposes relevant to the subject or tasks in the classroom setting with the permission of or at the request of the instructor. 行動裝置僅限於學 習活動,使用須獲得老師同意或遵照老師指示。

During class students are not to be seen with a cell phone in hand. Mobile phones are expected to be turned off or switched to a silent mode. 課程進行時,請關閉行動電話或轉為靜音模式。未獲教師指示或許可,不得於上課時間使用。

9. The syllabus, handouts, returned assignments should be kept at least to the end of this semester for later reference or the final exam. 課程相關各項文件請妥為保存至學期結束。

☑ Lectures 口頭講授	Pair/Grou	up discussion	配對/	分組討論	🗹 Quizzo	es 小考
☑ Writing assignments	寫作作業	☑ Student p	resentati	<b>ions</b> 學生	報告	
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### Classroom Languages

English <u>70</u>% Mandarin <u>30</u>%

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## **Detailed Syllabus**

WEEK	DATE	Theme / Activities	Skills/Strategies taught or discussed
1	9/11	Course introduction What makes a good piece of writing?	Diagnostic Test (for identifying common grammar errors)
2	9/18	Parts of Speech Basic Sentence Patterns/Structure	Identifying parts of speech Writing basic sentences WELL
3	9/25	Kinds of Sentences Sentence Combining Writing Process	Guideline for the writing notebook project Grammar presentationsguideline Brainstorming / Outlining
4	10/2	Paragraph Format & Structure Topic Sentence	Basic Paragraph Structure Identifying parts of a paragraph Methods for writing a topic sentence

WEEK	DATE	Theme / Activities	Skills/Strategies taught or discussed	
5	10/9	No class (The day before a Tuesday Holiday—Double Ten Day)		
6	10/16	Supporting sentences Concluding Sentence	Types of supports Irrelevant & redundant supports Strategies for writing an effective conclusion	
7	10/23	Narrative Paragraphs Organization & elements	Five properties of a narrative TED—The clues to a great story Paragraph Grammar—Narrative tenses Writing practice 1: Narratives	
8	10/30	Narrative Paragraphs Adding descriptive details	Graphic organizers for narratives Outlining a narrative Narrative: 1st Draft Due	
9	11/6	Narrative Paragraphs Using time references	Transitions & Punctuation Vocabulary—actions verbs & concrete nouns Teacher-student conferences	
10	11/13	Logical Division of Ideas Coherence & Unity (1)	Good titles for a paragraph Weak vs. strong topic sentences Narrative: Revised Draft Due	
11	11/20	Descriptive Paragraphs Organization & Elements	Outlining a descriptive Paragraph writing practice 2: Descriptive	
12	11/27	Descriptive Paragraphs Using five senses to describe	Vocabulary—descriptive adjectives Denotation vs. connotation <b>Descriptive: 1st Draft Due</b>	
13	12/4	Descriptive Paragraphs Using prepositional phrases of location	Prepositional phrases & spatial order Dictionary use & Google for writing Teacher-student conferences	
14	12/11	Logical Division of Ideas Coherence & Unity (2)	Precise and concise wording Narrative: Final Draft Due	
15	12/18	Student samples explained	Revisit to paragraph organization How to revise and edit a paragraph <b>Descriptive: Revised Draft Due</b>	
16	12/25	Application of narration/description to TOEFL & IELTS Independent Writing support—explanation & elaboration	Idea maps / Peer review Self-access learning project DUE Teacher-student conferences	

WEEK	DATE	Theme / Activities	Skills/Strategies taught or discussed	
17	1/1	No class (New Year's Day)		
18	1/8	Final presentation—My Writing Journey	Reflection on your writing process Descriptive: Final Draft Due	
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