National Tsing Hua University

中高級選讀英文—Selected English Short Stories 短篇故事選讀 Spring 2023

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Course Information						
Course Number	LANG 200	00 <u>33</u>	Credits	2	Classroom	綜二館 201
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Class Hours	1:20p	.m. – 3:10p.N	3:30	ОР.М. − 5:2	20р.м.	
Course Type	— ·	■ EGP (English for general purposes) □ EAP (English for academic purposes) □ EOP (English for occupational purposes)				
Language Level	☐ B1 (中級)	B1-B2	B 2 (中高級) 🗌	B2+ C1
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		中心與任課教				
	Reminder: Please take the required English courses in accordance with the scheduled					
	curriculum offered by our school. Your personal scheduling or preference of taking courses during your college stay will NOT be a valid excuse for the teacher to take your request for					

	extra course registration into account.
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.
	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。

Instructor & Contact Information

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Course Aims / Description

1. Primary aim

This course is designed for students who hope to read English short stories for pleasure and for improvement of reading comprehension and skills. Through reading a variety of contemporary and classical short stories and discussing the issues presented in the plot, students are expected to engage in a close reading of the language used in the stories and make connections between the stories and any or all of the following: the personal world, aspects of human nature, society and the wider world. Students will get prepared for reading fiction beyond the classroom after taking up this course.

2. Subsidiary aim

The activities related to reading a short story will be divided into seven phases:

- (1) reflecting on the topic before reading and relating prior knowledge and personal experience to the topic
- (2) understanding important literary elements and structures of a story and identify examples in the short stories
- (3) developing the habit of reading fiction

- (4) enhancing reading comprehension skills and reading strategies
- (5) interacting with classmates in the discussion of the situations, confrontations, and challenges faced by the main characters
- (6) exploring and sharing context clues, perspectives, and cultural information
- (7) investigating authentic language use and rhetorical devices such as form, tone, word use, and imagery

3. Corresponding CEFR Can-do statements

Can-do statement #1 [READING] can read with a large degree of independence, using dictionaries and other reference sources selectively when necessary.

Can-do statement #2 [READING] can read short stories and novels written in a straightforward language and style, making use of a dictionary, if I am familiar with the story and/or the writer.

Can-do statement #3 [SPOKEN INTERACTION] can take an active part in conversation, expressing clearly my points of view, ideas or feelings naturally with effective turn-taking.

Can-do statement #4 [STRATEGIES] can help a discussion along on familiar ground confirming comprehension, inviting others in, etc.

Can-do statement #5 [QUALITY OF LANGUAGE] can explain the details of an event, idea or problem reliably.



英文核心能力指標 University Student Core Competency Indicators

No. Core Competency Indicators

英語溝通與表達能力 (ability to communicate and express oneself in English) 1. 30% 深度分析與組織思考的能力 (ability to think critically and organize ideas logically in English) 2. 30% 英語學習策略與技巧 (knowledge of English learning strategies and techniques) 3. 20% 對英語與多元文化的國際視野 (global views of English and multicultural diversity) 4. 10% 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 5. 10% learning resources and development of independent self-learning habit)



Teaching Materials and References

Textbook(s)	Course pack (a selection of classical and famous short stories) for in-class discussion and for the independent & extensive reading project		
	CEFR Scale B1 B1-B2 B2 B2+ C1		
Platforms for course	1. 清華大學 eeclass 數位學習系統 <u>https://eeclass.nthu.edu.tw/</u>		
materials and	2. MS Forms (for assignments & quizzes)		
learning resources	3. MS Teams (using your office365 account when online classes are offered)		
	Team code: 0fwxq33		



Grading Scheme

1.	Attendance and participation (See Requirements & Rules #1)	15%
2.	Assignments (reading comprehension, reading skills, language and rhetorical devices)	25%
3.	Reader's journal (summaries, reflections, glossary, memorable quotes, figures of speech)	20%
4.	Guided reading for in-class discussion	10%
5.	Presentations (a poster for a famous short story)	10%
6.	Final exam (based on the stories discussed in class)	20%
Note:	The percentage of this grading scheme is subject to possible adjustments. To be announced.	



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): https://forms.office.com/r/2EW8C5zKp5

- ✓ 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。)
- 3. 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. Al-assisted reports and assignments are allowed in limited instances: Al can be used to prepare for reports and assignments by brainstorming and tentative revision, but students must show how Al helps them reach the result. 僅限使用生成式Al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Al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 Sub	mission	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.

- 8. 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



Teaching Activities

☑ Lectures 口頭講授 ☑ Pair/Group discussion 配對/分組討論 ☑ Guided reading 導讀

☑ Reading Strategies & Comprehension practices 閱讀策略與理解練習 ☑ Assignments 作業

☑ Student presentations 學生報告



Classroom Languages

English <u>**80**</u>% Mandarin <u>**20**</u>%



Detailed Syllabus

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WEEK	DATE	Theme / Ac	tivities	Skills/Strategies taught or discussed		
1	9/13	Course intr	oduction ory of short stories	Why reading stories? Types/genres of stories		
2	9/20	Elements o	f a (short) story	Identifying story elements		
3	9/27	Story 1	Eleven by Sandra Cisneros	Story element: characters Literary device: Narrator perspective		
4	10/4	Story 1	Eleven by Sandra Cisneros	Story element: conflict Literary device: Points of view		
5	10/11	Story 1	Eleven by Sandra Cisneros	Reader's reflection		
6	10/18	Story 2	Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen by O. Henry	Story element: surprise ending (twist) Literary device: theme		
7	10/25	Story 2	Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen by O. Henry	Preparing poster presentation Extended Reading – another O. Henry's short story		
8	11/1	Story 3	A Secret for Two by Quentin Reynolds	Story element: Plot Literary device: Foreshadowing		
9	11/8	Story 3	A Secret for Two by Quentin Reynolds	Extended reading: The Landlady		
10	11/15	No class (Sports Day)				

WEEK	DATE	Theme / Activities		Skills/Strategies taught or discussed
11	11/22	Story 4	The Lottery by Shirley Jackson	Story element: Rising action & climax
12	11/29	Story 4	The Lottery by Shirley Jackson	Literary device: Irony Literary device: Figurative language
13	12/6	Midterm Presentations (Story poster for a short story)		
14	12/13	Story 5	The Blanket by Floyd Dell	Story element: Plot Literary device: point of view
15	12/20	Story 5	The Blanket by Floyd Dell	Literary device: Poetic Justice
16	12/27	Story 6	A Pair of Silk Stockings by Kate Chopin	Review of story elements
17	1/3	Story 6	A Pair of Silk Stockings by Kate Chopin	Literary device: Sensory details
18	1/10	Final Exam (open-book exam for story analysis and critical thinking)		

