National Tsing Hua University

中高級選讀英文〔詞彙與閱讀〕

Fall 2023

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Course Information

| Course Number | 11210LANG200051 | Credits | 2 | Classroom | 綜二 |
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| Class Hours Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 1:20P.M 3:10P.M. 3:30P.M 5:20P.M. P.M P. | | | | | |
| Course Type = EGP (English for general purposes) = EAP (English for academic purposes) = EOP (English for occupational purposes) | | | | | |
| Language Level | □B1(中級) □B1-E | B2 ■ B2 (| 中高級) | □ B2+ □ C1 | |
| Core Ability | ■ comprehension/reception □ communication/interaction □ production | | | | |
| 課程練習的語 言種類 | □ 聽講 ■ 閱讀 □ 寫作 | | | | |
| 可 選 課 學 生 身分別 | ■頂標生 ■前標生 □中級生 □初級生 | | | | |
| Prerequisites | Students should be able to understand the main points in <u>short</u> articles about current and familiar topics in their daily life. Students can find and understand the information they need and other <u>short</u> texts relating to their interests in their daily life. | | | | |

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Instructor & Contact Information

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Course Aims / Description

1) Why study vocabulary?

- Vocabulary is a basic part of reading comprehension. If students don't know enough words, they will have trouble understanding what they read.
- Vocabulary is a major part of almost every standardized test. The more words students know, the better students are likely to do on important tests.
- Studies show that students with strong vocabulary do better in school.
- A solid vocabulary is a source of power. Words can make students better readers, writers and thinkers.

<u>2) This course aims to</u> reinforce students' power of vocabulary by introducing vocabulary systematically and to improve their reading comprehension as well, including the following **subsidiary**

aims:

- Students can read with a large degree of independence, using dictionaries and other reference sources selectively when necessary.
- Students can understand articles, reports and reviews in which the writers express specific points of view (e.g., political commentary, critiques of exhibitions, plays, films, etc).
- Students can rapidly grasp the content and the significance of news, articles and reports on topics.

Corresponding CEFR Can-do statements

| Can-do statement #1 | Can read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively. Has a broad active reading vocabulary, but may experience some difficulty with low-frequency idioms. |
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| Can-do statement #2 | Can read correspondence relating to his/her field of interest and readily grasp the essential meaning. |
| Can-do statement #3 | Can scan longer texts in order to locate desired information, and gather information from different parts of a text, or from different texts in order to fulfill a specific task |
| Can-do statement #4 | Can obtain information, ideas and opinions from highly specialized courses within his/ her field. |
| Can-do statement #5 | Can understand specialized articles outside his/her field, provided he/she can use a dictionary occasionally to confirm his/ her interpretation of terminology. |

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| 英文核心能力指標 University Student Core Competency Indicators | | | |
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| No | Core Competency Indicators | % | |
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| 1. | 英語溝通與表達能力 (ability to communicate and express oneself in English) | 40 | |
| 2. | 英語學習策略與技巧 (knowledge of English learning strategies and techniques) | 20 | |
| 3. | 對英語與多元文化的國際視野 (global views of English and multicultural diversity) | 20 | |
| 4. | 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 | | |
| | learning resources and development of independent self-learning habit) | 20 | |
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Teaching materials and References

| Textbook(s) | Oxford Word Skills-Intermediate |
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| | Publisher: Oxford University Press |
| | ISBN 978-0-19-462007-9 |
| | First published in 2008 and latest published in 2018 |
| | CEFR Scale □ B1 ■ B1-B2 ■ B2 □ B2+ □ C1 |
| Learning/Resource Platform | www.oup.com/elt/wordskills |

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Requirements & Class Rules

- 1. Class attendance, lesson preparation and active class participation are required. (Flunked if you are absent more than six classes.)
- 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.

Grading Scheme

| No. | Grading | % |
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| 1. | Attendance | <mark>10%</mark> |
| 2. | Quizzes | <mark>25%</mark> |
| 3. | Assignments (Spelling Bee) | <mark>15%</mark> |
| 4. | Presentation & Participation | <mark>10%</mark> |
| 5. | Final Exam | <mark>40%</mark> |
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Teaching Activities

- Spelling Bee 拼字演練: A Spelling Bee Contest will be held once a week.
- Lectures □頭講授 : Some difficult materials, such as words and their usage and parts of articles, will be taught and explained.
- Assignments 作業: The heading 'How about you' indicates personalized exercises which give students and opportunity to use the new vocabulary within the context of their own lives.

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Classroom Languages

| English | 90 | % |
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| Mandarin | 10 | % |

課堂讀寫比例

| Reading (video script, newspaper reports, speech script) | 80% |
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| Writing (translation, rewrite newspaper reports, summary) | 20% |
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Detailed Syllabus:

| Week | Date | Class Topics & Topic-related Reading | Assignments & Activities | Skills to learn | |
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| 1 | 9/15 | Orientation (syllabus, agenda, target) | | | |
| 2 | 9/22 | Topic 1: The Body Reading: Robots that show emotion | | | |
| 3 | 9/29 | Mid-Autumn | Festival (no class) | | |
| | 10/6 | Topic 2: You and other people | Spelling Bee | | |
| 4 | 10/6 | Reading: Social Network | Topic 1 +2 | | |
| _ | | Topic 3: Leisure and lifestyle | Spelling Bee | New words in | |
| 5 | 10/13 | Reading: Pixar Movies | Topic 3 | context | |
| 6 | 10/20 | Topic 4: A changing world Reading: Can we build AI without losing control over it? | Spelling Bee Topic 4 | | |
| 7 | 10/27 | Topic 5: Institutions Reading: Our failing schools | Spelling Bee Topic 5 | | |
| 8 | 11/3 | Topic 6: News and current affairs Reading: How the news distorts our worldview | Spelling Bee Topic 6 | Synonyms | |
| 9 | 11/10 | Topic 7: Work and finance Reading: American's forgotten working class | Spelling Bee Topic 7 | Antonyms | |
| 10 | 11/17 | Topic 8: Concepts Reading: Success, failure and the drive to keep creating | Spelling Bee Topic 8 | | |

| 11 | 11/24 | Quiz on To | <mark>opic 1~8 (25%)</mark> | |
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| 12 | 12/1 | Top 9: Spoken English Reading: Go ahead, make up new words | Spelling Bee Topic 9 | |
| 13 | 12/8 | Topic 10: University & Occupation Reading: The jobs we'll lose to machines | Spelling Bee Topic 10 | Prefixes |
| 14 | 12/15 | Topic 11: The Word around Us Reading: Let's not use Mars as a backup plane | Spelling Bee Topic 11 | |
| 15 | 12/22 | Topic 12: Written English Reading: Photos from a storm chaser | Spelling Bee Topic 12 | Prefixes |
| 16 | 12/29 | Topic 13: Traveling English (1) Reading: Flight attendant announcement | Spelling Bee Topic 13 | Suffixes |
| 17 | 1/5 | Top 14: Traveling English (2) Reading: Safety Demo | Spelling Bee Topic 14 | Suffixes |
| 18 | 1/12 | Final Exam 1 | Fopic 1~15 (40%) | |