

English for Sociology Major (College Junior)

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- Class Date and Time : Fridays, 10:10 am ~ 12 noon (3rd and 4th periods)
- Classroom : AG 120
- Textbook : Richards, Jack C. and Sandy, Chuck. Passages: An Upper-Level Multi-Skills Course: Student's Book 1. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2001. (ISBN: 0-521-56472-7)
- Supplementary : Magazine and newspaper articles, etc
- Others Needed : Dictionary, a clear folder / a 2-ring or 3-ring binder and an open mind

Course Description

This is a high intermediate to advanced English continuation course with a thematic syllabus that encourages students to discuss and write about many interesting and thought-provoking topics. Class activities build fluency and accuracy in listening, speaking, reading and writing, providing many opportunities for personal expression and critical thinking. In addition, there are job hunting sessions that give practical help in résumé and cover letter writing. The mock job interviews will sharpen students' oral skills and help them gain the confidence they need to succeed.

Learning Outcomes

This course will enable you to:

- expand the range of topics you can discuss and comprehend in English
- improve your grammar and vocabulary through doing communicative exercises
- master useful writing techniques such as identifying main ideas and supporting details, organizing paragraphs and editing your work
- write effective résumés and cover letters as well as perform well in job interviews

Course Outline

Week	Date	Agenda	Assignments Due
01.	2004/2/13	Orientation Unit 6: Interpersonal Communication	

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02.	2004/2/20	Unit 6: Interpersonal Communication	
03.	2004/2/27	Unit 7: Telling the News	
04.	2004/3/5	Unit 7: Telling the News	
05.	2004/3/12	Job Hunting Session: Résumés	
06.	2004/3/19	Job Hunting Session: Cover Letters	
07.	2004/3/26	Job Hunting Session: Interview Skills Quiz 1	Cover Letter & Résumé (1 st Draft) (Optional)
08.	2004/4/2	Spring Break (No Class)	
09.	2004/4/9	Unit 8: Values	
10.	2004/4/16	Midterm Written Exam	
11.	2004/4/23	Unit 8: Values	
12.	2004/4/30	Unit 8: Values Mock Job Interview	Cover Letter & Résumé (Final Draft)
13.	2004/5/7	Unit 9: Putting the Mind to Work Mock Job Interview	
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15.	2004/5/21	Unit 10: The Art of Complaining Mock Job Interview	
16.	2004/5/28	Unit 10: The Art of Complaining Mock Job Interview	

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17.	2004/6/4	Unit 11: On the Other Side of the World Mock Job Interview Quiz 2	
18.	2004/6/11	Unit 11: On the Other Side of the World	Bonus-Point Exercise (Optional)
19.	2004/6/18	Final Written Exam	

Grading Scheme

Cover Letter & Résumé (Final Draft)	20%
Mock Job Interview	10%
2 Quizzes	10% (Each quiz is worth 5% of your grade)
Midterm Written Exam	20%
Final Written Exam	20%
Attendance	10%
Class Participation and Homework	10%
Bonus-Point Exercise	5%

Class Rules

- If you miss class for more than 3 times, your attendance grade will be 0%.
- Attendance points will be deducted for late comers (not in classroom when bell rings) and for those who leave early (before bell rings).
- No make-up exam or quiz unless with doctor's letter.
- Please turn in your résumé and cover letter on time. Late résumés and cover letters will not be accepted and will receive a grade of 0%.
- Please keep all your supplementary handouts given in class and file them according to dates.
- Please ensure that your handwriting is neat and legible at all times. Illegible answers will be marked wrong and points will be consequently deducted.
- Please turn off your cell phone or keep it in silent mode during class time. If it rings for the first time, -10%, for the second time, -20% and so on.