**English I**

Course Description & Syllabus

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National University of Tainan

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**Description**

This course aims at improving the students’ comprehension abilities of English through the online practice of listening, reading, and presentations of the videos from *Ted-Ed* and *Ted-Talks*. The 1989 film of education and self-assertion, *Dead Poets Society*, is also incorporated into the course.

**Grading**

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| Quizzes | 30% |
| Group Presentation | 35% |
| Oral Expression | 20% (Response to student expressions and to the film) |
| Class Participation | 15% (Response to group presentations) |

**Requirements**

1. As long as you do not disturb other students or me, you won’t be asked to leave the classroom. The second time you are asked to leave, you immediately fail the course.
2. You should complete all the grading assignments in order to pass the course. If you fail at completing any of the assignments, you immediately fail the course.
3. You should **NOT** use any electronic device in the course or show them on the table. The device should be kept silent or shut down. The first transgression will cost you nothing, but the second one will make you immediately fail the course.
4. The time for each quiz will be announced at least a week ahead. The quiz will be given at the beginning of the class. Except for special reasons (and early notifications), there is **NO** make-up quiz for the ones that you’ve missed. The score of each make-up quiz will be reduced by 20%.
5. The teacher reserves the rights to change the grading assignments or the syllabus as needed.

**Syllabus (Tentative)**

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| **Month** | **Date** | **Content** | **Month** | **Date** | **Content** |
| 2 | 20 | (no class) | 4 | 24 | Oral Expression |
| 3 | 4 | Orientation & Demo | 5 | 1 | **History:**  Evolution of Marriage |
| 3 | 6 | **Sociology:**  Left-Handed | 5 | 8 | **Animal:**  Dog’s Nose |
| 3 | 13 | **Literature:**  Origin of Drama | 5 | 15 | **People:**  Hitler’s Power |
| 3 | 20 | *Dead Poet Society* | \*5 | 22 | **Psychology:**  Possession |
| \*3 | 27 | *Dead Poet Society* | 6 | 3 | **Psychology:**  Narcissism |
| 4 | 3 | (Holiday) | 6 | 5 | **History:**  Atlantic Slave Trade |
| 4 | 10 | Oral Expression | 6 | 12 | **Health:**  Alzheimer’s Disease |
| 4 | 17 | Oral Expression | \*6 | 19 | (recap) |