



COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

SYLLABUS- SPRING 2021

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To build students' fluency and coherence through specific, academic speaking activities.
- To enable students to use topical vocabulary within the correct context whilst clearly linking their ideas in a logical manner.
- To provide guidance on how to add relevant detail to explain or illustrate your answers.
- To utilise a range of grammatical structures in discussion.
- To foster self-confidence and a positive attitude toward articulating viewpoints in English.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All students are expected to fulfill the following requirements for the course:

- Attend and participate actively in all general class sessions (see Attendance Policy below).
- Complete all required assignments

REQUIRED MATERIALS

The course syllabus, supplementary materials, and homework assignments may be accessed at the course website.

Grading Scale:

Attendance/Attitude/Participation **25%**

Project Preparation **25%**

Midterm Project/ 1 to 1 Interview **25%**

Final Project/ 1 to 1 Interview **25%**

Tardiness: If you come to the class in the first hour, you are late. If you come to class in the second hour, you are absent. Late 3 times = 1 absent

Absences: If you are absent **4** times, the school policy is that the student receives an F for the class. Absences which are excused with a valid written reason.

- ✓ **Illness** – Students must submit confirmation documents = Official hospital note. ***Prescriptions from the pharmacy are NOT acceptable.***
- ✓ If your absence is for a **school related activity**, you must turn in an official written excuse WITHIN A WEEK of the event. The notice should contain the department head's signature and PRINTED participants' names will be required.

- ✓ Physical exam for joining the army.
- ✓ Death of family members.

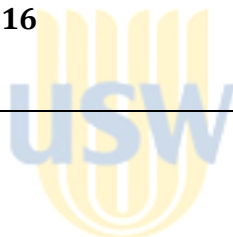
Rules:

- ✓ Conduct yourselves as respectful adults. Be courteous and polite to your peers.
- ✓ Cell phones may NOT be used for conversations in the classroom.
- ✓ Please make sure they are set to silent mode.
- ✓ **Cell phones may be used as dictionaries.**
- ✓ If you do not have a valid written excuse for your absence, you will receive a 0 for any missed assignments & exams.
- ✓ **Speak with confidence and with the best clarity as possible.**
- ✓ **All students will TRY THEIR BEST to SPEAK in ENGLISH in class.**

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES SCHEDULE

Week 1	Course Introduction
Week 2	Formulating/ Structuring your Argument Introduction to Discussion Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entertainment Culture ▪ Cultural Differences
Week 3	Expressing your Opinion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Article Analysis and Discussion ▪ Vocabulary/ Appropriate Expressions
Week 4	Advantages and Disadvantages/ Comparing and Contrasting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analysing Historical Changes ▪ Lifestyles
Week 5	Problems and Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Issues ▪ Current Affairs
Week 6	Challenging and Evaluating Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analysing Arguments ▪ Case Studies
Week 7	Making Predictions and Speculating about the Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technology Trends ▪ Environment
Week 8	~ Midterm: Interview/ Topical Discussion
Week 9	Group Discussion Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ News ▪ Case Studies

Week 10	Social Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion Practice ▪ Article Analysis
Week 11	Selected Discussion Topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Article/ Video Analysis ▪ Discussion Skills
Week 12	Skills Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Meetings/ Feedback
Week 13	Final Project Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group Brainstorming
Week 14	Video Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress Report ▪ Scheduled Meetings ▪ Feedback
<i>Week 15</i>	Special Topic: Optional Student Led Activities
Week 16	~ Make up week



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