



# The University of Suwon

## Online ESL Syllabus

### Fall 2020

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### Basic information:

- **Websites:**
  - Canvas: <http://canvas.suwon.ac.kr/>
  - International College: <http://ic.suwon.ac.kr/>
- **Required Textbook/Materials:**
  - Reading and Listening & Speaking Textbook: *ESL Communication* (National Geographic Learning & CENGAGE Learning)
  - Writing material is available in LSR textbook and on Canvas

### Attendance Policies, Exams & Grading:

To complete a course, students must attend at least **75%** of classes. That is, if students miss a course more than **four (4) times**, they will *fail* the course. For each missed class, **3%** will be deducted from a student's Attendance & Participation grade.

- **Excused absences:**
  - There are NO excused absences.
- **Tardiness:**
  - Late for more than the first half of the class hour = 1 absence
  - 3 times late = 1 absence
- **Missing exams:**
  - Failure to take any exam results in an automatic F grade for the class.
  - Makeup exams are allowed but will be docked points.
- **Grade composition:**
  - *Attendance & Participation*: 25%
  - *Homework* = 25% (Including online Canvas HW and any in-class assignments)
  - *Midterm exam* = 20% (online L/R exam: 10% + Speaking exam: 10%)
  - *Final exam* = 30% (online L/R exam: 10% + Speaking exam: 10% + Writing exam: 10%)

**NOTE:** The course is graded on a curve (relative grading). Only 70% will get a B grade or higher. Among them, only 25% may receive an A grade or higher. As a result, the remaining 30% of students can hope only for a C grade or *lower*.

## Overall Course Objectives:

The aim of this course is to provide you with the skills necessary to be a confident and independent user of English in an academic or professional setting. This course focuses on developing the following:

- **Overall academic competencies:**
  - **Learner autonomy:** proper conduct, time & assignment management, productive classroom behavior, willingness to communicate, reflective learning habits, English anxiety management, etc. This is evaluated in your Attendance & Participation and Homework grades.
  - **Critical thinking skills:** hierarchical presentation of ideas, comparing & evaluating content, problem-solving, making inferences, drawing conclusions, etc. This is evaluated in most of the grades, e.g., Listening, Reading, Speaking (especially Presentations) & Writing.
- **Academic text comprehension:**
  - **Inspectional reading skills:** skimming, scanning for key words & phrases, predicting, etc. Naturally this is primarily evaluated in your Reading grade.
  - **Analytical skills:** following logical arguments, identifying paragraph purpose, recognizing author's tone, etc. This is mainly evaluated in your Listening & Reading grades.
  - **Note-taking skills:** listening to and gathering important information from lectures, dialogues, videos and peer presentations. This is included in your Listening grade.
- **Academic text creation:**
  - **Fundamental sentence, paragraph & essay writing skills based on the TOEFL independent essay:** writing mechanics, essay formatting, signposting, etc. This is evaluated in your Writing grade.
  - **Spoken presentation skills:** structuring & sequencing extended turns, signposting, cohesion, unity, delivery, etc., evaluated in your Speaking grade.
- **Interactional competencies** (evaluated in your Speaking grade):
  - **Discussion skills:** defining a topic, explaining oneself, discourse-marking, exchanging opinions & prepared arguments, appropriately expressing agreement & disagreement, etc.
  - **Conversation skills:** prompting, responding, reacting, active listening, continuing the interaction, anticipating & solving communication breakdowns, etc.

## Guidelines & Expectations:

- **Textbook:** All students **must** use the required texts. Using an old textbook with answers already filled in is not appropriate and will result in a loss of points.
- **Conduct:** Students **must** act respectfully and courteously at all times.
- **Assignments:** Complete any and all assignments. Late assignments will not be accepted.
- **Participation:** Students who don't actively speak during class discussions and group work will lose points on their Attendance & Participation grade.

## Syllabus Fall 2020

DATE	S/L LESSON	R/W LESSON	HOMEWORK
<b>BLOCK 0</b> <b>Week 1</b> 08.31 - 09.04	-Introduction to Course -Syllabus overview	<b>Writing</b> <b>Unit 0</b> <u>Writing Introduction</u> - Review of paragraph writing - Overview of multiple-paragraph essay writing	<b>B0: Participation Assignment - Writing (Pre-Assessment)</b> Deadline: 09.06  <b>B0: Participation Assignment: Intro Quiz</b> Deadline: 09.06
<b>BLOCK 6</b> <b>Week 2</b> 09.07 - 09.11	<b>Module 6 Reading: Building Solutions</b> <u>Reading skills:</u> - Understanding main ideas and key details - Organize supporting details - Understanding reasons	<b>Writing</b> <b>Unit 5</b> <u>Introduction paragraphs:</u> - Introduce the topic - State your position - Catch the reader's attention (hook)	<b>B6 Graded Assignment: Introduction Writing</b> Deadline: 10.09  <b>B6: Participation Assignment - Reading</b> Deadline: 09.13
<b>Week 3</b> 09.14 - 09.18	<b>Module 5 Listening: Give Thanks</b> <u>Listening skills:</u> - Listening for main ideas - Listening for key details - Listening for key words and phrases	<b>Module 5 Speaking: Give Thanks</b> <u>Interaction skills:</u> - Giving examples - Using personal experience - Clarifying <u>Presentation skills:</u> - Introducing a presentation - Giving background information - Concluding	<b>B6: Participation Assignment - Listening</b> Deadline: 09.20  <b>B6: Participation Assignment - Speaking</b> Deadline: 09.20
<b>BLOCK 7</b> <b>Week 4</b> 09.21 - 09.25	<b>Reading</b> <b>Module 7: Roads to Fame</b> <u>Reading skills:</u> - Understanding main ideas and key details - Understanding a graph - Identifying transition words	<b>Writing</b> <b>Unit 6</b> <u>Concluding paragraphs:</u> - Restate your position - Summarize your argument - Leave a final thought	<b>B6: Graded Assignment HW LSR</b> Deadline: 10.16  <b>B7: Participation Assignment - Reading</b> Deadline: 09.27
<b>BLOCK 7</b> <b>Week 5</b> 09.28 - 10.02	<b>Module 6 Listening: Tell Me Why</b> <u>Listening skills:</u> - Listening for main ideas - Listening for key details - Make inferences	<b>Module 6 Speaking: Tell Me Why</b> <u>Interaction skills:</u> - Summoning - Inquiring about recent news	<b>B7: Participation Assignment - Listening</b> Deadline: 10.04  <b>B7: Participation Assignment - Speaking</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding common topics</li> </ul> <u>Presentation skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structuring a presentation</li> <li>- Using callbacks to tie a presentation's parts together</li> </ul>	Deadline: 10.04
<b>BLOCK 8</b> <b>Week 6</b> 10.05 - 10.09	<b>Reading</b> <b>Module 8: Face Off</b> <u>Reading skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding main ideas and key details</li> <li>- Identifying cause &amp; effect</li> <li>- Understanding maps</li> </ul>	-Review	<b>B7: Graded Assignment HW LSR</b> Deadline: 10.16  <b>B8: Participation Assignment - Reading</b> Deadline: 10.11
<b>Week 7</b> 10.12 - 10.16	<b>SPEAKING EXAM</b>		<b>B7 Graded Assignment: Conclusion Writing</b> Deadline: 10.23  <b>B8: Graded Assignment HW LSR</b> Deadline: 10.16
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM 10.19 - 10.23</b>		
<b>BLOCK 9</b> <b>Week 9</b> 10.26 - 10.30	<b>Reading</b> <b>Module 9: Community Voices</b> <u>Reading skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding a paragraph's purpose</li> <li>- Understanding references</li> </ul>	<b>Writing</b> <b>Unit 7</b> <u>Writing skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Body paragraph writing</li> <li>- Research and citations</li> </ul>	<b>B9 Graded Assignment: Body paragraph Writing</b> Deadline: 11.06  <b>B9: Participation Assignment - Reading</b> Deadline: 11.01
<b>BLOCK 9</b> <b>Week 10</b> 11.02 - 11.06	<b>Module 7 Listening: The Livable City</b> <u>Listening skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listening for main ideas</li> <li>- Listening for key details</li> <li>- Listen for problems &amp; solutions</li> </ul>	<b>Module 7 Speaking: The Livable City</b> <u>Interaction skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Giving the time &amp; place</li> <li>- Talking about events</li> <li>- Closing with assessments</li> </ul> <u>Presentation skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating bullet-point summaries of a presentation</li> <li>- Conducting &amp; participating in Q&amp;A sessions</li> </ul>	<b>B9: Participation Assignment - Listening</b> Deadline: 11.08  <b>B9: Participation Assignment - Speaking</b> Deadline: 11.08
<b>BLOCK 10</b> <b>Week 11</b> 11.09 - 11.13	<b>Reading</b> <b>Module 10: Robots and Us</b> <u>Reading skills:</u>	<b>Writing</b> <b>Unit 8</b> <u>Essay practice</u>	<b>B9: Graded Assignment HW LSR</b> Deadline: 12.04

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding main ideas and key details</li> <li>- Identifying main ideas &amp; supporting details in paragraphs</li> <li>- Understanding visuals- Making comparisons (Venn diagram)</li> </ul>		<b>B10: Participation Assignment - Reading</b> Deadline: 11.15
<b>BLOCK 10</b> <b>Week 12</b> 11.16 - 11.20	<b>Module 8 Listening: Life Lessons</b> <u>Listening skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listening for main ideas</li> <li>- Listening for key details</li> <li>- Listen for listing words &amp; phrases</li> </ul>	<b>Module 8 Speaking: Life Lessons</b> <u>Interaction skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focusing on the same topic</li> <li>- Acknowledging others' ideas</li> <li>- Showing agreement or disagreement</li> </ul> <u>Presentation skills:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparing visuals for a presentation</li> <li>- Using visuals effectively</li> </ul>	<b>B10: Participation Assignment - Listening</b> Deadline: 11.22  <b>B10: Participation Assignment - Speaking</b> Deadline: 11.22
<b>Week 13</b> 11.23 - 11.27	Exam review		<b>B10: Graded Assignment HW LSR</b> Deadline: 12.04  <b>B10 Graded Assignment: Full Essay Writing</b> Deadline: 12.04
<b>Week 14</b> 11.30 - 12.04	<b>SPEAKING EXAM</b>		
<b>Week 15</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM 12.07 - 12.11</b>		
<b>Week 16</b> 12.14 - 12.18	<b>MAKE UP WEEK</b>		