



The University of Suwon

Online ESL Syllabus

Spring 2021

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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:

If a student is absent **four (4) times**, they will *fail* the course (*4 absences = F*). 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 hour absent
- **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% (Graded LSR Quizzes & Graded Writing Assignments)
 - *Midterm exam* = 20% (Online Exam: 10% + Speaking Exam: 10%)
 - *Final exam* = 30% (Online Exam: 10% + Speaking Exam: 10% + Writing Exam: 10%)

NOTE: The course is graded on a curve (relative grading). This means that 50% of the class may receive an A grade or higher. The remaining 50% of students can receive a grade of B, C, D, or F.

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 in class at all times.
- **Phone etiquette:** Please place all mobile phones on **silent** and **don't use them** for personal reasons. Phones may **only** be used for dictionaries and course-related research.
- **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 Spring 2021

DATE	S/L LESSON	R/W LESSON	HOMEWORK
BLOCK 0 Week 1 03.02 - 03.05	-Introduction to Course -Syllabus overview	Writing Unit 0 <u>Writing Introduction</u> - How to write a paragraph	B0: Graded Writing - Pre-Assessment Deadline: 03.07 B0 Participation Discussion - Introduce Yourself Deadline: 03.07
BLOCK 1 Week 2 03.08 - 03.12	Writing Unit 1 <u>Formatting</u> - Paragraph elements - Layout <u>Brainstorming</u> - Coming up with ideas around a given position/opinion	Reading Module 1: Life Changes <u>Reading skills:</u> - Skimming & scanning - Reading for main ideas* - Identifying and using sequence words to connect ideas - Understanding word meanings in context <u>Academic Skills</u> - Understanding main ideas and key details* - Understanding timelines	B1: Graded Writing Assignment - Formatting & Brainstorming Deadline: 03.14 B1: Participation Assignment - Reading Deadline: 03.14
BLOCK 1 Week 3 03.15 - 03.19	Module 1 Listening : Small Actions, Big Results <u>Listening skill:</u> - Listening for main ideas* - Listening for key details* - Listening for numbers and statistics <u>Note-taking skill:</u> - Use an outline	Module 1 Speaking: Small Actions, Big Results <u>Interaction skill:</u> - Responding to prompts - Topic vocabulary & discussion: <i>Resource conservation</i> <u>Presentation skill:</u> - Pronouncing stressed syllables. <u>High level:</u> <u>Holistic practice;</u>	B1: Participation Assignment - Speaking Deadline: 03.21 B1: Participation Assignment - Listening Deadline: 03.21

		TED Talks- How to use a paper towel by Joe Smith	
BLOCK 2 Week 4 03.22 - 03.26	Writing Unit 2 <u>Paraphrasing:</u> - Using synonyms as the basis for paraphrase sentences - Choosing and completing appropriate paraphrase sentences <u>Topic Sentences, Concluding Sentences:</u> - Choosing and writing appropriate sentences	Reading Module 2: Team Power <u>Reading skills:</u> - Previewing - Reading for gist - Unlocking vocabulary meaning <u>Academic Skills</u> - Understanding main ideas and key details	B2: Participation Assignment - Reading Deadline: 03.28 B1: Graded Assignment HW LSR Deadline: 04.16
BLOCK 2 Week 5 03.29 - 04.02	Listening Module 2: Connecting to Nature <u>Listening skill:</u> - Recognize a speaker's tone and feeling	Speaking Module 2: Connecting to Nature <u>Interaction skill:</u> - Reacting & the structure of conversation: prompt, respond, react - Topic vocabulary & discussion: <i>Connecting to nature</i> <u>Presentation skill:</u> - Thought groups and pausing <u>High level:</u> Holistic practice; TED Talks- Photos from a storm chaser by Camille Seaman	B2: Participation Assignment - Speaking Deadline: 04.04 B2: Participation Assignment - Listening Deadline: 04.04
BLOCK 3 Week 6 04.05 - 04.09	Speaking Exam Prep	Reading Module 3: Ocean Wonders <u>Reading skills:</u> - Identifying purpose - Understanding referents - Enriching vocabulary skills <u>Academic Skills</u> - Recognizing tone and message	B3: Participation Assignment - Reading Deadline: 04.11 B2: Graded Assignment HW LSR Deadline: 04.16
EXAM & REVIEW	SPEAKING EXAM/REVIEW		B3: Graded Assignment HW R

Week 7 04.12 - 04.16			Deadline: 04.16 Participation Assignment - LSR Exam Study Guide Deadline: 04.16
Week 8	MIDTERM EXAM 04.19 - 04.23		
BLOCK 4 Week 9 04.26 - 04.30	Writing Unit 3 <u>Supporting ideas & details</u> - Underlining details in body paragraphs - Completing body paragraphs with supporting details	Reading Module 4: What We Wear <u>Reading skills:</u> - Distinguishing fact from opinion - Understanding word meaning from the context	B3: Graded Assignment - Paragraph #1 Deadline: 05.16 B4: Participation Assignment - Reading Deadline: 05.02
BLOCK 4 Week 10 05.03 - 05.07	Listening Module 3: Going Places <u>Listening skill:</u> - Listen for signposts	Speaking Module 3: Going Places <u>Interaction skill:</u> - Changing roles in a conversation - Topic vocabulary & discussion: <i>Alternative & new forms of transportation</i> <u>Presentation skill:</u> - Signposts for introducing and moving to new topics - Rising-Falling & Falling intonation <u>High level:</u> Holistic practice; TED Talks- Why I take the piano...by Daria van den Becken	B4: Participation Assignment - Speaking Deadline: 05.09 B4: Participation Assignment - Listening Deadline: 05.09
BLOCK 5 Week 11 05.10 - 05.14	Writing Unit 4 <u>Complete Body Paragraph</u> - Choosing a position, brainstorming supporting ideas and choosing supporting ideas - Writing a complete body paragraph	Reading Module 5: Moments and Memories <u>Reading skills:</u> - Identifying signal words for approximate numbers <u>Academic Skills</u> - Understanding Visuals - Comparing messages	B4: Graded Assignment HW LSR Deadline: 06.04 B5: Participation Assignment - Reading Deadline: 05.16

<p>BLOCK 5 Week 12 05.17 - 05.21</p>	<p>Listening Module 4: Music, Music Everywhere <u>Listening skill:</u> - Listen for reasons <u>Note-taking skill:</u> - Write key words or short sentences</p>	<p>Speaking Module 4: Music, Music Everywhere <u>Interaction skill:</u> - Follow-up questions - Topic vocabulary & discussion: <i>Music genres & benefits of music</i> - Give reasons <u>Presentation skill:</u> - Eye contact & body language - Reading a prepared script in front of an audience <u>High level:</u> Holistic practice; TED Talks- Why lunch ladies are heroes by Jarrett Krosoczka</p>	<p>B5: Participation Assignment - Listening Deadline: 05.23 B5: Participation Assignment - Speaking Deadline: 05.23</p>
<p>EXAM & REVIEW Week 13 05.24 - 05.28</p>	<p>SPEAKING EXAM/REVIEW</p>		<p>B3: Graded Assignment - Paragraph #2 Deadline: 06.06 B5: Graded Assignment HW LSR Deadline: 06.04</p>
<p>EXAM & REVIEW Week 14 05.31 - 06.04</p>	<p>SPEAKING EXAM/REVIEW</p>		<p>Participation Assignment - LSR Exam Study Guide Deadline: 06.04</p>
<p>Week 15</p>	<p>FINAL EXAM 06.07 - 06.11</p>		<p>FINAL WRITING EXAM</p>
<p>Week 16 06.14 - 06.18</p>	<p>MAKE UP WEEK</p>		

*Skills covered every module