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Practical English Conversation and Discussion Strategies Intermédiate

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Textbook : “21st Century Reading 2: Creative Thinking and Reading with Ted Talks,” Yeats, Eunice.
National Geographic Society, 2015

Supplemental handouts will be provided by the instructor for this class.

I. Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to further develop basic listening and speaking skills to prepare students for better communication using English. Such settings include classrooms in English-speaking countries, or in practical settings, such as a work environment where English is required to communicate with coworkers or students. The primary goal is to have students successfully communicate effectively and with efficiency. In order to reach this goal, students will be given the opportunity to share opinions and express ideas in a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere. Students will learn and practice speaking and listening skills through communicative and task-based activities regarding topics of common interest. Most of all, learning and practicing English should be an enjoyable experience.

II. Course Requirements

- a. Attendance:** Students are expected to attend at least 80% of the classes. If students do not fulfill the attendance requirement for this course, they will not be able to apply for scholarship courses offered by Konkuk Language Institute within the next year. To gain the most benefit from this course, it is strongly recommended that students attend as many classes as possible. Students may excuse absences if there is justification for the absence.

Note: There will be 10 classes which are 3 hours long. The classes will be held on August 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th. The class will begin at 1:00 p.m. and finish at 4 p.m.

- b. Participation:** Students are expected to read, write, listen, and SPEAK in English. Learners are only able to improve their language fluency by using that language. Students should:
- **Be prepared for class.**
 - **Attend class!**
 - **Take part in pair, group, and class discussions.**

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Date	Topic
08/03	Class Overview and Introductions Small Talk and Getting to Know You Activities
08/04	Starting Up: The Challenges of Starting Something New Unit 1: 21st Century Lesson B: “How to Start a Movement”
08/05	Fragile Forests: Environmental Conservation Unit 2: 21st Century Lesson B: “Conserving the Canopy”
08/06	Bright Ideas: New Inventions to Solve Long Standing Problems Unit 3: 21st Century Lesson B: “A Warm Embrace That Saves Lives”
08/07	Game Changers: How Video Games Stimulate the Brain Unit 4: 21st Century Lesson B: “Gaming Can Make a Better World”
08/10	Lessons in Learning: Looking at Different Education Ideas Unit 5: 21st Century Lesson B: “The Key to Success? Grit”
08/11	Food for Life: The Importance of Diet and Quality of Life Unit 6: 21st Century Lesson B: “Teach Every Child About Food”
08/12	Body Signs: The Power and Meaning Behind Body Language Unit 7: 21st Century Lesson B: “Your Body Language Shapes Who You Are”
08/13	Data Detectives: How to Show Complex Data with Good Visual Design Unit 10: 21st Century Lesson B: “The Beauty of Data Visualization”
08/14	Students’ Choice and Goodbyes Students are given the opportunity to choose the topics for the class