

Konkuk International Language School
Fall 2026
Scholarship Advanced English Conversation

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Class Dates: Wednesday September 23 – Wednesday December 2 (10 classes)

Class Time: 15:00-18:00

Textbook: **21st Century Reading 3** Cengage Learning

I. Goals

The purpose of this course is to build your communicative skills through literacy and classroom discussions and ultimately have fun doing it.

By the end of this course, you will:

- enhance your overall speaking skills through regular group discussion and debate.
- feel comfortable expressing your ideas on interesting topics.
- improve your pronunciation to help you speak clearly.
- learn and use high intermediate vocabulary and grammar.
- be able to listen to and understand authentic Ted Talk videos.
- be able to read authentic high intermediate level texts.
- increase your intercultural awareness.

II. Course Requirements and Offerings

- **Attendance:** Students must meet 80% attendance. Students who attend less than 80% cannot apply for scholarship classes this year. All students are strongly encouraged to come to every class!
- **Discussions:** We will have regular discussions about topics of common interest. The aim of discussions is to explore themes and topics in an interesting way, in small groups.
- **Language Skills:** The course will include regular *listening* and *speaking* tasks and communicative activities. There will also be opportunities to *read* and comprehend language learning articles.
- **Grading:** *Attendance (50%), Class Participation (50%)*

Syllabus (Subject to change)

Day	Dates	Themes / Topics
1	Wednesday September 23	Introduction + Ice-breaking Topical News Discussion
2	Wednesday September 30	Unit 1 Hidden Miracles
3	Wednesday October 7	Unit 2 Sleep Matters / Health
4	Wednesday October 14	Unit 3 Cyborg Tech
	Wednesday October 21	MIDTERM EXAMS – NO CLASS
5	Wednesday October 28	Unit 4 Happy Planet
6	Wednesday November 4	Unit 5 Career Paths
7	Wednesday November 11	Unit 6 Generation Text
8	Wednesday November 18	Unit 7 Barriers and Bridges
9	Wednesday November 25	Unit 8 Personality Types
10	Wednesday December 2	Unit 9 Smart Thinking