



Practical English Conversation 1

Spring 2017 Course Syllabus

Instructor		Classroom	
Office		Section No.	
Office Hours		Class Time	
Office Phone		Email	
Class Website	http://moodle.seoultech.ac.kr		

Description

This course is intended to provide high-beginner to pre-intermediate level students with opportunities to practice and develop their English conversation skills. By the end of this course, students will be able to start, develop, and end a conversation with a stranger; express their opinions and preferences; give a concise narrative of events of a personal nature, and complete other language tasks associated with speaking/oral communication skills. Students work in small groups in class to develop language skills that are applied to tasks. Active participation is a necessity.

Level: SeoulTech Oral Language Proficiency Level 3

(Refer to ILER website to understand the definition of the level.)

Goals

- Students will be able to initiate a first time encounter using appropriate small talk topics.
- Students will be able to express their opinions and preferences with accuracy and elaboration.
- Students will be able to tell a personal narrative about a past event.

Textbook/Materials

- No textbook will be used in this course; all course materials will be provided by the instructor or be downloaded from Moodle.
- Students must bring a clear file folder/binder for the above course materials that will be provided by the instructor.
- Students must use a video recording device such as a webcam, smartphone camera, etc. to record their homework assignments. (Computers with webcams are available in room 408)
- Students must bring a notebook and pencil/pen to each class.

Assessment Plan

Assessments (60%, 3 x 20% module assessments)

A cumulative assessment will be conducted at the end of every module, approximately every five weeks. The assessments will take many forms, such as pair role-plays, group conversations. Teachers will announce and provide materials for each assessment at least one week prior to the assessment. Each of the three end-of-module assessments will be worth 20% of the student's final grade.

Assignments (30%)

Assignments include homework, quizzes, and some activities completed in class. Homework will be given on a weekly basis and can be accessed on the course's Moodle site. There will be at least one



homework assignment per week, such as speaking journals, Moodle activities, or other assignments. Each homework assignment must be completed and correctly submitted **48 hours** before the beginning of the next class. If problems arise with Moodle or while trying to complete an assignment, students should first consult the manual on Moodle. If students are still experiencing problems, they should email their professor **at least 24 hours** before the assignment's deadline to inform them of the situation. Late submissions will not be accepted and students will receive a 0. It does not matter if students will have an excused absence; they must still submit their assignments on time.

Completing homework assignments is a must for passing the course. Supposing there are 15 homework assignments, each assignment would be worth 2% of your final grade. If you do not complete 2/3 of assignments, that is equal to missing one module assessment. This can lead you to fail the class for not achieving an overall score of 60%. Not completing homework will affect your final rank/grade. It is advisable to complete all assignments.

Attendance and Participation (10%)

Students are expected to arrive on time for class, participate in class and be prepared with all of their materials. Students who have unexcused absences, arrive late, are unprepared for class, or do not actively participate will not receive full points for this grade. Teachers may have additional requirements for participation. Please consult your teacher for further details.

Grade Scale

Students' letter grades are determined using the standard SeoulTech grading curve. The grading system compares each student's score with the scores of all other Practical English Conversation students taught by the same teacher. For example, if a teacher has a total of five Practical English Conversation classes, all of the students in those five classes are put together into one combined group for grading. The students are then ranked and assigned grades based on university standards. Grades are assigned based on a maximum average of a 3.3 grade point average for the combined classes. A+= 4.5, A0= 4.0, B+= 3.5, B0= 3.0, C+= 2.5, C0= 2.0, D+= 1.5, D0= 1.0, F= 0.0. Assignment of letter grades of A+ through B0 will be based on student ranking. Please take note that a grade of C+, C0, D+, D0, or F is determined by their overall score in the course by the percentages listed below.

Grade	A+ ~ B0	C+	C0	D+	D0	F
All sections combined	Student ranking	75~79.99%	70~74.99%	65~69.99%	60~64.99%	Below 60%

Class Schedule

Lesson	Topics
1	Class orientation and introduction
2	Module 1: Small Talk
3	
4	
5	Module 1 Assessment
6	Module 2: Expressing Opinions
7	
8	
9	
10	Module 2 Assessment
11	Module 3: Story Time/Open Module



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15	Module 3 Assessment

Email communication protocol

Students are encouraged to contact their professor with any concerns or questions that they have about class. Students either may contact him or her through the Moodle website or send an email. Email must use the following protocol:

Students **must** email their professor at **their work email** listed above.

The email subject line (이메일제목) **must** include:

- Student's full name
- Class title and section#
- Student #,

e.g. Choi Yoonju PEC1 11005 01234567

If you **do not** follow this protocol, your professor **may not** read or respond to your email.

Attendance

Unexcused absences affect your attendance grade. In order to have your absence excused, you must submit paperwork to the ILER office in room 115 within one week of your absence. Valid reasons for absences can be found on the ILER website. **Students who miss more than 1/3 of the semester will automatically receive an F for the course in accordance with the SeoulTech attendance policy.**

Plagiarism

All work done in this class must be original work completed by the student. If, for any reason, the instructor believes that you have plagiarized, he or she may fail you for the assignment or for the entire class. This policy not only applies to homework, but also to in-class assignments and formal testing.

**This syllabus is subject to change and/or adjustment at the professor's discretion.*