English Pronunciation & Language Drill

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Class time: Thursday (8:10-10:00; 10:10-12:00)
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Textbooks: Audio/visual materials prepared by the instructor
Website: http://web.ntpu.edu.tw/~ckliu/pronunciation/ntuespeech.htm

Objectives: This course is designed
(1) to enhance students’ listening and presentation abilities in English and
(2) to train the students to elaborate the materials through oral presentations.

Instruction: The materials will be shown in class and students will be asked to do their oral
presentations of various types, ranging from oral presentations to debates. All
students will also be required to transcribe an oral passage posted on the website
each week and repeat the content in class. The materials will be authentic
speeches recorded from all possible media in 3 to 6 minutes. Other than the
recitation of the familiar pieces, the instructor will introduce the skills related to
different types of speech. Newspapers, short stories, or other printed materials
will also be part of the materials.

Grades: Participation and performance in class 40%
Assignments 20%
Midterm 20%
Final 20%

Total 100%

A tentative schedule

2/19 New plans for the new semester; Grouping the students and introducing how to
make presentations
2/26 Strategies in making presentations and practice with suggested patterns
3/5 Applying strategies taught to prepared presentations
3/12 Students’ performance and peer evaluation
3/19 How to convince people? Critical thinking and logical fallacies (1)
3/26 Leave for the US
4/2 How to convince people? Critical thinking and logical fallacies (2)
4/9 Midterm
4/16 Principles and strategies in debating (1)
4/23 Principles and strategies in debating (2)
4/30 Principles and strategies in debating (3)
5/7 Group debate (1) (Prepare the debate in groups)
5/14 Group debate & discussion (2)
5/21 Group debate & discussion (3)
5/28 Group debate & discussion (4)
6/4 Final presentations
6/11 Final presentations