

Conversation 2 for English Majors

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Course Description: this course will provide students with an opportunity to practice reading, listening and speaking, although the main focus will be on speaking. Some grammar and vocabulary from the book, Touchstone 4 will provide the basis for this. Students are STRONGLY encouraged to speak English as much as possible in this class and to work hard to improve their skills.

Assessment:

Attendance =10%. -2% /absence. You can be excused for official things like army service, serious illness, or death in your family. You must bring proper paperwork (I will check). I will not accept paperwork for things that are not serious (example: dentist appointment/ stomach ache/ monthly “woman” problem).

If you miss 5 classes, you will get an “F.” This is official policy.

Late= -1% / class. I will take attendance at the beginning of class. If you are in class before I’m finished doing this, you’re “on time.” If you are more than 20 minutes late, you will be considered “absent.”

Homework =30% (5 x 6%). More information about homework during the semester.

Midterm Exam- speaking =15%

Midterm Exam- grammar/vocab =15%

Final Exam- speaking= 15%

Final Exam- grammar/vocab= 15%

90-100%=A/A+, 80-89%=B/B+, 70-79%= C/C+, 60-69%= D/D+, 59% or below =F (Max. 30% A/A+).

Required Materials:

1. Textbook: Touchstone 4. Only student book, not workbook.
2. Dictionary
3. Notebook
4. Nametag

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introductions + Unit 1

Week 2: Unit 1, continued

Week 3: Unit 3

Week 4: Unit 4

Week 5: Unit 5

Week 6: Review + midterm exam preparation

Week 7: Midterm Exam- speaking

Week 8: Midterm Exam- grammar/vocab

Week 9: Unit 7

Week 10: Unit 8

Week 11: Unit 9

Week 12: Unit 11

Week 13: Unit 12

Week 14: Review + final exam preparation

Week 15: Final Exam- speaking

Week 16: Final Exam- grammar/vocab