



Sharif University of Technology
Languages and Linguistics Center

Minor Program

Spring, 2017



Course: *Speaking and Listening*

Number of Credits: *4 Credits*

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1. Course Description

This course is developed for Science and Engineering students minoring in English at Sharif University of Technology.

2. Course Objectives

The main objective of this course is to help students boost up their speaking and listening proficiency. To achieve this purpose, students will be exposed to several types of speaking and listening topics. In the meantime, students are expected to write reflective diaries during the term and keep them in their portfolio.

3. Scoring Criteria

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| a) Active Classroom Participation | 2 points |
| b) Presentation | 3 points |
| c) Assignments | 5 Points |
| d) Final Exam | 10 points |

4. Required Texts and Articles

- Instructor's video and audio files along with some texts.

5. Course Schedule

Sessions	Saturday	Tuesday
Introduction	Ice-breaking session	Survey and Discussion
Feminism	Videos: <i>Family Guy</i> <i>Modern Family SNL</i> <i>The Big Bang Theory</i>	Story and Play: <i>The story of an Hour</i> & <i>A Doll's House</i>
Globalization Corporations &	Videos: <i>YouTube Clips</i> & <i>Family Guy</i>	Reading an essay from <i>The Huffington Post</i>
Racism	Videos: <i>South Park</i> & <i>Inside Amy Schumer</i>	Short Stories: <i>So what are you, anyway!</i> (Lawrence Hill) <i>I see you never</i> (Ray Bradbury) <i>The Big Black and White Game</i> (Ray Bradbury)
Religion	Videos: <i>Family Guy</i> & <i>The Big Bang Theory</i>	Short Story: <i>Young Goodman Brown</i> (Nathaniel Hawthorne) & Excerpts from <i>Grace</i> (James Joyce)
Tradition	Reading a Short Story: <i>Lottery</i> (Shirley Jackson)	Working on Student's essays
Tolerance of cultures	Watching clips from <i>Carnage</i> , <i>South Park</i> and <i>The Big Bang Theory</i>	Reading Excerpts from <i>Carnage</i> (Text)
Internet Etiquette	Videos: <i>South Park</i> Short Story: <i>Life of an Internet Troll</i>	Reading 2 essays on Cyber ethics and discussion about Dark net

war	Videos: <i>The Kite Runner</i> <i>The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas</i>	Short Story: <i>The Oldman at the Bridge</i> & Excerpts of <i>The Kite Runner</i>
Summarization	Reviewing and re-watching some crucial materials	Reviewing and re-reading some crucial materials
Students' presentations		

E-mail Policy

Students are expected to have academic e-mails and **check their e-mails** each session before the class starts in case handouts are sent to them or specific instructions are given for the class.

Office Hours and Appointment Policy

I will be available during my office hours pasted on my office door. If you have some schedule conflict and cannot meet me during my schedule time, you can e-mail me to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient alternate time. Please contact me at least two days before the appointment time.