

**Course title: Discussion of Hot Topics and Current Events****Date: April 17, 2021 , 18:30-21:00, Every Saturday, eight week course.****Instructor: Jason (Jay) Kies****課程介紹 Course Introduction :**

This will be a discussion and conversation based English course. We will provide the tools and atmosphere to give the students a proficiency in English related to current events and hot topics. Each class will feature discussion and vocabulary of an article of a relevant topic or issue.

教材：A handout will be given to students each week containing an article and vocabulary.

參考書籍：

**課程目標 Course Goal :**

1. Provide Students with a class handout every week and discuss related terms.
2. Give each student ample time to practice English discussion and conversation.
3. Provide the tools and atmosphere to build situational English conversational skills.
4. Provide a fun and stress-free environment for students to share ideas.
5. A student assessment will be given on the last class of the course.

週數 Week	日期 Date	課程進度 Process	內容 Content
1	April 17	- Topic – Society - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
2	April 24	- Topic – Health - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
3	May 1	- Topic – Domestic News - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
4	May 8	- Topic – International - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
5	May 15	- Topic – Offbeat News - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
6	May 22	- Topic – Trends/Fashion - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
7	May 29	- Topic – Science - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage
8	June 5	- Topic – Uplifting News - Introduction of article	- Read and Discuss article - Explain vocabulary and usage Assessment學習評量(至少一小時)

## Student Assessment

1. What does “offbeat news” mean?
2. Explain two different meanings of the word “domestic”.
3. Do you think most news today is uplifting or disheartening?
4. What are some societal issues in Taiwan that we mentioned during the semester?
5. Do you prefer to read international or domestic news? Why?
6. Can you think of any retro-fashion trends?
7. Did our health topic lead to any healthier changes in your life?