

# English: Bridge – 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Spring

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**Class Meeting Information:** Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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★ This syllabus supplements other university syllabi/information.

## Class Outline:

Students will participate to improve their English communication skills. Typical activities include conversation practice, free fluency activities, listening, writing, and role-plays. Students will engage in learning and skill building of all language areas.

**Class Objectives:** The objectives of this course are for students to:

- (1) gain confidence in speaking English
- (2) learn/practice functional conversational strategies/phrases
- (3) develop listening skills for general understanding/conversation
- (4) develop useful life skills

## Class Materials:

- (1) looseleaf notebook paper; (2) a water-based (水性) marker
- (3) electronic or paper dictionary
- (4) file or binder for handouts **← VERY IMPORTANT!!!**
- (5) handouts (only one set per student)

## Grading Explanation:

### • Class Contribution 1: Attendance – 10%

Students receive 1 point for every class they attend. Also: *missing more than 3 lessons will result in course failure.*

### • Class Contribution 2: Punctuality – 10%

You must come to class ON TIME. Students arriving 5 minutes after class begins will lose points (even 1 second late = late). *An excuse of a late train will not be accepted.* If you have special requirements that keep you from being punctual, you must inform me at the beginning of the semester.

### • Class Contribution 3: Participation – 10%

This grade consists of participation and positive class attitude. It is ALSO about how well students work with others and using ENGLISH in class.

### • Class Contribution 4: Responsibility – 10%

Students must be responsible (as adults) and participate in every lesson. This means **taking responsibility and being a good student!**

pay attention    no sleeping    have a good learning attitude  
actively learn    bring all class materials    complete homework on time  
use the water-based marker    keep file or binder organized  
no smartphones, iPads, or laptops in view (without permission)  
no AI use like ChatGPT, Gemini, etc. (without permission)

### • Homework: 30%

All homework assignments are due when class starts, *so late homework will not be accepted*. Thus: come to class *on time*. **DO NOT DO HOMEWORK IN THE CLASSROOM BEFORE CLASS.** Students doing homework like this, copying homework from others, etc., will receive **ZERO POINTS THAT DAY.**

### • Oral Communication Strategy Quiz: 30%

At the end of the semester students will do an oral communication strategy quiz to show demonstrate that they understand what was taught in class.

### • Confirmation Sheet – 5 points keep or lose from final grade

### Weekly Schedule:

Lesson (and syllabus) changes are possible based on (1) students' understanding of the material, (2) the pace of student in-class interaction, (3) appropriateness and interest in the material, and (4) how serious students are about learning/participating in class.

### Additional Information:

- ✓ Talk to me if you need help (email is OK).
- ✓ Absent students are **still responsible for understanding class information and for doing assigned homework.** The "I did not know about it" excuse does not work. Please be an adult. Act responsibly. Ask your classmates about the lesson you missed or ask me.
- ✓ Lying, cheating, or improper use of AI (in any course) = **course failure.**
- ✓ Following instructions in this class is for YOUR benefit. If you follow instructions, then you will be fine, so let's enjoy our time together! ☺



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