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Office hours: TTH before or after class

or by appointment

**Texts:**

1100 Words You Need To Know, Bromberg and Gordon

Intercultural Competence: Interpersonal Communication Across Cultures, Lustig and Koester (1993)

English Skills Development, Patrie (2000).

That's Not What I Meant, Tannen (1986).

A good paperback dictionary

**Course Objectives:**

This course is designed to help students enhance their understanding and use of the English language. It will include both theoretical and practical applications. Students will be given the opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses in their own fluency in English. This course will also provide an opportunity for students to examine language and communication in context.

**Course Requirements:** Students are expected to complete homework and participate in classroom discussions and presentations. There will be two papers required for this course. The goal for these assignments is to apply the information from class to “real life” situations. Students will attend two communicative events and write up an analysis of each event and its context.

This course will also include a self-guided vocabulary component. Students will work independently to improve their vocabulary with required text. Vocabulary quizzes will occur every two-three weeks and are specified in the course schedule. There will also be one midterm and a final exam.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Participation/Homework	10%
Situation Analysis papers(2)	20%
Vocabulary quizzes	15%
Midterm	25%
Final	30%

Schedule

Aug 26 Introduction

28 What is Communication?

Sept 02 Communication Models (L/K pp. 24-33, 51-59, 67)

- 04 Intercultural Communication and Listening Skills
- 09 What is a language? (L/K Ch.7)
- 11 Language and Identity **Vocab Quiz Week1,2,3**
- 16 Nonverbal Communication (L/K Ch 8)
- 18 Differences in gender
- 23 Intercultural Competence (L/K pp.274-279)
- 25 Stereotypes **(1st Situation Analysis Due)**
- 30 Social Episodes in Context (L/K Ch.11)
- Oct 02 Intercultural Competence **Vocab Quiz Week 4,5,6**
- 07 Cultural variations in discourse
- 09 Conversational Style (Tannen, Ch.1-4)
- 14 Review
- 16 **Midterm**
- 21 Register
- 23 History of English **Vocab Quiz Week 7,8,9**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Situation Analysis Due)**
- 28 Latin and Greek origins
- 30 Technical Vocab
- Nov 04 Figurative language in English
- 06 Form and Meaning Ch.1 and 2 (Patrie)
- 11 Lexical Substitution Ch. 3 and 4 (Patrie)
- 13 Paraphrasing propositions **Vocab Quiz Week 10.11.12**
- 18 Parphrasing discourse Ch. 5 and 6 (Patrie)
- 20 Monologue and dialogue analysis in class
- 25 Paraphrasing in English
- 27 **Thanksgiving**
- Dec 02 catch up day
- 04 Translation in English **VOCAB Quiz Week 13, 14, 15**

Dec 09 Review  
11 **Final**