

Accelerated Speaking and Writing

University of Science and Technology, Beijing

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INSTRUCTOR	Amanda Meier	CLASS TIME	10:00am-11:50am
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OFFICE HOURS	Tuesdays 15:00 – 16:00 Wednesdays 09:30 – 11:30		Sep 15 – Dec 29, 2011

COURSE GOALS

Students will be able to comprehend and use conversational vocabulary in writing and speech. They will be able to express their opinions in complete sentences. They will be able to understand and think critically about a few differences between Chinese and English-speaking cultures. They will be able to decipher and produce some common features of spoken English, such as pronunciation, contraction and stress. They will find and use effective ways to study English outside the classroom on their own. They will make friends and colleagues with their classmates.

TEXTBOOK

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GRADING

Class participation will include in-class discussions, role-plays, debates and attendance. It will also include at least three unannounced quizzes throughout the semester. These cannot be made up. There will be at least three homework assignments, which are to be done individually. There will also be two group projects. Grades will be calculated in the following way:

<i>Grading</i>	<i>Grading Scale</i>
Class Participation and Quizzes: 25%	Excellent 90-100% A
Individual Homework: 15%	Good 80-89% B
Group Projects: 20%	Satisfactory 70-79% C
Final: 40%	Poor 60-69% D
	Fail Below 60% F

SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topics	Assignments Due
1	Sept 15	<i>Introduction</i> Getting to know you Course expectations Discuss Homework #1	
2	Sept 22	<i>Unit 1: McDonald's Business Model</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (page 7)	Homework #1 due Bring a copy of syllabus to class
3	Sept 29	<i>Unit 1: McDonald's Business Model</i> Debating: We're Just Lovin' It (page 7)	
4	Oct 6*** No class due to National Holiday.		
5	Oct 13	<i>Unit 2: Made in China</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 21 & 27) Discuss Homework #2	

6	Oct 20	<i>Unit 3: Recession and Jobs</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 37 & 43) Discuss Midterm Exam	Homework #2 due
7	Oct 27	Unit 3: Recession and Jobs Debate Check-in on Midterm Presentations American Holidays: Halloween	
8	Nov 3	Midterm Exam In-class presentations	In-class presentations due Midterm exam
9	Nov 10	<i>Unit 4: One World, One Ocean</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 52 & 58) Debating: Environment (page 59)	
10	Nov 17	<i>Unit 5: Path to Leadership</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 67 & 73) Discuss Homework #3	
11	Nov 24	<i>Unit 5: Path to Leadership</i> Debating: Education and Leadership (pages 73) American Holidays: Thanksgiving Discuss Interview Project	Homework #3 due
12	Dec 1	<i>Unit 6: Crazy Fans</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 82 & 88)	
13	Dec 8	<i>Unit 6: Crazy Fans</i> Debating: Cult of Celebrity (page 89)	Interview Project due
14	Dec 15	<i>Unit 7: Golden Years</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 97 & 103) Debating: Age and Retirement (page 104)	
15	Dec 22	<i>Unit 8: Are We Safe on the Internet</i> Expressions and Structures to Use (pages 112 & 118) Debating: Loss of Privacy (page 119) Discuss Final Exam	
16	Dec 29	Final Exam American Holidays: Christmas	Final Exam

CLASS RULES

1. Please respect yourself, your classmates, and your teacher.
2. If you don't understand, ask!
3. Come to class and be on time. Frequent tardiness and absence will lower your class participation grade.
4. Be ready to participate; this includes bringing required materials to class (books, handouts, etc.)
5. Late assignments will lose one letter grade for every day they are late.
6. No eating in class. Drinks are ok.
7. Silence your cell phones.