

# English for Postgraduate Students

## Course syllabus

### 1. Teacher's information

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### 2. Basic course information

Course name(Chinese): English for Postgraduate Students

Course name(English): 研究生英语

Course nature: ☒ Public compulsory course ☐ Specialty compulsory course

☐ Distributional    elective course ☐ Free elective course ☐ Practice course

Course category\*: ☐ Academic knowledge course ☒ Method and technique course

☐ Research and exploration course              ☐ Practice and experimentation course

Course code:

Weekly class hours (period): 3              Total class hours (period): 54              Credit: 3

Prerequisite courses: College English

Students' majors: Finance

### 3. Course brief introduction

This course provides postgraduate students with intensive practice in English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translating. Students will learn to use English appropriately as an efficient tool in their daily life and to become more confident language users in communicating with the outside world. Special attention will be paid to the difficulties experienced by Chinese students in learning English.

Cross-cultural understanding and communicative skills will also be incorporated into the repertoire of the course. Besides reading and communicative skills, students will also learn to improve their critical thinking through different classroom activities, such as debates, oral presentations, group discussion, peer review, and so on..

#### 4. Course objective

- To improve students' language skills desperately needed for future life and work;
- To foster students' intercultural awareness and develop cross-cultural communicative skills;
- To broaden students' horizon and help them enhance critical thinking through readings, discussions, and debates.

#### 5. Teaching content and schedule\*

Teaching week	Teaching content, Emphasis and difficulties	Forms of teaching	Extracurricular requirement
1-4	None		
5	Course introduction & activities		
6	Unit 1 Planning your future career 1	Discussion	Listening
7	Unit 1 Planning your future career 2	Discussion	Reading
8	Unit 2 Art of the Table 1	Discussion	Writing
9	Unit 2 Art of the Table 2	Discussion	Oral Practice
10	Unit 4 Love and Marriage 1	Discussion	Listening
11	Unit 4 Love and Marriage 2	Presentations	Reading
12	Mid-term task	Discussion	Writing
13	Unit 5 living a Healthier Life 1	Discussion	Reading
14	Unit 5 living a Healthier Life 2	Discussion	Oral Practice
15	Unit 6 Sanctuary of Fulfillment 1	Discussion	Reading
16	Unit 6 Sanctuary of Fulfillment 2	Discussion	Listening
17-18	Final Exam		

#### 6. Course requirement

Class attendance and homework are mandatory and will form part of a student's grade. Unexcused absences will result in a grade penalty. Students with more than 3 absences will automatically fail the course. Flipped tasks need to be carefully

prepared before class. Class participation includes sharing your ideas and information, asking questions, listening carefully to others when they are speaking, and preparing for the assigned presentations, discussions and other teamwork as well.

## **7. Learners' evaluation policy (Grading Policy)**

Your final grade is based on:

1. Attendance (10%)
2. Quizzes, group projects and homework (20%)
2. Oral participation in class (20%)
3. Final Examination (50%)

## **8. Course resources**

### **TEXTBOOK**

《研究生英语综合教程，上册》，熊海虹，外语教学与研究出版社（2014.4）。

《研究生英语听说教程，上册》，李萌涛，周炳兰，外语教学与研究出版社（2015.4）

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

《金融专业英语阅读》第二版，沈素萍，对外经济贸易大学出版社（2011）。

*The Economist*

*Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Financial Times, etc.*

Handouts

## **9. Other notes**

**Note:**

1. Course categories, the meaning of the four categories are as below:

**Academic knowledge course:** the students are aimed to master fundamental, systematic and first-tier knowledge. (E.g. economics.)

**Method and technique course:** the students are to master specialty-related approaches, techniques and methods. (E.g. SPSS software application)

**Research and exploration course:** the students are to explore and analyze, solve questions independently. Critical thinking skills and research competence are highly stressed. (E.g. Gateway)

**Practice and experimentation courses:** the students are to visit a company, observe and get involved in the practice. (E.g. Internship)

2. On the condition that it is approved by university teaching administration, the teaching content and schedule can be subject to change. But approvals from students are required and students should be notified one week ahead of time. Changes can not alter the overall arrangement of the course schedule.