



Salahaddin University/ Erbil
College of Education- English Department

Course Title: **Conversation**

Course Level: **Bachelor- 3rd Stage students**

Course Language: **English**

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Class Hours: **Sunday 2hrs 10:30 am- 12:30 am, Tuesday 11:30 am- 1:30**

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Course Type: **Compulsory Course**

Course Description

Conversation is regarded as a key to language improvement, through conversations; students will exchange thoughts and ideas. Humans are seen as social creatures, so having conversations with one another will increase their understanding of the world. In this course, the students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. They will communicate verbally and non-verbally by using body language, listen to each other, read in the classroom, and write summaries. By the end of the course students acquire different skills.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course students will:

1. **Be able to** communicate effectively.
2. **Develop** speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.
3. **Acquire** new vocabularies and expressions.
4. **Be** more fluent speakers of English language.
5. **Be prepared** to open conversations with native speakers.
6. **Get** some ICT skills.
7. **Use** language as a tool for cooperation with people.

Course Content & Pedagogical Methods

Week NO.	Subjects	Hours	Pedagogical Methods
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Introduction to Conversation - Studying at University 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecturing & Class Discussion - Brain Storming (Popcorn Technique). - Open discussion within groups (Think, share, and pair).
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Surgery - Conversational Skills & Body Language 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion & Debate - Flipped Classroom (In class poster).
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Happiness - Writing different endings for some stories 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion & Questioning (Using cellphones to find answers as quickly as possible). - Group work
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friendship - Doing an advertisement 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual work (each student describes his/her friend and others will guess the person). - Group work (creating a business environment to make conversations about selling products).
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talents & Experience - Role taking 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion & Debate - Each pair of students will choose a topic to perform.
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self confidence - How to acquire self confidence 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and activity - Power point Presentation
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21st Century Skills - What are the skills? 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion & Argument - In class poster presentation
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social media - One minute talk 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group discussion - Individual work (each student will choose a card and talk about the card for one minute without stopping).
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid-term Examination 		
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How internet changed our life? - Pros & Cons 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class discussion - Flipped classroom (Students create mind maps through posters).
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Values - Individual values 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class discussion - Think, share, and pair.
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wonders of the world - Talk about other wonders of the world 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and brainstorming - Poster presentation
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sport - What is your favorite sport? 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecturing & Group Discussion - In class group presentation
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Music - What is your favorite music? 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group debate - Play your favorite music & talk about it.
Week 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final examination 		

Course Assessment Tools

Assessment Tool	Description	Weight
Class Attendance	Students must attend the class to gain skills of conversation	% 5
Class Activity	Students will participate actively in every session	% 10
Mid Term Exam	Students will have a speaking examination	% 15
Final Exam	Students will have a speaking examination	% 50
Presentations	Students will present the lecture through slides & posters	% 10
Assignments	Every two sessions students will have an assignment	% 5
Reflection & Essay	Students will write their views about the subjects and the facilitator	% 5

Policies

1. All the daily activities and assignments are counted with mid-term and final exams.
2. Submit your assignments due date otherwise they will not be counted.
3. Every lecture you need to be prepared before entering the session, this can be done through reading the pdf s and watching the videos that the facilitator sends to you.
4. Attendance is mandatory; the facilitator is not responsible for missing the required subjects. In sensitive cases, email your facilitator a day before the session.

Curriculum Mapping

Subjects	Week	LO	Assessment Tool	Pedagogical Method
An Introduction to Conversation Studying at University	1	1,2,3,4,5	Class Activity (%10)	Lecturing & Class Discussion Brain Storming (Popcorn Technique) Open discussion within groups (Think, share, and pair)
Plastic Surgery Conversational Skills & Body Language	2	1,2,3,4,5, 7	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Discussion & Debate Flipped Classroom (In class poster)
Happiness Writing different endings for some stories	3	1,2,3,4, 5, 7	Class Activity (%10) Assignment (%5)	Discussion & Questioning (Using cellphones to find answers as quickly as possible). Group work
Friendship Doing an advertisement	4	1,2,3,4,7	Class Activity (%10) Assignment (%5)	Individual work (each student describes his/her friend and others will guess the person). Group work (creating a business environment to make a conversation about selling products).
Talents & Experience Role taking	5	1,2,3,4,5, 7	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Discussion & Debate Each pair of students will choose a topic to perform.
Self confidence How to acquire self confidence	6	1,2,3,4,6, 7	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Discussion and activity Power point Presentation
21 st Century Skills What are the skills?	7		Class Activity (%10) Assignment (%5)	Discussion & Argument In class poster presentation
Social media One minute talk	8	2,3,4,5,7	Class Activity (%10)	Group discussion Individual work (each student will choose a card and talk about the card for one minute without stopping).
Mid- term Examination	9		Exam (%15)	
How internet changed our life? Pros & Cons	10	1,2,3,4,5, 6,7	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Class discussion Flipped classroom (Students create mind maps through posters).
Values Individual values	11	1,3,4,5,7	Class Activity (%10)	Class discussion Think, share, and pair.
Wonders of the world Talk about other wonders of the world	12	1,2,3,5,6, 7	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Discussion and brainstorming Poster presentation
Sport What is your favorite sport?	13	2,4,6	Class Activity (%10) Presentation (%10)	Lecturing & Group Discussion In class group presentation
Music What is your favorite music?	14	1,2,3,4,5, 6,7	Class Activity (%10)	Group debate Play you favorite music & talk about it.
Final Examination	15, 16		Exam (%50)	

Required Video Links

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ2dmqLg7bM>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilvhdd86zoY>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfiFge1ss5c&t=66s>
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixRBjEW_sFs
5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ocUjtB6-4Q&t=707s>
6. <https://youtu.be/sh9PhMjo8hw>
7. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdOV6qDwOP4&list=RDOdOV6qDwOP4&start_radio=1
8. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= RtUt0RsGMc>

Google Classroom

- You are required to join our Conversation google classroom.
- Watch a you tube tutorial to know how to join.
- The class code and invitation link: f4vfx6j
<https://classroom.google.cpm/c/MzQ0Nzk3N>