

善用科技： 不畏懼疫情，資工英語圓桌 推出遠距教學課

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受新冠肺炎疫情影響，本學期的資工英語圓桌課程調整為遠端學習的方式，順利完成為期十週的英語溝通能力表達課程。因為是第一次採用線上教學的方式，也顧慮到資安的問題，一開始課堂在選擇教學軟體上，師生一起嘗試不同的遠距教學軟體並選擇最適合小班、互動性較高的軟體。

本學期的主題內容豐富，包含科技產品、運動、人生目標、國際新聞、心理學等等。英語助教在設計課程前採用問卷方式調查資工學生較有興趣的主題，提高學生的學習動機和學習成效。學生在課後問卷裡面表示：「我覺得課程的內容很棒」、「謝謝助教每堂課都那麼用心的準備課程內容，每次看到投影片都覺得也太用心，辛苦了。」

學生也不諱言地說有時候需要習慣遠距教學的缺點，例如使用線上教學軟體使用時有時候會有雜音影響，但大致上還是可以克服，而採用線上教學的方式也讓學習不受時間、空間的限制，

可以隨時隨地進行，在非常時期的時候依舊能提升資工學生的英語能力。大部分的學生都一致認為參與此課程之後能增加英語口語能力、增加單字量及更能流暢的用英文分享自身的經驗。

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CS Offered Online English Speaking Course during Covid-19 Pandemic

The Computer Science (CS) Department at National Chiao Tung University (NCTU) offered Online English Communication and Delivery course due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. The course is originally designed for graduate students at the department to practice English speaking abilities, and it usually involves face-to-face interaction between instructors and students. However, the 10-week course went online for the very first time in spring semester in 2020 for safety concerns.

In the beginning of this 10-week course, instructors and students joining this course worked together to try out different suitable online learning platforms for group discussions and interactive class activities. Meanwhile, the importance of online information security was concerned. After several attempts and practices, the classes were finally ready to be switched to long distance learning mode.

Although the course was conducted online for the first time, it was still able to help students to practice speaking English. Students were asked to turn on their web cameras in front of computers and laptops to discuss a variety of different topics such as technology, sports, life goals, international news, and psychology in English. These topics were selected from a pre-class questionnaire conducted by students to investigate their personal interests for better learning outcomes of the course. "I think is the content of different topics is really awesome and I feel appreciated to the instructors who put a lot of efforts into it.", a student said after participating in the course.

Overall, the first English for Speaking Delivery and Communication online course was completed successfully. Because of its flexibility for learning, improving English oral communication for Computer Science students can happen anytime and anywhere. Despite there are some limitations in remote learning such as connection problems or noises in the background, they can be overcome in general. Furthermore, most of the students increased vocabulary size and became more confident to express their opinions in English after attending this course.

One-on-one English Counseling Service

One-on-one English Counseling Service is available in the Computer Science Department at National Chiao Tung university starting from fall semester in 2019. The service is offered by Selina (Mei-Chun) Liu, who is currently an English teaching assistant in the department. It includes helping Computer Science students to prepare for conference presentations, poster presentations, job interviews, and English proficiency tests.

Qualified candidates who can use this service:

students, faculty staffs, and assistants of the Computer Science Department at NCTU

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