

## INT 2 9 0 Practical Listening of International News

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### Course Description:

Globalization has reached a new phase as CNN became an international household term. Since then world public opinion is often swayed, for better or worse, by influential English-speaking media including CNN, BBC, and The New York Times. Given such circumstances, it is entirely essential for anybody interested in English-oriented professions to be acquainted with issues and topics hotly debated in English-speaking media. This course is designed to explore a variety of issues and perspectives offered in latest international news in major English-speaking media. Students are expected to develop both analytical and practical ability to comprehend latest international news in broadcasting, print, and web journalism. Basic listening and reading comprehension drills will be followed by occasional background briefings highlighting some indispensable concepts in political science, economics, and sociology. Lively discussions are much encouraged, and students will be asked to offer an alternative perspective to ideas and opinions presented in each news material. Attention is also paid to discussing given news topics in terms of its implication for the Japanese context.

### Course Objective:

Students will be expected to:

- 1) develop aural comprehension skills by familiarizing themselves with given news topics;
- 2) improve oral presentation skills by mastering a repertoire of techniques and know-hows;
- 3) make a contribution in substantive discussions by formulating a coherent and persuasive argument;
- 4) broaden their understanding of international news by mobilizing key social scientific theories and hypothesis;
- 5) acquire some basic knowledge and skills for actual interviewing and reporting.

Prerequisites: BE, EAP

Class Materials: CNN, BBC World, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, TIME, Newsweek

### Evaluation/Assessment:

Class contribution	50%
Final exam and/or report	50%
A	90~100
B	80~89
C	70~79
D	60~69
F	below 60

Schedule:

Week 1	Introduction to course
Week 2	Structure of news gathering and reporting
Week 3	Straight news (CNN)
Week 4	Straight news (BBC)
Week 5	Feature stories (CNN, BBC)
Week 6	Print and web media (NYT, WP)
Week 7	continued (The Economist, TIME, Newsweek)
Week 8	continued ( influential news sites on web)
Week 9	Aspects of television interviews (“Fareed Zakaria GPS” on CNN, “60Minutes”on CBS)
Week10	continued (“HARDtalk” on BBC, “Larry King Live” on CNN)
Week 11	Aspects of television discussions (“The Situation Room”on CNN)
Week 12	continued (“This Week”on ABC)
Week 13	Aspects of presidential news conference
Week 14	continued
Week 15	continued

Note: Specific news contents will be subjected to change as news unfold, and accordingly latest news will be prioritized.