

Communication Strategies 1 (CS1)
2022 Syllabus
Classes are delivered on Waseda Moodle on-line

Course Description

In this course, students develop their communication skills through a variety of pair, group, and class activities. Emphasis is placed on developing speaking and listening fluency, important communication structures, and communication strategies. In addition, critical thinking skills and vocabulary are also improved.

Course Goals and Assessment Content

- [G1] Develop speaking fluency and accurate pronunciation
 - provide meaningful information in phrase or sentence
 - read sentences with easy-to-understand pronunciation, stress, and rhythm
- [G2] Learn conversation structures and review relevant grammar
 - identify the conversation structures and understand how to use them
 - use grammar needed for the conversation structures
- [G3] Use appropriate communication strategies
 - apply the communication strategies
- [G4] Critically think scientific and social issues and logically present ideas
 - produce opinions with clear and connected reasons
 - describe things or telling a story in a coherent manner
- [G5] Develop deep knowledge of 2000 word level vocabulary
 - identify collocations of the most frequent 2000 words

Textbook

Communication Strategies 1. Fourth Edition (2017). Tokyo, Japan: DTP Publishers.

Course Schedule

There are five units in the textbook and each unit is covered in 2 weeks

Week 1: Orientation and Unit 1 – Introductions

Week 2: Unit 1 – Introductions

Week 3: Unit 2 – Answering Questions

Week 4: Unit 2 – Answering Questions

Week 5: Unit 3 – Expressing Opinions

Week 6: Unit 3 – Expressing Opinions

Week 7: First Speaking Test-1 / On-Demand Lecture and Assignments-1

Week 8: First Speaking Test-2 / On-Demand Lecture and Assignments-2

Week 9: Unit 4 – Describing Things

Week 10: Unit 4 – Describing Things

Week 11: Unit 5 – Telling a Story

Week 12: Unit 5 – Telling a Story

Week 13: Second Speaking Test / On-Demand Lecture and Assignments-3

Week 14: Second Speaking Test / On-Demand Lecture and Assignments-4

Week 15: Final Test (delivered in each class)

Assessment

The assessment of the course is based on a combination of the following.

- Unit Quizzes (five times)
- Speaking Test (twice)
- Homework Tasks
 - > Pronunciation (twice)
 - > Manuscript Submission (twice)
 - ◇ Expressing opinions (once)
 - ◇ Describing Things/Telling a story (once)
- Final Test

Passing/Failing

In order to pass Communication Strategies 1, students need to meet **BOTH (1) AND (2)**.

- (1) Attendance: The students must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the 12 classes.
- (2) Achievement: The students must achieve three of the five goals (G1 to G5).
 - > To achieve each goal, students must obtain 60% of the goal-total in SPRS (Student Performance Record Sheet).

Grading

The final letter grade is determined by adding the points attained in all the assessments and matching the total score (TS) with the letter grade in the table below.

Final Grade	Total Score (TS) Range
A+	$90 \leq TS \leq 100$
A	$80 \leq TS < 90$
B	$70 \leq TS < 80$
C	$TS < 70$
F	Fail: (1) OR (2) above

Students who wish to question their final grades should make inquiries directly to their course teacher, who will consider each case based on the student's SPRS. Inquiries of this nature can be made until the end of the 7th full day (1 week) after the final grades are released by the Education Office. Once these 7 days have expired, no further grade inquiries will be considered.

Homework and Participation Expectations

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 90 minutes of homework for CS1. The homework includes studying the relevant sections of the textbook, preparing for the next class, learning the vocabulary lists (available at CS1 homepage) as assigned by the teacher. Students should also review the previous class, and prepare for tests.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to uphold fundamental standards of academic honesty consistent with Waseda University regulations. (<http://www.celese.sci.waseda.ac.jp/academic-honesty>)

CS1 Homepage: <http://www.celese.sci.waseda.ac.jp/year1/cs1>