

Course Title: Language Testing and Evaluation

Summer, 2011

Course Code:

Time: 13:30-16:40 (Tue), 9:00-12:10 (Thu)

Place: Rm

Instructors: Hsueh-ying Yu

Course Description:

This course aims to acquaint students with the theory of language testing and assessment as well as the general principles of test construction.. In this introductory class, students are encouraged to participate in class discussion where they learn how to put theory and principles into actual practice. Topics to be covered include

1. the role of testing and assessment in the English curriculum
2. the desirable qualities of tests
3. principles and practice of test construction
4. introduction to standardized tests
5. alternative assessments

Requirement:

Assignments (test construction/evaluation) 70%

Final exam or report 20%

Discussion and presentation 10%

Textbook:

Heaton, John Brian. 1998. *Writing English Language Tests*. London: Longman.

Hughes, Arthur. 2003. *Testing for Language Teachers*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Genesee, Fred and John A Upshur. 1999. *Classroom-based Evaluation in Second Language Education*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Supplementary reading materials.

Tentative Schedule:

07/07 English Teaching Theory and Approaches to Language Testing
(Hughes Chapters 1 & 2, Heaton Chapters 1 & 2)

07/12 Kinds of Test and Testing (Hughes Chapter 3. Heaton Chapter 3)
Validity (Hughes Chapter 4, Heaton Chapter 10);

07/14 Reliability (Hughes Chapters 5 & 6, Heaton Chapter 10)
Stages of Test Development (Hughes Chapter 7)

07/19 Review;
Alternative Assessment (Genesee and Upshur Chapters 5, 6, & 7)

07/21 Testing Reading (Hughes Chapter 11, Heaton Chapter 8)

07/26 Practicum in Test Construction (1)

07/28 Testing Writing (Hughes Chapter 9, Heaton Chapter 9)

08/02 Practicum in Test Construction (2)
08/04 Testing Listening (Hughes Chapter 12, Heaton Chapter 6)
08/09 Practicum in Test Construction (3)
08/11 Testing Oral Ability (Hughes Chapter 10, Heaton Chapter 7)
08/16 Testing Grammar and Vocabulary (Hughes Chapter 13, Heaton Chapters 4 &
5)
08/18 Practicum in Test Construction (4)
08/23 Final Project Presentation
08/25 Final Project Presentation

