1. 授業のねらい・概要

Many linguists claim that learning vocabulary is the greatest single challenge for students of English as a foreign language. However, the typical ESL course focuses on the mastery of sentence patterns, grammar, and communication. As a result, the systematic study of vocabulary items is generally underemphasized. Mastery of vocabulary associated with our daily activities and the global business environment is necessary to achieve meaningful communication, and the primary objective of this course is to familiarize students with such commonly-used vocabulary.

Aims:

- (1) To introduce students to 4,000 words presented in a meaningful context. These words cover key topics such as everyday language, people, family, business, office, home, market, etc.
- (2) To engage students in communication tasks and readings which require them to repeatedly encounter the words and use them in their respective real-world contexts.

2. 授業の進め方

Students will be introduced to the vocabulary of the day, the meaning of each word, and its correct pronunciation. After the introduction, students will complete language tasks, exercises, and readings which use the words. These activities will provide opportunities to encounter the words in their proper contexts.

3. 授業計画

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1. Personal Information	9. Houses and Apartments
2. Family Members	10. Time and the Calendar
3. North America	11. Places around town
4. The World	12. Describing people
5. Everyday Activities	13. Food and the Supermarket
6. The Classroom	14. Restaurant
7. Housing	15. Clothing
8. Countries, Nationalities, and Languages	

4. 到達目標

Upon completing this course, students can expect to have an increased level of confidence in using daily life English in situations which require them to use English in an international setting, or to communicate with native English speakers.

5. 準備学習に必要な時間、又はそれに準じる程度の具体的な学習内容

Students are expected to review the previous lesson as well as overview the next lesson before coming to class. Between classes, it will be beneficial to students if they attempt to use authentic English through reading and listening to various news media sources.

6. 成績評価の方法・基準

Students will be graded on the following criteria:

Speaking 20%
Participation and Effort 30%
Final Exam 50%

7. テキスト・参考文献

The Heinle Picture Dictionary, Second Edition. National Geographic.

8. 受講上の留意事項

Enjoy learning some useful words. Four thousand words is a lot to master in one year. However, the goal of this course is to familiarize you with some useful words for daily conversation.