

TAMKANG ENGLISH

專題報導

Campus English

To help the Tamkang community(1) integrate(2) English into ev-eryday life, here we will offer some English that is useful specifically for(3) life on a university campus. In this issue(4) we use an imaginary(5) conversation between an American student named Jason and a Taiwanese student named Alex in one of Tamkang's school cafeterias(6). The American, Jason, is in Tamkang studying Mandarin Chinese(7) for one year. He and Alex are doing a language exchange, and we are listening in(8) on their first English conversation.

Jason : So(9) Alex, what's your major(10)?

Alex : I'm an Information and Library Science(11) major. How about you?

Jason : Back at my home university in the US, I'm an Asian Studies(12) major. By the way, what year are you(13)?

Alex : I'm sorry. I'm not sure what you mean.

Jason : There are four years for a university undergraduate student(14), right? If you are studying in your first year, you are a freshman. If it's your second year, you're called a sophomore. Third year students are juniors and the fourth and final year is called senior year. So, for example, I can say things like: " My junior year in university was the most enjoyable year for me."

Alex : Thanks. That's useful to know.

Jason: It is. Probably the two most frequent(15) questions that are asked when university students meet each other for the first time are:

" What year are you?" And " What's your major?"

Alex: By the way, to answer your original question, I'm a sophomore. And what year are you?

Jason: I'm a junior. So, you could say I am here in Taiwan for a junior year abroad.

1. community: 社區; 社團; 團體。Tamkang community: 淡江大學校園社區。
2. integrate: v. 整合; 融入。(名詞為integration, 形容詞為integrative)。
3. useful specifically for...: 對...特別有用。
4. issue: (雜誌、期刊的) 一期(這個字另外常用的重要含義為: 議題、問題)。
5. imaginary: adj. 想像的(動詞為imagine, 名詞為imagination)。
6. cafeteria: n. (機關團體或學校裡附設的) 餐廳; 自助餐廳(一般的餐廳叫restaurant)。
7. Mandarin Chinese: 中文(指國語, 常簡稱為Mandarin)。
8. listen in: 偷聽。
9. so: conj. 那麼...
10. major: n. 主修(這個字也是動詞, 後面跟著介詞in: I major in Information and Library Science 我主修資訊與圖書館); 主修...的學生。
11. Information and Library Science: 資訊與圖書館(學)。
12. Asian Studies: 亞洲研究。
13. What year are you?: 你是幾年級?
14. undergraduate student: 大學部學生(研究生叫 graduate student)。
undergraduate這個字常當名詞使用, 意思就是大學部學生(你可以說: I am an undergraduate. 我是大學部學生); 這個字也可當形容詞, 意思就是大學部的, 如 undergraduate student 裡它就當形容詞用。undergraduate student這個詞跟註

7的 Mandarin Chinese 的構詞是一樣的。

15. frequent : adj. 經常的 (名詞叫frequency, 經常; 頻率) 。