

# Special English Class (S3)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Semester 2006

**Course Number:** ENGLISH S3 681  
**Theme:** Issues, songs and discussion  
**Instructor's name:** MELANIE TAYLOR

### Key Words

Issues, songs and discussion

### Course Aims and Objectives:

To increase enjoyment of English use and promote further interest in studying the language through magazine and news articles, songs, and various topics for discussion. To increase vocabulary related to a range of topics. To develop English skills and idiomatic grammar usage for discussion and self expression. To gain a better awareness of culture, issues, and ideas through discussion.

### Course Content:

The four skills of speaking, writing, reading and listening will be developed through activities related to a different articles and songs introduced each week.

The discussion topics and songs will be chosen to suit the interests of the class members, so students are encouraged to make requests regarding the selection of materials to be used.

Students will discuss issues about the themes introduced, and will develop English communication and comprehension skills.

### Information for Students:

Students will be required to actively participate in discussion, so students should expect to work intensively at improving their self expression and communication abilities. Reading and writing assignments will be given. Song lyrics will be studied rather than listening comprehension of songs.

### Class Rules

This class will be conducted in English, and all students are required to use only English during class time. As most of the class is based around active discussion, if you are more than 20 minutes late you will be marked absent. All homework must be completed .

### Textbook Information:

No text required. Handouts will be given in each class. Students should bring a lined B5 notebook and a clip folder for handouts to every class

### Assessment:

Course grades will be determined on the basis of classroom attendance, effort, and active participation in all lesson activities (50%) as well as the results of a final test (25%) and the marks received for written homework assignments and quizzes (25%).