

Meeting 03 • 05 April 2011

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Today • my deadline page

*all present*

*Handout includes*

numbers in ( ) = minutes planned for activity/ topic  
 ✓ = topic / activity that was adequately dealt with during the class  
 + = topic needs more attention & will be resumed at next / subsequent meeting(s)  
 - = a topic / activity that was proposed but not carried out (but will be taken up later)  
 N = a topic / activity that was proposed but not included / is not going to be taken up after all  
*Red italic text like this = comments after the meeting*

*038g (trisection)  
 040 Oral Exams -  
 Useful Suggestions  
 039 Self-Appraisal  
 of Speaking  
 Proficiency*

	Main topic(s): Introduction to Assessment; the FL and AL Cultures
	(5) Review of previous meeting: main points; thoughts in the meantime?
	(5) (possibility a regular feature:) assessment in the news! Recent newspaper items. Discussion of WebCAPE in WLL: allow as proof of meeting language requirement? give (some, much) credit?
	(10) Media clips: failing a German Coast Guard ESL test; failing a German high-school Shakespeare & ESL test; to sample the larger collection of such (caution advised), go to my language-related media page.
	(30) ACTFL Guidelines (speaking and writing) - general issues (history, structure, criticism). Guestimate levels of learners you have encountered. Some bibliography (some just abstracts, due to © issues: Liskin-Gasparro (2003), history and survival of Guidelines (0390abs); Fischer (1984), on testing and curriculum in GER 10X (0054); Swender (2003), answers to real-world questions (0391abs)
	(15) The OPI (media clips) - structure, examiner stance, question types
	(10) Estimating some levels of English proficiency from informal samples:  Big Crush • Devard • French Organist • German Early Musicians  Gudrun • Hass 01 • Hass 02 • Hass 03 • Italian Conductor  Rosie-Grace Marie • Uchida • VandeGraf
	(10) backgrounds and professional interests of instructor; embarrassing example of one of his old tests (0347), for which he pleads the excuses of youth and lack of training
	(10) Announcements (WBF schedule - IAC, Street Scene), debriefing and summation

Upcoming class meetings

12 & 19 April: structure of OPI; role-play situations; writing up the evaluation

Upcoming assignment(s)

This section offers a PREVIEW, not activated assignments. Assignments are made, with announcement of their deadlines, both in class and on the "schedule" page. The next topic (week 2, 5 & 7 April) is "Language 'gold standards': ACTFL Guidelines, the standards and test instruments of the European Union and ~~••?? and the TOEFL Test~~. Also information about where to find other widely-circulated tests. The FL participants will get an assignment that emphasizes ACTFL Guidelines; ~~••?? the AL participants will get one that focuses on the TOEFL~~. All participants will rate themselves (or someone else) on the ACTFL scale, by comparison to its profiles. ~~••?? All participants will examine items from the TOEFL test.~~

Announcements

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Misc.

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