The English Programs of Faculty of Humanities

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We have been teaching English to the 1st-year-students of Faculty of Humanities for 25 years since 1989, when the new faculty started. The English programs of the faculty were greatly changed from 20 credits for ten English classes of 1 hour and a half per week to 8 credits in 1993, based on general principles of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. In 2000 the new department of Environmental Society started in addition to that of Humanities. In 2003 the department of Humanities was divided into two—Media and Society, and Culture and Expressions. In 2009 the names of the three departments were changed into the General Course of Humanities with five courses—Modern Culture and Expressions, Modern Society and People, Japan and Asia, Future Environment, and International Communication.

Under the reorganization of the faculty, we have been seeking a better approach of the English programs for the students. This report is mainly described about the English programs after 2009, when the programs were drastically changed. Two English classes of 1 hour and a half per week were changed into four English classes of 45 minutes. Two of them are the programs of classroom English based on the textbook, Easy Writing. The textbook includes the materials of short reading, listening, basic grammar and writing. The students practice listening and writing, and grammar. They are given the examinations of 5-minute Grammar Check and a writing assignment of each unit. The other two classes are the extensive reading programs. They read as many books as possible without dictionaries in the reading room, where there are over 1,000 books of different levels, rewritten based on the graded method.

The English abilities of the students are developing gradually and steadily for one year, which is shown the result of G-TELP (General Tests of English Proficiency).

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