

## Listening and Speaking, 2<sup>nd</sup> sem 2023/24

### Ted Talk analysis and comment: Audio-visual recording

For this graded assignment you are required to produce an audio-visual recording in which you analyse and comment on one of the three Ted Talks listed below. Each talk is accompanied by a worksheet which is designed to help you focus on the subject and prepare the information you will need for your recording. You may need to watch the talk you choose a number of times in order to complete the worksheet. You should also read around the topic so that you can provide your own opinion in the recording and not simply summarise what the speaker has said. Although all the videos provide subtitles and an English transcript which may help with comprehension, you are advised to develop your listening skills without resorting immediately to these aids since you can watch and listen as many times as you like.

Your recording should be approximately four minutes long. You can film yourselves using a smartphone, the recording function on GMeet or any other option that guarantees a good-quality audio-visual recording. Please ensure that you have a tidy, suitably neutral background with no distracting features. Also check that you are well-framed and well-lit on the screen. Your webcam should be slightly above eye level and you should look directly at it when you are recording. Sit upright on your chair and limit any distracting mannerisms such as excessive hand and body movements. Your recording should appear to be as natural as possible so you should avoid preparing a text and reading it as your voice will lose its spontaneity.

Your mark will be based on the following criteria:

- organisation of information and signposting
- commentary and analysis of content
- evidence of critical thinking
- appropriate lexis
- grammatical and pronunciation accuracy
- appropriate pace of delivery

The deadline for this assignment is **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. . Your recording must be uploaded to a folder which I will share with you on Google Drive. Marks will be posted on Moodle according to matriculation number and will be averaged with the other three course assignments (Discussion, Presentation and Listening Test) to calculate your final grade for the Listening and Speaking course.

You will find the three worksheets with instructions for the videos that have been selected for this assignment on MOODLE. Read through the information they contain to gain an idea of the topics and then watch the videos in order to choose one for your assignment.