

# The Integration Way of College English Teaching and "Curriculum Ideological and Political Education"

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**Abstract:** With the development of national education, the teaching of English majors in colleges and universities should be combined with moral education to realize its basic mission of moral education. The reformation of English curriculum in colleges and universities should not only inherit our moral tradition, but also give consideration to the humanity and instrumentality of English teaching, and highlight the comprehensive development of English teaching. English teachers should base themselves on the content of English courses, fully explore the connotation of moral education, strengthen students' cultural self-confidence, closely link English teaching with real life, and broaden students' horizons and knowledge with the help of emotional training. Meanwhile, universities should strengthen teacher education, explore teaching resources, innovate teaching methods, and reform evaluation mechanisms. It is to promote the innovation of college English teaching, strengthen students' ideological and political education and promote students' comprehensive development.

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## Introduction

General Secretary, Jinping Xi pointed out that ideological and political work should be carried out throughout education and teaching, with moral education as the center. Moreover, comprehensive education should be realized so that all disciplines and ideological or political work can develop simultaneously and form a joint force. College English is a comprehensive subject, which plays an important role in cultivating and improving the ideological and political quality of young college students. In college English teaching, English and ideological and political education should be organically linked. Apart from instilling knowledge and skills in students, we should also actively publicize China's excellent traditions, fully display our nation's profound cultural heritage, and give them positive guidance. It is to enhance students' cultural confidence and inspire their patriotism. Therefore, it is of great practical significance to study the integration of college English teaching and curriculum ideological and political education.

## 1. Overview of "Ideological and Political Education in Curriculum"

"Ideological and political education in the curriculum" is not a special subject, but it is a concept of education and teaching. Its fundamental meaning is that all disciplines in colleges and universities have the dual functions of imparting knowledge, cultivating ability, and carrying out ideological and political teaching, which has played a very good role in promoting the cultivation of college students' values. "Ideological and political education in the curriculum" still belongs to a mode of thinking. In the teaching process, teachers should consciously, purposefully, and effectively carry out ideological and political education for students.

## 2. The importance and possibility of the integration of college English teaching and "ideological and political course"

College English is a required course in domestic colleges and universities. Its purpose is to improve college students' basic knowledge and skills of the English language, to know about the society and culture of English-speaking countries, and

to improve their cross-cultural communication level. In traditional college English teaching, English teachers often focus on basic English teaching and comprehensive application of English so that they neglect the ideological and political education of students. The era of colleges and universities is the key stage for the formation, development, and maturity of college students' moral consciousness. During this period, western ideology and culture flooded into colleges and universities through movies, the internet, books, media, and other forms, which had a great impact on college students' moral judgment. The integration of college English and "ideological and political education in the curriculum" can help college students accurately identify western culture, refine its essence and remove its flaws. It is to establish correct values. The possibility of integrating "ideological and political education in the curriculum" in college English is reflected in the following aspects. First, the humanistic characteristics of college English such as cultivating patriotism promotes the comparison of cultural differences among different nationalities. And, it is highly integrated with moral education in colleges and universities. Second, college English course has the characteristics of long duration, popularity and comprehensive content, which can form a good cooperative relationship with ideological and political work in colleges and universities. Third, a large number of English teachers can provide strong teacher support for students' ideological and political work.

### **3. The integration path of college English teaching and "course ideological and political education"**

#### **3.1 Expand the "second classroom" to improve the effectiveness of ideological and political teaching.**

Firstly, it should take major English competitions as an opportunity to improve the effectiveness of ideological and political teaching. At present, there are some influential English competitions in China, which are the National English Speech Competition, the national English contest for college students, and the FLTRP Cup National English Debate Competition. In order to organize college students to participate in competitions, the organizing committee of the competition should cooperate effectively with universities. The comprehensive application of college students' English can be promoted through the contests. Their cultural quality can be enhanced and their correct values can be formed. And then, it should strengthen the pertinence of ideological and political work based on the school level in colleges and universities. As the main place for college students to carry out ideological and political work, we should actively expand the "second classroom" of English teaching. Moral education in colleges and universities should be combined with the interests and preferences of college students to achieve synergy and improve the teaching effect. For example, holding an English speech contest and an English knowledge contest with Jinping Xi's important speech as the main content can help students understand Jinping Xi's thought of "governing the country", elevate their life ideal to the height of revitalizing the country and the national cause, and make college students work harder for China's dream. Finally, it should take the new media as the carrier to improve the real-time performance of ideological and political work. In our social background, our elders and juniors, teachers, and students all have a psychological sense of distance, which makes it more difficult for us to communicate with students. With the help of new media, students can open their hearts and express their ideas. Therefore, college English teachers should set up WeChat groups and QQ groups according to students' specific conditions, and expand the "second classroom" into the new media environment.

#### **3.2 Improve teachers' ideological and political awareness and ability.**

To organically combine "ideological and political education in the curriculum" with English education, it is crucial to improve the ideological and political ability and awareness of English teachers. Teachers' ideological and political awareness means that in the process of college English teaching, teachers should earnestly understand and support the great significance of "ideological and political education in the curriculum", consciously and correctly understand and support the theory of socialism with Chinese characteristics in English classes, especially under the guidance of Jinping Xi's thought of socialism

with Chinese characteristics in the new period, strengthen patriotism education for college students, and make them move forward in the direction of Chinese dreams. College English teachers should constantly strengthen their moral construction, actively set an example for moral education, and earnestly practice the socialist core values. Teachers' ideological and political ability refers to consciously, purposefully and effectively carrying out students' ideological and political work in teaching activities.

### 3.3 College English textbooks and curriculum reformation

As an important part of the curriculum, English textbooks and curriculum systems must be improved to organically integrate ideological and political education with English teaching. The language materials used in English textbooks can be appropriately added with the knowledge of Chinese traditional culture, economy, history, etc., and can also make some simple explanations for Chinese historical and modern heroes. In the homework section after class, we will arrange some themes about the comparison between Chinese and western cultures for students to discuss. This can not only enhance students' cultural self-confidence, but also have a better understanding of their national cultural origins, and fundamentally clarify the cultural ties between their nation and other nations. It expands students' learning field and enhances their ability to distinguish right from wrong. Today, with the rapid development of information technology, college students can get a lot of information from different channels.

## 4. Summary

To sum up, college English is not only a subject to enhance college students' English application ability, but also a subject to promote a socialist culture with Chinese characteristics. Therefore, college English teachers should change their way of thinking and integrate "ideological and political education" with college English teaching. To this end, they should actively expand "second class", improve teachers' ideological and political education quality and consciousness, and reform college English textbooks and courses. It is to truly integrate "ideological and political education" with English teaching and improve college students' comprehensive quality.

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