

Identification	Subject	ENGL 103 AcademicEnglish-4 KU/8 ECTS	
	Department	English Language and Literature Department	
	Program (Undergraduate, Graduate)	Undergraduate	
	Term	Fall 2026	
	Instructor	Aytan Jafarova	
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	Classroom/hours	Tuesday: 09:00 a.m – 11:50 a.m Thursday: 09:00 a.m – 11:50 a.m	
Prerequisites	English Foundations-2 (ENGL 102)		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory		
Textbooks and course materials	- Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking by Mari Vargo, Laurie Blass and Kristin Sherman, National Geographic 2025 - Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking by Becky Tarver Chase, Kristin L. Johansen, Paul MacIntyre, National Geographic 2025 - Focus on Vocabulary 1, Diane Schmitt, Norbert Schmitt, David Mann, 2019 Pearson Education, 2011 - Keynote Intermediate by Paul Dummet, Helen Stephenson and Lewis Landsford, 2015		
Course description	The course focuses on 3 essential language skills (listening, speaking and reading; writing will get less attention because it is the focus of a separate course) and contributes to their development in an integrated way. Students learn to communicate both in spoken and written forms on a variety of topics. English proficiency level of CEFR B1+ is achieved.		
Course objectives	At the end of the semester, SWBAT: • read passages on various topics and understanding their meanings • listen to real-life dialogues and acting them out • learn new vocabulary in context		
Learning Outcomes	At the end of the semester, students will: • be confident in communicating in English • express their opinions both in written and spoken forms • talk on a variety of topics		
Teaching methods	Case analysis		x
	Group discussion		+
	Lecture		x
	Simulation		+
Evaluation Criteria	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	TBA	30
	Quizzes		8
	Extensive Reading		10
	Activity		5
	Video (Podcast)		7
	Attendance		5
	Final Exam	TBA	35

	Total		100
Assessment	Extensive Reading. Extensive reading is an essential part of language development and will be a continuous component throughout the semester. Students are expected to engage in both individual reading (selected graded readers or instructor-approved texts) and group reading activities (in-class discussions, literature circles, or group projects based on shared reading materials). The goal is to build reading fluency, expand vocabulary, and develop a deeper understanding of language in context. Students will be assessed on their engagement, comprehension, and participation through various means such as reading logs, reflection tasks, group presentations, and class discussions. This component will contribute a total of 10 points to the final grade. Video (podcast). Students record a video podcast discussing any academic subject of their own choice relevant to their disciplines, in their mobile phones for five minutes. The recorded works can be displayed in the classroom and accordingly evaluated on their fluency, content, creativity, vocabulary and structure. Up to 8 points can be earned from this component as part of the overall course assessment. Vocabulary Quizzes. Throughout the semester, students will be introduced to a wide range of vocabulary, including new words, expressions, and idiomatic language. To assess their understanding and retention, students will complete regular vocabulary-based tasks and quizzes. These may include matching exercises, sentence completion, contextual usage, and flashcards. The quizzes are designed to evaluate not only recognition but also appropriate and accurate usage of vocabulary in context. A total of 8 points will be allocated to this component over the course of the semester. Class Participation and Activities. Active participation is a key element of language learning. Throughout the semester, students are expected to engage consistently in all class activities, including pair work, group discussions, role-plays, games, presentations, and other communicative tasks. Students will be assessed on their level of involvement, willingness to communicate in English, collaboration with peers, and overall contribution to a positive classroom environment. Regular attendance, preparation for lessons, and active engagement will be essential to earn full points in this category. This component accounts for 10 points of the final grade.		
Disciplinary Policy	Attendance (Lateness): Attendance is important. Absences can be detrimental to one's grade due to the number of class activities (presentations and class participation) and complexity of the subject. For every three unexcused absences one (1) point will be deducted from the grade point average. More than 16 unexcused absences is excessive. Free participation is discouraged. Missed exams or assignments: Advance notification should be given if the student is unable to attend a scheduled presentation or test. Full class participation and completion of assigned homework are necessary. Academic Dishonesty: Any plagiarism while studying will be severely penalized, including the possibility of receiving a non-pass for the course. Reference should be given to the sources used in one's work. However, any research paper consisting of references and citations only, without further analysis by the student, will not be acceptable either. Cheating during the tests will be penalized including the possibility of a zero mark on the test. AI Policy: Students may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to support their learning, brainstorming, and revision, unless otherwise specified for a particular assignment. However, students are responsible for ensuring that their submitted work reflects their own understanding and effort. Any use of AI tools must be appropriately acknowledged or cited when required. Students should not use AI to generate or complete assignments		

when the instructor has explicitly prohibited its use. Misrepresenting AI-generated work as entirely one's own may be considered a violation of academic integrity.

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1	15.09.2026 17.09.2026	UNIT 1 SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS /Behavioral Science Reading 1 What Are They Thinking? Video The Secret Lives of Orangutans Reading 2 Gender in the Wild Vocabulary Extension Compound Nouns; <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> SHOPPING PSYCHOLOGY Behavioral Science / Psychology Lesson A A Look at Consumer Behavior Video The Secrets of Shopping Lesson B How to Plan a No Buy Year* Speaking & Pronunciation -Use Tag Questions -Participate in a Group Discussion -Primary Stress in Words Grammar & Vocabulary -Review of Conditionals -Participial Adjectives Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Shopping Centers of the Future Option 2 Present Shopping Tips	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
2	22.09.2026 24.09.2026	UNIT 2 SCIENCE AND INVESTIGATION Technology/Genetics Reading 1 Tech Detectives Video Secrets in the Ice Reading 2 Face to Face with the Past Vocabulary Extension -ist; Changing Nouns into Adjectives with -al and -ial <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> IT'S IN MY DNA Biology / Genetics Lesson A Is Personality Determined at Birth ?* Video Science 101: Genetics Lesson B DNA and Career Choice Speaking & Pronunciation -Express Degrees of Certainty -Plan a Slide Presentation	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

		-Final Consonants -t and -d Grammar & Vocabulary -Use Say, Tell, Talk, and Discuss -Word Parts Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Your Personality Traits Option 2 Present on the Personality Traits for a Specific Career	
3	29.10.2026 01.10.2026	UNIT 3 CITY SOLUTIONS Sociology/Urban Studies Reading 1 Living on an Urban Planet Video Farming Underground Reading 2 A City Up Against the Wall Vocabulary Extension Expressions with income; Compound Adjectives <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> ON THE MOVE Sociology Lesson A Human Migration* Video What Ellis Island Means Today Lesson B Brain Drain Speaking & Pronunciation -Refer to Numbers and Statistics -Acknowledge and Express Opinions -Recognize Linking Grammar & Vocabulary -Adjective Clauses - Context Clues Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Migration Patterns of the Future Option 2 Present a Research Report	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
4	06.10.2026 08.10.2026	UNIT 4 DANGER ZONES Earth Science Reading 1 Sensing Disaster Video Hurricanes 101 Reading 2 Yellowstone's Smoking Bomb Vocabulary Extension Changing Nouns and Adjectives into Verbs with -en; Changing Nouns and Adjectives into Verbs with -ize <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> PEOPLE AND THE PLANET Earth Science Lesson A A Unique Landscape* Video I Am Red	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

		Lesson B Tourism for a Changing World Speaking & Pronunciation -Express Agreement and Disagreement -Use Images -Determine Which Word to Stress Grammar & Vocabulary -Passive Voice -Online Resources Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Tourism in Greenland Option 2 Present a Geological Landscape	
5	13.10.2026 15.10.2026	UNIT 5 THE TRAVEL BUSINESS Economics/Business Reading 1 The New Face of Tourism Video A Pledge to Palau Reading 2 Geotourism in Action Vocabulary Extension Adjectives and Nouns ending in -ive; Guessing the Meaning of a Word from Its Parts <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> RISE TO THE TOP Business / Career Studies Lesson A A Business Leader I Admire Video That Perfect First Job Lesson B Moving Up in Your Career* Speaking & Pronunciation -Respond Thoughtfully -Pay Attention to Body Language -Vowel Sound /3r/ Grammar & Vocabulary -Indirect Questions -Suffixes Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Top Factors When Looking for a Job Option 2 Present About a Business Leader You Admire	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
6	20.10.2026 22.10.2026	Review session week	
7	27.10.2026 29.10.2026	Midterm exam	
8		UNIT 6 PRODUCT DESIGN Design/Technology Reading 1 For All Humankind Video A Helping Hand	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking

	03.11.2026 05.11.2026	Reading 2 Remote-Controlled Dogs? Vocabulary Extension auto -; Phrasal Verbs back up, stick out, try out <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> DESIGN WITH PURPOSE /Design Lesson A What Is Good Design? Video Designing the Future Lesson B The Design Process* Speaking & Pronunciation -Signal a Result -Encourage Group -Members to Participate -Consonant Clusters with -Three Sounds Grammar & Vocabulary -The Past Perfect -Words with Multiple Meanings Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss the Design of Everyday Items Option 2 Present a Process	Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
9	10.11.2026 12.11.2026	UNIT 7 GLOBAL CHALLENGES/Environmental Science Reading 1 A Need for Change Video The Snow Guardian Reading 2 Eight Steps to a Sustainable Future Vocabulary Extension Expressions with cut; in-, il-, im-, non-, ir-, un- <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> INSPIRED TO PROTECT Environmental Sciences Lesson A Fighting Environmental Fatigue Video Three Seconds Lesson B Hope for the Future* Speaking & Pronunciation -Explain with an Analogy -Speak Persuasively -Commonly Confused, Consonant Sounds Grammar & Vocabulary -Phrasal Verbs -Word Maps Final Tasks Option 1 Persuade Others to Act Option 2 Create and Present a Video About an Environmental Project	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

10	17.11.2026 19.11.2026	UNIT 8 MEDICAL INNOVATIONS Health/Medicine Reading 1 A World of Pain Video Nanotechnology Reading 2 The Future of Medicine Vocabulary Extension Synonyms; Acronyms and Initialisms <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> TRADITIONAL AND MODERN MEDICINE Health / Medicine Lesson A Plant-Based Medicines* Video Medicine in the 19th Century Lesson B The Placebo Effect Speaking & Pronunciation -Ask for Clarification -Handle Questions -Linking Vowel Sounds with /y/ and /w/ Grammar & Vocabulary -Adverb Clauses of Reason and Purpose -Word Chunks Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Common Remedies from the Kitchen Option 2 Report on an Experience with Positive Thinking	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
11	24.11.2026 26.11.2026	UNIT 9 LANGUAGES AND CULTURE Anthropology/Linguistics Reading 1 The Future of English Video The Power of Language Reading 2 A World of Stories Vocabulary Extension mono-, bi-, tri-, multi -; Onomatopoeia <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> UNCOVERING THE PAST Anthropology / History Lesson A Was It a Toy ?* Video History 101: Machu Picchu Lesson B Why Care About Archaeology? Speaking & Pronunciation -Refer to Your Own Experiences -Be a Good Listener -Commonly Confused, Consonant Sounds, Part 2	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

		Grammar & Vocabulary -Modals of Deduction -Synonyms and Antonyms Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss a Time in History Option 2 Present a Historical Mystery	
12	01.12.2026 03.12.2026	UNIT 10 SURVIVAL INSTINCT /Psychology Reading 1 Deadly Summit Video Surviving a Night Outdoors Reading 2 Survival Tips from Experts Vocabulary Extension Expressions with stay; Changing Verbs into Nouns with -ance and -tion	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
13	08.12.2026 10.12.2026	<u>Unit 10</u> <u>LISTENING AND SPEAKING</u> FEELINGS & EMOTIONS Psychology Lesson A Are Emotions Universal ?* Video Guess That Emotion Lesson B How Does It Make You Feel? Speaking & Pronunciation -Refer to Experts -Interact with the Audience -Recognize Weak Forms of Words Grammar & Vocabulary -Used to and Would -Subject-Specific Vocabulary Final Tasks Option 1 Discuss Your Emotional Reactions to Places Option 2 Present About a Color	Pathways 3: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Pathways 3: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking
14	15.12.2026 17.12.2026	Review session week and Quizzes	
15	22.12.2026 24.12.2026	Presentations	
		Final exam	