

Identification	Subject(code, title, credits)	ENGL 103 Academic English 4 KU 8 ECTS
	Department	English Language and Literature
	Program (undergraduate, graduate)	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall, 2023/ 2024
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Prerequisites	ENGL 102 English Foundations 2	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory	
Required textbooks and course materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Total English Intermediate Students' Book by Rachael Roberts, Antonia Clare and JJ Wilson with <i>Active Book plus Vocabulary trainer</i>. Pearson Education Limited 2013 2. New Total English Intermediate Workbook by Antonia Clare and JJ Wilson with Anthony Cosgrove. Pearson Education Limited 2013 3. Richard R. Day & Leslie Ono – Cover to Cover 3, Oxford University Press 4. Tactics for Listening (Expanding), Oxford University Press, by Jack. C.Richards, 2010 	
Course outline	<p>The course is designed for intermediate or pre-advanced students to meet academic university requirements of the English language curriculum. It is aimed at further development of language skills and improving students' ability to communicate in university environment. Authentic materials of the course, fostering educational and cultural values, are integrated with other subjects of general education curriculum. Classes are organized within thematic sections making English both linguistic and educational experience. It promotes individualized and cooperative learning by involving students into an argument and research. Sessions will include the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Readings reflecting scientific and contemporary issues 2. Assimilating new vocabulary in context; recycling of the new vocabulary with the purpose of its better retention 3. Engagement students in tasks which require them to use the target vocabulary 4. Exposing students to varieties of listening materials followed by tasks focused on a particular content area 	
Course objectives	<p>I. Reading and Vocabulary Skills</p> <p>a) Reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. skimming a text to identify the main idea of individual paragraphs and the entire passage; 2. scanning a text for specific information; 3. making inferences from implicit information; 4. recognizing author's opinion; 5. comparing existing knowledge to new information; 6. generalizing and making predictions <p>b) Vocabulary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paraphrasing main ideas from readings; 2. Determining the meaning of words in context; 3. Mastering key vocabulary for speaking 	

Course objectives	<p>II. Listening Skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summarizing the main ideas; 2. Identifying and extracting specific information to use for discussions; 3. Improving comprehension of academic lecturers; 4. Recognizing lecturer's opinion <p>III. Speaking Skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contributing to group and class discussions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Giving information b) agreeing/disagreeing c) giving an opinion 2. Asking for clarification 3. Making a brief oral presentation of literature review 4. Creating a dialogue; exchange of impressions and ideas 		
Learning outcomes	<p>On completion of the course students are expected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To feel more comfortable with speaking as members of the English speaking community; 2. To demonstrate critical thinking supporting their arguments 3. To demonstrate ability to identify the main idea of reading and summarize it; 4. To expand academic vocabulary for sustained discussions of a particular topic; 5. To widen general and linguistic outlook; 6. To talk on a variety of topics; 7. To apply concise grammar in oral tasks; 8. To demonstrate ability to identify the main idea of listening and summarize it. 		
Teaching methods	Videos	+	
	Book review	+	
	Group discussion	+	
	Speaking and Vocabulary tests	+	
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	November	30
	Activity/Class Participation	Till the final exam	10
	Speaking exam	Till the final exam	5
	Self-recording video	Till the final exam	5
	Extensive Reading	Before midterm/ before final	10
	Writing project	Till the final exam	5
	Final Exam	January	35
	Total		100
Assessment /Policy	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Class participation and activity</p> <p>Students are expected to contribute to discussions in each class and to do all home assignments given by the instructor. This course cannot be successful without your regular participation. You are expected and highly encouraged to ask questions, make comments, or disagree with what your fellow students or instructor is saying. Following these rules, you can get maximal 10 points. (5 points for participation and 5 points for activity).</p> <p>Extensive Reading</p> <p>Students choose two story books in Intermediate level, read and present the stories in the classroom, and accordingly evaluated on their fluency, content, creativity, vocabulary, and structure. If successfully, students will be able to get maximal 10 points.</p> <p>Self-video Recording</p> <p>Students record a video narration of the read short stories or any other subject of their own choice relevant to their disciplines, in their mobile phones for minimum five minutes. The recorded works can be displayed in the classroom and accordingly evaluated on their fluency, content, creativity, vocabulary and structure.</p>		

Writing Project

Students are presented different topics in different classes and given 15-20 minutes to write their opinions about the subject. After being checked their essays by the instructor, students correct their mistakes. If they can't do it or understand their mistakes, the instructor helps them and explains their mistakes.

Speaking Test

The exam is held at the end of the course. Face to face interaction in oral language enables students to review the material covered during the course; build confidence to think and respond quickly; apply required vocabulary; encourage further oral proficiency; take part in the constructive exchange of ideas; communicate with two or more people on different topics and the ones related to their specific field of study. If successfully, students will be able to get maximal **5 points**.

All above mentioned make 35 points maximal. The rest 65 points you can get at **midterm (30 points)** and **final exams (35 points)**.

COURSE POLICIES

- **Attendance (Lateness):** Attendance is important. Absences can be detrimental to one's grade due to the number of class activities (class participation) and complexity of the subject. In case the students is late for more than 10 minutes after the beginnings of lessons, he/she will be marked as absent.
- **Class participation:** For every three unexcused absences, one (1) point will be deducted from the grade point average. More than 20% of absences during the course is excessive. Free participation is discouraged.
- **Missed exams or assignments:** A notification should be given in advance if the student is unable to attend the scheduled presentation or test. Full class participation and completion of assigned homework are necessary.
- **Academic Dishonesty:** Any plagiarism while studying will be severely penalized (by a non-pass for the course). Cheating during the tests will be penalized likewise.
- **In class regulations:** With exception of plain drinking water, no food or beverages (including chewing gums) are allowed during the classes. Students are not allowed to use their mobile phones for making phone calls, texting and surfing internet (unless the instructor has given specific assignment).
- **Teacher evaluation:** In the end of the course (possibly even twice during the whole semester) the students will be requested to evaluate their teacher's work and encouraged to take it seriously as their evaluation can help with further developments in the given subject.

Tentative Schedule

Weeks (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments/Reading
Week 1	Introduction of the course: requirements, materials, content	

	Unit 1: Friends Unit 1: Beauty Units 1,2: Small talk; Plans	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 2	Unit 2: Media Unit 2: Travel Units 3,4: Successful Businesses; Apologies and Excuses	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 3	Unit 3: Lifestyle Unit 3: Lying Units 5,6: Character; Travel	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 4	Unit 4: Wealth Unit 4: Hoaxes Units 7,8: Housing; Can you believe it?	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 5	Unit 5: Free time Unit 5: The Sea Units 9,10: Friendship; Television Quiz 1 (Extensive Reading)	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 6	Unit 6: Holidays Unit 6: Learning Units 11, 12: Cities; Urban life	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 7	Revision Midterm exam	
Week 8	Unit 7: Learning Unit 7: Role Models Units 13, 14: Special days; Fashion	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening

Week 9	Unit 8: Change Unit 8: The Mind Units 15, 16: Favorites; Phone messages	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 10	Unit 9: Jobs Unit 9: Entrepreneurs Units 17, 18: Past events; Vacations	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 11	Unit 10: Memories Unit 10: Technology Units 19, 20: The news; Opinions	New Total English Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 12	Unit 11: Happiness Units 21, 22: Famous people; Food and Nutrition Quiz 2 (Extensive Reading)	Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 13	Unit 12: Culture Units 23, 24: Predicaments; Global issues	Cover to Cover 3 Tactics for Listening
Week 14	Speaking test Group work (group discussion)	
Week 15	Revision Mock exam	
Week 16	Final exam	