

27818 - Academic English I

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2016/17
Academic center	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	416 - Degree in English
ECTS	6.0
Course	2
Period	First semester
Subject Type	Basic Education
Module	---

1. Basic info

1.1. Recommendations to take this course

1.2. Activities and key dates for the course

2. Initiation

2.1. Learning outcomes that define the subject

2.2. Introduction

3. Context and competences

3.1. Goals

3.2. Context and meaning of the subject in the degree

3.3. Competences

3.4. Importance of learning outcomes

4. Evaluation

5. Activities and resources

5.1. General methodological presentation

This course introduces several examples of texts within the field of Humanities where academic English is used for different purposes. It provides representative models of these oral and written genres and proposes practical exercises and activities meant to develop the students' skills in understanding this type of texts, analysing their main features and eventually producing them.

5.2. Learning activities

THEORY AND PRACTICE

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a) Theory sessions: 0,4 credits (10 hours). Introduction to academic English (lexis, grammar, discursive and sociolinguistic contexts); main characteristics and representative genres (see **5.3 Syllabus**).

b) Practice sessions: 2,0 credits (50 hours). Practical work on receptive and productive skills in English (reading, listening, writing and speaking). Analysis and production of basic academic texts related to the field of Humanities.

SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES

a) Individual or group tutorials: 0,4 credits (10 hours). Ongoing assessment of tasks. Basic steps in writing essays.

AUTONOMOUS WORK

a) Autonomous study: 1,2 credits (30 hours). Analysing, revising and editing drafts.

b) Other activities: 1,8 credits (45 hours). Reading and viewing of compulsory texts and films related to the subject. Remedial work and additional materials to be found in Moodle.

ASSESSMENT

5-part exam assessing the students' oral and written academic competence: 0,2 credits (5 hours).

All assessment tasks will be graded according to a B2.2 CEFR level.

5.3.Program

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1. Features of Academic English . Communicating in academic situations: Genres and characteristics of academic discourse.

2. English at University . Academic Culture. Institutional information. Course Descriptions.

3. Academic Spoken English (i). Oral Presentations. Structure. Signposting. Visual aids. Performance.

4. Academic Written English. Writing a documented **essay** / **project** :

The research process . Reading for a specific purpose. Scanning and skimming. Choosing sources, finding and analyzing information. Critical evaluation. Hedging.

Using information from other sources . Quotations, summaries and paraphrases. Avoiding plagiarism.

Acknowledging your sources . Writing a bibliography. Main referencing styles.

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The structure of the essay . Introduction and Thesis statement. Argumenting and drawing conclusions.

5. ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies): new genres and formal **email**. Academic netiquette .

6. Academic Spoken English (ii). Lectures. Identifying key ideas. Note-taking. Functions in lectures. What lecturers do.

5.4.Planning and scheduling

Planning and schedule

More information can be found in the University of Zaragoza **Academic calendar** :

<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>

and on the website of the Faculty of Arts:

- **Course schedule** :

<https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlaycontext=horario-de-clases>

-**Examination schedule** :

<https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>

Specific dates and details about this course will also be provided on the first day of class.

5.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

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