

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) (1st year of study, 1st and 2nd semester)

Credit value ECTS: 2+2

Type of course: (Optional)

Name of the lecturer:

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COURSE objective (lecture and seminar)

The course helps students prove their ability to comprehend and use the basic structures of the English language, with a direct focus on both written and oral communication at the intermediate and upper-intermediate level. Students will be encouraged to explore and analyse the complex phenomena of English grammar and morphology, in particular, guided as they are towards discovering new and special vocabularies, life-sciences oriented. The course builds upon the already existing skills, knowledge, and understanding related to all four language abilities (reading, writing, listening and speaking) as it focuses on turning students into proficient, autonomous speakers of English. One of this course's main objectives is that of organising and developing the necessary communication skills in English appropriate to the current multicultural, dynamic, thought-provoking international context.

Contents (syllabus)

Course (chapters/subchapters)
The Article - the definite article; the indefinite article; the zero article.
The Noun – gender; number; nouns of foreign origin; verb-noun agreement.
The Adjective – degrees of comparison; irregularities.
The Adverb – degrees of comparison; irregularities.
The Pronoun – interrogative-relative; indefinite pronouns - Some, Any, No, One, Other, Every, Each, All, Both, Either, Neither, Few - A few, Little - A Little.
The Preposition - About, Above, Across, After, Against, Among - Amongst, Amid - Amidst, Before, Behind, Below, Beneath - Underneath, Between, Beside - Besides, Beyond, But - Except(ing) - Save, By, Down and Up, During, From, For, In, Into, Inside, Within, Out of, Near and Next, Like, Of, Off, On - Upon, Over, Past, Since, Till and Until, To, Towards, Through and Throughout, Under, With, Without.
The Verb – classes and functions.

Seminars
Outlook towards plant kingdom - miracles of the Earth
Weather and environmental issues – a typical British topic?
Plants - anatomy and morphology
Soils – classification and structure
Cereals – history, classification and importance

Livestock – breeding and welfare
Vegetable crops – varieties; plant growing
Farm Machinery – farm implements and machinery
Farm Management – organic farming
Fruits - – varieties; plant growing
Spices, herbs and fragrances – timeline and benefits
Pre-final exam

Recommended reading

1. Avarvarei Simona Catrinel, *English for life-science professionals*, vol I, Editura "Ion Ionescu de la Brad", Iasi, 2020;
2. Horia Hulban, Tamara Lăcătușu, Călina Gogălniceanu, *Exerciții și teste de limba engleză*, Polirom, 2007;
3. Jeremy Harmer, Carol Lethaby, *Just Listening and Speaking*, Marshall Cavendish Education, 2005;
4. Biber, D., Conrad S., Leech G., *Longman Student Grammar of Spoken and Written English*, Pearson Education Limited, 2002.

Assessment form	Assessment methods	Percentage of the final grade
Exam	Final written test	60%
Appraisal of students' activity throughout the semester	On-going oral evaluation; hands-on in-class activity in seminars	40%

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