

Course Description

Course Unit

English B2.2

UC Code

11926

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Gaile Parkin

Class

TP 3

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for English level B2, this B2.2 course completes the B2 level (begun in the B2.1 course), consolidating students' competence in: understanding the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization; interacting with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party; producing clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explaining a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Through an exploration of the songs of Bob Dylan and their themes, the course covers:

Analyzing a selection of Dylan's songs and understanding them in their historical and cultural context

Exploring the genre of protest songs from slave times to the present day

Reading and analyzing a selection of short stories related to Dylan's themes

Speaking about, discussing and presenting topics relevant to the overall theme

Writing reviews, summaries, essays and creative pieces

Academic English, with particular reference to its features and characteristics, understanding academic texts, and paraphrasing and citing sources correctly to avoid plagiarism

Grammar with particular reference to preparing for the Language in Use section of the Cambridge B2 First exam.

Grading and Assessment

In accordance with the regulations of the Faculty, evaluation takes place continuously throughout the semester. In addition to evaluation of participation in the course, there are 4 points of formal evaluation:

First piece of writing (done in class) – 20%

Second piece of writing (done in class) – 20%

Grammar test (done in class) – 20%

An individual oral presentation recorded on video and defended live in class – 25%

Participation – 15%

Any plagiarised work or work generated by AI will automatically receive a score of zero (0).

Any student who misses an evaluation without a valid, justified excuse* will automatically receive a score of zero (0) for the missed evaluation.

For students who are not officially registered as Worker Students:

- Attendance of at least 75% of the course is obligatory.
- Any student who attends less than 75% of the course without a valid, justified excuse* will automatically receive a score of zero (0) for participation.

Students officially registered as Worker Students do not have to attend classes but are still expected to follow the course programme. They should get in touch with the teacher at the beginning of the semester and remain in regular contact (gaileparkin@letras.ulisboa.pt).

* Valid, justified excuses include illness (with a doctor's letter provided), the death of a close family member (with a death certificate provided), or obligatory National Defence Day attendance (with the official letter provided).

Bibliography

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