

Course Description

Course Unit

English C1.1

UC Code

11985

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

Faculty

Gaile Parkin

Class

TP 10

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for English level C1, this C1.1 course begins the programme of the C1 level, developing students' competence in: understanding a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognising implicit meaning; expressing themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions; using language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes; and producing clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing a controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Using the theme of Metaphor, the course focuses on:

- Understanding and using metaphor
- Reading, exploring and analyzing a range of metaphorical pieces
- Writing about metaphor-based literature and film
- Speaking about, discussing and presenting topics relevant to the theme
- Grammar, with particular reference to preparing for the Language in Use paper of the Cambridge C1 Advanced exam.

The course programme is covered in 2 on-site classes per week of 1.5 hours each (3 hours) plus a fourth online hour for content clarification or expansion.

In addition, each student is entitled to schedule a maximum of 3 private tutorials during the semester. For selected students, a private tutorial session after a failed evaluation may be obligatory.

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, each with equal weighting:

- First piece written in class (20%)
- Second piece written in class (20%)
- A grammar test written 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.
- Any student who attends less than 60% of the course without a valid, justified excuse* will automatically receive a score of zero (0) for participation and have one point deducted from their final grade.

* 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).

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).

Bibliography

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Prerequisites (if applicable)

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