

Course Description

Course Unit

English C1.2

UC Code

12141

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Gaile Parkin

Class

TP 4

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for English level C1, this C1.2 course completes the programme begun in the C1.1 course, 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 Comedy (satirical essays, farce, romcoms, sitcoms, stand-up, etc., as well as

theories and the history of the comedic genre), the course focuses on:

- Reading, exploring and analyzing a range of comedic pieces
- Speaking about, discussing and presenting topics relevant to the theme
- Writing analyses, opinion pieces and essays
- Academic English, with particular reference to the structural elements of the comparative essay and to citing correctly using the Chicago Manual of Style
- 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:

First essay written in class 20%

Second essay written in class 20%

Grammar test written in class 20%

Individual oral presentation recorded on video and defended live in class 25%

Participation 15%

Any plagiarised work or work created 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.

* 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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