

Course Description

Course Unit

English C2

UC Code

12152

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

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 C2, this course aims to develop students' proficiency in: understanding with ease virtually everything heard or read; summarising information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation; and expressing themselves spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

Using the theme of The Hero Archetype, the course analyses and explores how the hero archetype and the hero's journey play out in a variety of films (e.g. The Matrix, The Lion King, Harry Potter and

The Philosopher's Stone, Black Panther, Barbie) as a vehicle for reading, discussing, summarising and writing about the narrative structure of films. Students will also develop – and pitch – the outline of their own idea for a new film or TV series that follows the hero's journey.

In addition, students will study for, and complete, a grammar exam based on the Cambridge C2 Proficiency Reading & Use of English exam paper.

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 5 points of formal evaluation:

A piece of analytical writing done in class 20%

A piece of creative writing done at home 20%

A Grammar Test 20%

A group oral presentation 5%

An individual oral presentation recorded on video then defended live in class 20%

Participation 15%

Any work for evaluation that is plagiarised (in whole or in part) or written by AI (in whole or in part) will automatically receive a score of zero (0) for that evaluation.

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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