

Course Description

Course Unit

English Strong Advantage (B2.2)

UC Code

ENG2.11926

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Tania Josephine Gregg Lopes da Silva

Class

TP 2

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

In line with the CEFR descriptors, students of B2.2 level are expected to understand the main ideas of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation. They should be able to interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. They should also be able to produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

This B2.2 course unit will focus more specifically on:

- Developing students' discursive written and oral skills through the in-depth analysis and discussion of a variety of written and oral text genres (e.g., short stories, films, newspaper articles on current affairs);
- Presentation skills - preparing a presentation in a university context;
- Revising complex and problematic grammatical structures.

More specifically, this course unit seeks to encourage students to express their viewpoint in order to develop criticality and discursive language. Particular emphasis will be placed on register, the organisation of arguments and consolidating the more complex grammatical structures.

Grading and Assessment

Oral Presentation 1 - 30%

Oral Presentation 2 - 35%

Written test 1 - 35%

Students must be present for ALL the elements of evaluation and must pass at least TWO in order to pass the course;

Worker-students may opt for continuous assessment (in which case they must comply with all the assessment criteria set for regular students) OR sit the Época Especial de Avaliação examination.

Bibliography

Having successfully completed English Vantage (B2.1) or having been placed in English Strong Vantage (B2.2) as a result of a placement test done at the beginning of the academic year.

Prerequisites (if applicable)

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