

Course Description

Course Unit

C1.1 English – Proficiency

UC Code

11985

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

Faculty

Hilda Alexandra Eusébio

Class

TP 8

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

1. Aims

This C1.1 course has just one aim: for the student to learn how to express their opinion in a clear, concise, and coherent manner. Fluency in speech and writing is essential for this and will be developed over the course of the semester. To be clear, students will be expressing their opinions on current affairs through writing (editorials) and speaking (debates).

2. Course Content and Resources

There will be a good deal of speaking, debating and writing in this class. Students will be expected to express their opinions – both in class and on paper – in a clear, concise, and coherent manner. Students will be evaluated on:

- the standard of their English (both written and oral),
- the academic skill with which they express opinions and construct arguments to support these (for both written and oral assignments/assessments).

There will be no grammar lessons at this level. Students in need of help with grammar should study/consult an appropriate grammar book. A list of these is provided in the Bibliography section of the course book.

All necessary resources – such as this course book, grammar workbooks, and mock test papers – will be uploaded onto the Google drive that we, as a class, will share or onto the online summaries (videos only).

3. Online Resources:

- Editorials
- www.theguardian.com
- <https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion>
- <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials>
- <https://edition.cnn.com/opinions>

- English Language Learning
- Practice tests for CAE Reading and Use of English (Cambridge English: Advanced) (flo-joe.co.uk)

Grading and Assessment

Grading policy and course requirements

Attendance and class participation – 10%

Oral Exams – 30%

- Oxford Union-style Debate 1 (10%)
- Oxford Union-style Debate 2 (20%)

Grammar/English Language Use Test – 20%

Written Exam – 40%

- Written Test – Editorial

Bibliography

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Prerequisites (if applicable)

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