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**Description and requirements – ADV A T courses**

**A. Purpose**

One of the central purposes of the course is to provide Engineering and Science students with the necessary skills to improve reading comprehension of technological/science-related texts in English. Emphasis is placed on the role of cohesion in texts and vocabulary building (general and subject-specific). The course will focus on topics and authentic texts that are relevant to the students’ academic literacy.

To advance reading comprehension, students will engage in in-class and out-of-class tasks, such that focus on scientific/academic content and language.

**B. Materials**

1. Course reading materials and exercises will be posted on moodle so students should check moodle for the upcoming reference each day after class

2. Dictionary: Choose the format you are most comfortable with.  
   No smart phone dictionaries, **no laptops or tablets allowed on exams.**  
   **Smart phones (for dictionaries) and laptops may be used in class as long as you do not take advantage.**

4. QUICKTIONARIES are not allowed in any exams.

→ **Dictionaries may not be shared nor may they beep during exams.**
C. Departmental (BGU) rules:

1. Being punctual and attending class regularly
2. Bringing the assigned texts to class. **No running to copy during class time.**
3. Completing class and home assignments and handing them in on time when requested to do so. Classwork and assignments cannot be made up at a later date.
4. Make up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test- **not for students who want to improve their grade.** If you have an acceptable excuse for missing a test (sickness, miluim, exam in another department, Perach), you will be allowed to take a make up test if you bring the relevant ishur.
5. Students who have an ishur for extra time or use of a computer should notify me at the beginning of semester. Do not delay!

D. Grades:

The following 4 components are compulsory in order to pass the course (passing grade=56)

i. unseen exam 1: 15%

ii. unseen exam 2: 20%

iii. Final Exam: 40% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)

iv. Class quizzes, tasks and assignments such as summary writing, vocabulary quizzes and comprehension quizzes: 25%

**CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%**

Dates of exams:

unseen exam 1:

unseen exam 2:

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**Good Luck! May we have a productive semester!**