

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
English as a Foreign Language

**English Advanced A S1
Mechina**

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Description and requirements

A. Purpose

One of the central purposes of the course is to provide Advanced A students with the necessary skills to improve **reading comprehension** academic 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 from texts that are relevant to the students' academic literacy.

Students will engage in in-class and out-of-class tasks that focus on scientific/academic content and language. In addition to reading comprehension, they will be exposed to three more skills—**writing, listening comprehension, and oral reports**—and will be tested on all four skills.

B. Materials

1. Course reading materials will be posted on Moodle, so students should check Moodle for the upcoming reference a few days before each class meeting.
2. Students will be asked to search the Internet and/or the BGU library for a selection of texts.
3. Dictionary: Choose the format you are most comfortable with.
 - No smart phone dictionaries, smart watches, laptops, tablets, or QUICKTIONARIES are allowed in exams.

→ *Dictionaries may not be shared, nor may they beep, during exams.*

C. Departmental (BGU) rules

1. Be punctual and attend class regularly – according to university rules.
2. Bring the assigned texts to class; **no running to copy during class time**.
3. Complete class and home assignments and hand them in on time when requested to do so.
4. Students who have a document permitting extra time or use of a computer should notify the teacher at the beginning of the semester.
5. Make-up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test – **not for students who want to improve their grade**.
6. Departmental quizzes will be graded within 10 days of their administration, and a *hasifa* will take place within 48 hours of grades being posted.

D. Attendance

1. Attendance of every class is **strongly recommended**.
2. You are allowed to miss 20% of classes (2 classes total – from the date of registration for the course) – no documentation or explanation is necessary.
3. Missing more than 2 classes FOR ANY REASON will result in **failure of the course**.
4. A make-up test will be allowed only in the following cases (relevant documentation/permission is required):
 - a. Hospitalization
 - b. Reserve duty at time of exam (within 24 hours for 2-3 days of duty; within 48 hours for 4- 6 days; within 72 hours for 7-9 days) (Form 3010 required as documentation)
 - c. Family event (wedding, *bar mitzvah*, funeral) of close relative
 - d. Religious holiday (approved by the university)
 - e. Participation (as player) in university-sponsored sports event or in other university-approved event/trip
 - f. Pregnancy-related bed-rest, birth/maternity leave, and adoption

(For further information, please refer to the exam guidelines in the University Regulations.)

E. Grades

The following components are compulsory in order to pass the course (**passing grade of 56**):

- 1 Seen Quiz: **20%**
- 1 In-class Listening Quiz: **10%**
- 1 In-class Writing Quiz: **15%**
- 1 In-class Speaking Quiz (Oral Presentation): **15%**
- Final Exam: **40% (minimum passing grade of 56)**

CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%

Dates of exams: Seen exam	2/12/19
Make-Up	13/1/20
Moed Aleph	27/1/20
Moed Bet	20/2/20

A student who wishes to take *Moed Bet* (whether that student failed, wants to improve the grade, or did not take *Moed Alef*) has to register via the internet site of the examination unit.