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.