

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
English as a Foreign Language
AAT Level, Mechina
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Please write to me **only** in English; I prefer not to answer e-mails written in Hebrew and might not necessarily answer in depth.

Description and requirements

A. Purpose

One of the central purposes of the course is to facilitate **AAT** level students with reading and comprehension of Technology/Science texts in English. The course will focus on topics and texts that are relevant to the students' academic literacy. To advance reading comprehension, students will engage in in-class and out-of-class tasks that focus on scientific/academic content and language. They will be exposed to three more skills: writing, listening comprehension and oral reports and 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 each day after class ☺
2. Sometimes, students may be asked to search the Internet and the BGU library for a selection of texts
3. Dictionary: Choose the format you are most comfortable with.

No Quicktionaries, no smart phone dictionaries, no smart watches, no laptops or tablets are allowed on exams.

Use of such tools in class is at the teacher's discretion.

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

C. Departmental (BGU) rules:

1. Full attendance is mandatory from the first week of the semester. A student is allowed to miss up to two lessons (20%) as long as **relevant documentation is provided**. Missing **more than two** lessons will result in a failing course grade (700).
2. Bringing the assigned texts to class.
3. Completing class and home assignments and handing them in on time when requested to do so.
4. A student without a class grade will not be allowed to take the final exam and the final course grade will be 700.

D. Grades:

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

Final Exam: 50% (with minimum passing grade of 56)

Writing Quiz 15%

Listening Comprehension 10%

Oral Presentation 15%

Grammar Quiz 10%

CLASS GRADE = 50%, FINAL EXAM = 50%

Dates of exams:

Moed Aleph	Sunday	January 16, 2022
Moed Bet	Wednesday	February 22, 2022
Moed Gimel	Monday	March 21, 2022