

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
English as a Foreign Language
Advanced B Science and Engineering

Please visit the EFL unit's website at
<http://in.bgu.ac.il/humsos/english/Pages/default.aspx> .

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Please always feel free to contact me with questions. I will be happy to meet with students before and after class and to communicate through email and the telephone. I do prefer that you write in English.

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Description and requirements – ADV B T courses

A. Purpose

Students will read and evaluate academic science texts.

One of the central purposes of the course is to facilitate Engineering (or Science) students with reading and comprehension of technological/science-related 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 a writing assignment, an oral report, and other in-class and out-of-class tasks, such that focus on scientific/academic content and language.

B. Materials

1. Course reading materials will be posted on Moodle so students should check Moodle for the upcoming reference for each lesson. Print or use a tablet or laptop. (Please do not use social media or other distractions during lessons.)
2. Students will 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 smart phone dictionaries, no laptops or tablets allowed in exams.
Use the dictionary in class that you plan to use during exams.

4. QUICKTIONARIES are not allowed in any exams.

→ *Dictionaries may not be shared nor may they be used 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.
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 the semester.

D. Grades:

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

Seen: 20%

Unseen: 20%

Quiz: 10%

Presentation: 10%

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

Exam/ quiz dates can be found on our Moodle site.

CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%

ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DUE DATES