

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

ADV B level Mechina

Fall 2019-20

Classes: Group 3 Mondays 8:30-11:45

Group 4 Wednesdays 16:00-19:15

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Description and Requirements

A. Purpose

One of the central purposes of the course is to provide **ADVB level** students with the necessary skills to improve **reading comprehension** of Technology/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 from academic 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. 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 assignments
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. Being punctual and attending class regularly according to **university rules** for classes where full attendance is required. ***Nativ-attendance is not required**
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.

Make up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test- **not for students who want to improve their grade. Only acceptable excuses for missing a test, will allow a student to take a make-up test. Students have to bring the relevant *ishur*.**

University-wide Examination Regulations

- 1. reserve duty**
- 2. hospitalization (not just a note from a doctor)**
- 3. death/shiv'a of a first-degree relative**
- 4. religious holidays (according to the shnaton)**
- 5. the student is getting married on the day of the exam**
- 6. university representative sports competition on the day of the exam**
- 7. birth, bed rest due to the high-risk pregnancy, adoption)**

4. Students who have an *ishur* for extra time or use of a computer should notify the teacher at the beginning of the semester.

D. Grades: See Course Syllabus for dates of grades assignments.

Both Mechina and *Nativ students are required to complete the following 6 components in order to receive a grade for the course.

The following 5 components are **compulsory** in order to pass the course (passing grade=56)

- i. Seen exam: 20%
- ii. Final Exam: 40% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)
- iii. Listening Comprehension 10% (5-10 minutes listening)
- iv. Summary Writing 15% (500 words)
- v. Oral Presentation 15% (Given in class - based on articles)

CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%

Dates of exams:

Seen exam	Monday 2.12.19
Make-Up	Monday 13.1.20
Moed Aleph	Monday 27.1.20
Moed Bet	Thursday 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*) is **required** to register via the internet site of the examination unit.