

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
English as a Foreign Language  
**Basic level**  
**Spring 2021**

Classes: Mondays/ Wednesdays 8:30-11:00 / 16:00-18:30

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Please write to me **only** in English.

## **Description and requirements**

### **A. Purpose**

One of the central purposes of the course is to facilitate **Basic** 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 with cameras on is mandatory. 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.
5. **If a student cannot attend the seen exam for one of the following reasons:**
  - a. Hospitalization
  - b. Reserve duty at time of exam
  - c. The wedding day of the student
  - d. Participation as a player in a university sports event at the time of the exam
  - e. Bed rest during pregnancy, adoption, birth
  - f. Religious holidays approved by the university
  - g. Mourning

**the grade of the student's moed aleph exam will become 60%. For such an arrangement the student will have to apply to the Teaching Committee of the EFL unit with the relevant documentation.**

### **D. Grades:**

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

- i. **Seen exam:** 20% (on campus) **26.04.2021**
- ii. **Final Exam:** 40% (on campus). Minimum passing grade is 56. **14.06.2021**
- iii. **Listening Comprehension:** 10% (remotely) **3.05.2021**
- iv. **Writing Assignment:** 15% (remotely) **19.05.2021**
- v. **Oral Presentation:** 15% (remotely) **2.06.2021 / 7.06.2021**

**CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%**

**In case the restrictions related to COVID19 are not lifted and it will not be possible to conduct the seen exam, the course grade will be redistributed as following:**

**Class assignments - 40%**

**Final exam - 60%**

**Students at risk:**

A student at risk that has the relevant document from the Dean of Students can choose to be tested in the following way: an oral test scheduled to a different date in front of two examiners.

In case of a **lockdown** during Moed Aleph, the Moed Aleph will move to 18/6 at 09:00 and will become an online exam.

**Dates of exams:** Seen exam      Monday 26.04.2021

Moed Aleph      Monday 14.06.2021

Moed Bet      Tuesday 13.07.2021

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.