

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.