

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
English as a Foreign Language
Basic Mechina Program- Fall 2021

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Class (6 academic hours)- Classes will meet on Mondays between 09:00-12:00 and Wednesdays from 16:00-17:30 in Building H2 Room 306.

Please write to me **only** in English. I will not answer e-mails written in Hebrew.

Description and Requirements

A. Purpose

One of the central purposes of the course is to facilitate Basic Mechina level students reading and comprehension of various 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. Students will be exposed to three additional 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 Quickictionaries, 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 or make any other noises 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. Be Prepared. Prepare and download the assigned texts from Moodle prior to class.
3. Complete class and home assignments and submit them 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. English courses are university mandatory courses. You should complete your English course requirements first.

D. Grades: Your course grade will be based on the following: the Final Exam (50%), a one-page summary (15%), Listening Assignments (10%), Speaking (15%) and Grammar (10%)

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

1. Final Exam: 50% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**). This is a departmental exam that students take on-campus in a frontal format. It is not done in class.
2. Students will submit a one-page summary of an article. Students will need to receive approval for their article prior to beginning the assignment (15%- Writing Skills).
3. There will be two listening assignments. Students will answer questions based on a given listening activity from a video or an audio file. For the second listening assignment, students will independently watch a TED Video file and write a one-paragraph summary of the video (10 % - Listening Skills)
4. Students will present the article they summarized. It will be a one-on-one presentation with the teacher. Students need to schedule a meeting time (15 % -Speaking).
5. Students will take at least one grammar quiz during the semester to assess their abilities in basic grammar. The following Grammar Skills will be assessed: Present Simple, Past Simple, Present Progressive (10% Grammar). *Quiz is on November 10th*

CLASS GRADE = 50%, FINAL EXAM = 50%

Dates of exams:

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