

**BEN GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV English as a Foreign Language**

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Advanced 1 (8) Science/Technology Mechina

Hours: Room:

### **DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

The focus of this course is to teach students how to read and comprehend a connected passage on a scientific or technical topic. The majority of the texts studied at this level are authentic selections from the magazine, *Scientific American*, *Scientific American Mind* and other journals. We will also practice some writing, listening comprehension and speaking.

### **MATERIALS**

**You MUST download all materials from the MOODLE site. It is YOUR responsibility to learn about that.** Bring 3 colored markers and 1 red pen to class!

Dictionary: Only an English-English, college-sized dictionary, is adequate for university needs. You may, however, bring any dictionary you choose, including a battery-operated electronic one. **BE SURE YOU CAN SHUT THE SOUND OFF! You cannot use a noisy dictionary for tests!** You may not share dictionaries during exams. You may not use a *quicktionary*.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Attendance- Class attendance is compulsory. For any absence you need to have a reasonable excuse, such as sickness or *miluim*. If you miss two classes without such an excuse, you may not be allowed to take the final exam and will get an incomplete. Teachers take attendance. If YOU come late make sure YOU tell the teacher. If you come to class unprepared you may be marked absent (this includes coming to class without your materials). Find out what you missed in class if you are absent and come to the following class prepared! You can check on MOODLE.

Class etiquette- **Turn off cellphones** upon entering the classroom. Show respect and consideration for others. **Don't** walk in and out of the classroom. That will not be tolerated!

Assignments- All homework assignments must be completed. If you do not do your homework you may receive a grade of 800.

Exams and Grades- The final exam is **40%** of your grade. The class grade is **60%**. It is composed of class quizzes/tasks-such as summaries, outlines, models, etc. (25%), a *seen/unseen* (15%) and *unseen* (20%) exam. Make-up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test (with a reasonable excuse). You cannot make up class quizzes.

**The ONLY ACCEPTABLE reasons for missing a FINAL exam are: 1) *miluim* (Tell me beforehand and bring me the 3010 form afterwards) 2) Hospitalization 3) Death of a close family member 4) another exam within 24 hours- only applies to final exam, NOT to the 2 department quizzes- 5) Playing a game for a BGU sports team 6) Adoption 7) *Shmirat Herion* 8) Your wedding or very close family member.**

Passing Grade for Course- 56 A grade of less than 56 on the final exam becomes the final grade, regardless of class grade. If you pass both Moed aleph and Moed bet with a 56, then your class grade will be canceled and you will receive a grade of 56 for the course.

If you have a special problem that requires extra time or special arrangements for unseens, you must submit a request in writing to the **student dean**. Mechina students: speak to the psychologist in the office! **Do not delay in submitting this request.**

**1<sup>st</sup> seen/unseen department quiz: 15/4 Monday morning**

**2<sup>nd</sup> seen/unseen department quiz: 27/5 Monday morning**

**Make-up exam for those who missed one of the above exams: 3/6 Monday morning**

**Moed Aleph: 17/6 Monday morning**

**Moed Bet: 27/6 Thursday**

**Good Luck! May we have a productive semester!**