

Description and requirements

A. Purpose

The main purpose of this course is to strengthen the students' English level in four different domains: the students will learn writing, speaking, listening comprehension and reading comprehension skills. Improvement of these four aspects of communication will facilitate Basic level students to advance to higher level academic texts, oral presentations, listening and writing skills. Meetings will be held twice a week and will include 4 synchronic academic hours and 2 a-synchronic academic hours. All four domains will be tested and integrated during the course. The lessons, tasks and quizzes will be held on zoom, moodle and any other on-line tools – synchronic or a-synchronic. Big quizzes and final exams are held on campus Marcus.

B. Materials

1. Course reading materials will be posted on moodle so students should check their moodle on a daily basis.
2. Students are required to join every zoom meeting via a computer that has a working microphone and camera. It is paramount that the lecturer see the students' faces for more effective learning.
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 in exams.

→ *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.
2. Prepare the assigned texts and materials before each meeting.

3. Complete class and home assignments and handing them in on time when requested to do so.

4. If a student cannot attend the midterm 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 final exam will become 60%. For such an arrangement the student will have to apply to pre@bgu.ac.il with the relevant certificates.

D. Grades:

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

- i. Seen exam: 20%
- ii. Final Exam: Unseen. 40% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)
- iii. Vocabulary quizzes – 10% (optional – teachers discretion)
- iv. A final written assignment – 10% - 15% (teacher's discretion)
- v. A final listening comprehension assignment – 10%
- vi. A final oral report – 10% - 15% (teacher's discretion)
- vii. * PLEASE NOTE: EACH TEACHER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE HOW TO ASSESS THE 40%. OF THE COURSE GRADE.

CLASS GRADE = 60%, FINAL EXAM = 40%

Or: CLASS GRADE = 40%, FINAL EXAM = 60% IF THE STUDENT DID NOT DO THE SEEN EXAM FOR AN ACCEPTED REASON.

Dates of exams: Will be published on Moodle

- There is **no** make up exam or moed b of the final exam.