

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 courses and advanced level students to finish the required BGU English courses. Quizzes will include grammar, vocabulary, oral presentations, listening and reading comprehensions and writing skills. Meetings for the pre-basic and basic levels will be held frontally or on zoom twice a week and will include 6 academic hours. The Pre-Basic A students will receive an additional 2 a-synchronic hours a week. Advanced level students will receive 4 academic hours – either once a week or split into two meetings a week – frontally or on zoom. (Zoom meeting will replace frontal lessons depending on the Covid – 19 situation.) The final exam is held on campus Marcus.

B. Materials

1. All course materials will be posted on moodle so students should check their moodle on a daily basis.
2. If the lesson is on zoom - 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 final 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 student can ask for a test on a different date.** For such an arrangement the student will have to apply to pre@bgu.ac.il with the relevant certificates.
5. If a student would like to see their final exam, they can do so face to face with the lecturer at a time the lecturer will decide on. Only after going over the actual exam may the student fill in an appeal form. **Students may not appeal their grade online.**

D. Grades:

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

- i. Final seen exam: 50% (with minimum **passing grade of 56**)
- ii. Vocabulary and / or grammar quizzes – 10%
- iii. A final listening comprehension assignment – 10%
- iv. A final oral report – 15%
- v. A final written assignment – 15%

*** PLEASE NOTE: EACH LECTURER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE HOW TO ASSESS THE COMPONENTS OF THE 50%. CLASS GRADE.**

CLASS GRADE = 50%, FINAL EXAM = 50%

Date of exam: Will be published on Moodle

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