

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: BENG-090 Academic Language Skills II

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
BENG-090	Academic Language Skills II	1
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	PT or BENG-080
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Lower Division	English

Course Description

This course is designed to meet the needs of college students at intermediate level and to prepare them for future academic work at Intercollege. Students review grammar systematically; learn techniques to facilitate reading comprehension; practice the fundamentals of good writing and develop oral/aural skills.

Prerequisites

PT or BENG-080

Topic Areas

Language Skills

Listening:

Students are exposed to dialogues, announcements, instructions, discussions, interviews and news reports. They are encouraged to answer comprehension questions, summarise information, and expand upon topics under discussion.

Speaking:

Students develop conversational skills in order to cope with a diversity of situations in pairs and in groups.

Reading:

Students are given texts of an intermediate level in order to practice the skills of:

- scanning,
- skimming,
- predicting,
- identifying the main idea,
- answering comprehension questions,
- decoding of unknown words,
- Enriching vocabulary.

Writing:

Students are given writing assignments concentrating upon the development of:

- simple, compound and complex sentences;
- paragraphs (narrative, descriptive, exemplification);

- Short compositions.

Grammar

Review of tenses:

- present (simple and continuous)
- past (simple and continuous)
- 'used to do'
- present perfect (simple and continuous)
- future (simple future, 'going to', present continuous, future continuous, future perfect)
- past perfect (simple and continuous)
- Time clauses (when + simple present/future; whenever + simple present)
- Conditionals (first, second, third & inverted)
- Verb + gerund
- Verb + infinitive
- Used to + -ing
- Wish + would/could
- Wish + past simple
- Wish + past perfect
- Reported speech
- Passive voice
- Question tags
- Causative (have/get something done)
- Prepositions
- Adverbial clauses
- Noun clauses
- Relative clauses
- Contrast clauses
- Clauses of result

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

- Thorn Accurate English: Intermediate Level (Student's Book 2), London Cassell Publishers.
- Ricketts & Howard Accurate English: Intermediate Level (Student's Practice Book 2). London Cassell Publishers.
- Harmer & Elsworth Meridian Plus 3 (Student's Book & Workbook). Longman.
- Richards Interchange 2 (Student's Book & Workbook). Cambridge University Press.