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Course	Communication and Multimedia					
Subject	Apllied English					
Academic year	2023-2024	Curricular year	3rd	Study period	2nd semester	
Type of subject	Compulsory	Student workload (H)	Total: 108	Contact: 47,5	ECTS	4
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PLANNED SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

1. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The CU of Applied English has as main objective to lead students to communicate in English, showing vocabulary variety and maximum grammatical correction. The four basic skills associated with teaching the English language will be emphasized: reading, listening (reception capacity), writing and speaking (production capacity). Oral skills (reception): recognize the value of different prosodic values; listening to texts of different lengths and complexities and from different registers; understand information; distinguish facts from opinions; (production) employ prosodic elements in different communication situations; reproduce information received; do interviews; intervene in discussions and debates showing a critical and argumentative attitude; issue personal opinions; formulate hypotheses; present conclusions. Written skills (reception): broaden lexical knowledge regarding diverse thematic areas; select information; improve the ability to do research; (production) describe, narrate and synthesize; elaborate texts developing a critical spirit; carry out a project work (organize diversified auxiliary material, be prepared to work alone or in a team, execute the project, evaluate the results and draw conclusions).

2. PROGRAMME

Topics for discussion: Communication and multimedia; Dangers of mass surveillance; the role of whistleblowers; pros and cons of social networks; cybersecurity; fake news.

Language Work: topic vocabulary, verb tenses, word order; parts of speech; rephrasing;

Skills: Developing lines of argument and multiple perspectives: point /counterpoint;

Advanced practical writing: e-mails, action minutes, letters; press release; guidelines; summaries, reports.

Case studies.



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3. COHERENCE BETWEEN PROGRAMME AND OBJECTIVES

The communicative approach presupposes the development of transversal skills of critical, reflective and investigative analysis, as well as of the students' autonomy and creativity, leading them to adopt a critical position in relation to the universe of the English language described in the syllabus. In this context, the teacher will assume a regular role in the teaching-learning process, leaving each student the freedom to form various opinions based on their own experiences. It is also intended to foster respect for rules of social coexistence and team work leading to the formation of full European citizenship, therefore knowledge and cultures will be valued in the context of European plurilingualism, encouraging respect for cultural differences. The necessary conditions will be provided for the student to interact in the English language correctly and effectively, promoting the English language in a dual perspective of professional use and internationalization, the latter being indispensable for the mobility of students between higher education institutions, in the national and European level, in line with the Bologna Treaty proposal. The English language will be framed in a national, European and world context, not only as an instrumental language, but also as a privileged vehicle for transmitting culture and values.

4. MAIN BIBLIOGRAPHY

The development of the program will be based on separate materials taken from scientific magazines, grammar books, exercise books, websites and other sources considered to be of relevance to fulfill the objectives of the program.

Grammars:

- A Practical English Grammar A. J. Thomson e A. V. Martinet Oxford
- English Grammar in Use Raymond Murphy CUP.
- Understanding and Using English Grammar Betty Schrampfer Azar Prentice Hall Regents

Dictionaries:

- The Oxford Dictionary of English Oxford University Press 2003
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- Dictionary of Contemporary English (New Edition) Longman 2009

Books:

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human rights activism. Organization Studies, 25 (1), 106-12.

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Raley, R. (2008) Tactical Media. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

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5. TEACHING METHODOLOGIES (INCLUDING EVALUATION)

Autonomous learning methodology: class reports, bibliographic research mechanisms, practical exercises, using bilingual and monolingual dictionaries, reading and understanding documents and texts, use of other autonomous learning tools. Teaching / Learning Strategies: reading / understanding / analyzing texts and various documents, written production of texts, exercises of self

and hetero-correction of written and oral production, group / peer or individual work, debates.

- Building a profile of students' performance, with the elaboration and presentation of two oral

projects within the scope of the topic of Communication and Multimedia (10% + 40%).

- Major Test (50%)

Final assessment: Face-to-face assessment: written exam: 100%.

6. COHERENCE BETWEEN TEACHING METHODOLOGIES AND OBJECTIVES

This Curricular Unit is a theoretical-practical curricular unit, therefore, in addition to more

explanatory classes, it also presupposes a strong qualitative and quantitative participation on the

part of the students. In this way, the classes will be guided in order to promote conversation and the

reasoned exchange of opinions about the topics of the syllabus. Classes that include grammar review

and vocabulary expansion will have a later practical application in the classroom. With regard to

learning under the supervision of the teacher (contact hours) the privileged teaching/learning

strategies were set out in the previous item. Students are also expected to complete and expand the

work developed during contact hours through autonomous learning.



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DATE

19 de fevereiro de 2024

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