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Subject identification

Subject	21823 - English Language VII
Credits	2.4 in-class (60 hours) 3.6 distance (90 hours) 6 totals (150 hours).
Group	Group 1, 1S(Campus Extens)
Teaching period	1st semester
Teaching language	English

Lecturers

Lecturers	Timetable for student attention					
	Starting time	Finishing time	Day	Start date	Finish date	Office
Ana María Santandreu Aranda ana.santandreu@uib.es	12:00h	14:00h	Monday	24/09/2012	18/01/2013	AB09, Ramon Llull
	09:00h	11:00h	Thursday	18/02/2013	31/05/2013	AB09, Ramon Llull

Degrees where the subject is taught

Degree	Character	Academic year	Studies
Degree in English Studies	Compulsory	Fourth course	Degreee

Contextualisation

English Language VII is a compulsory course offered in the fourth year of English Studies. It is a follow up to previous English Language courses (I-VI) and, together with English Language VIII, it aims at consolidating the student's skills in English at proficiency level (C2). The course will concentrate on mastering all four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) following a practical and communicative approach to language.

Requirements

Recommendable

It is highly recommended that students have passed the courses English Language I to VI.

Skills





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The skills that students should master by the end of the course are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. At C2 level, these are the following:

Reading: The student can understand various documents, including the finer points of complex texts.

Writing: The student can make accurate and complete notes during the course of a seminar, lecture or tutorial.

Listening: The student can understand complex, detailed discussions, including colloquial asides and cultural allusions.

Speaking: The student can advise on or talk about complex or sensitive issues and deal confidently with difficult questions.

Specific

1. Ability to communicate in English in both oral and written form fluently and accurately, in all circumstances and contexts..
2. Ability to analyse English texts at different levels, from a linguistic, literary and cultural point of view..

Generic

1. Ability to work independently or as part of a team..
2. Ability to obtain and manage information critically..

Content

The different grammar units and language skills will be dealt with according to the sequence in the textbook.

Theme content

1. USE OF ENGLISH

- 1.1 Modal verbs. Phrasal verbs with 'act' and 'break'
- 1.2 Conditionals. Phrasal verbs with 'come' and 'call'
- 1.3 The passive. Phrasal verbs with 'do' and 'drive'
- 1.4 Inversion. Phrasal verbs with 'get' and 'fall'
- 1.5 Reported speech. Phrasal verbs with 'hold' and 'keep'

2. READING

- 2.1 Means of communication. Reading for content, opinion, purpose, tone, reference, implication. Reading for cohesion, coherence and text structure.
- 2.2 Education. Reading for content, opinion, attitude, purpose, implication, text organisation.
- 2.3 Media. Reading for content, detail, attitude, opinion, tone, implication, text organisation. Reading for content, text organisation.
- 2.4 Means of transport. Reading for attitude, inference, implication, detail, content, opinion, tone.
- 2.5 Health. Reading for content, detail, implication, reference. Reading for semantic precision, complementation.

3. WRITING



3.1 Expressing opinions in essays, letters and articles.

3.2 Making suggestions and recommendations in letters and essays.

3.3 Letters to the press/authorities; balanced arguments.

3.4 Descriptive and narrative articles.

3.5 Assessment reports. Reports making suggestions.

4. LISTENING

4.1 Listening for opinion, specific information.

4.2 Listening for gist, detail, inference.

4.3 Listening for specific information.

4.4 Listening for opinion, gist, detail.

4.5 Listening for opinion.

5. SPEAKING

5.1 Telephone conversations, asking for and promising discretion, introducing news, expressing surprise, speculating, evaluating, suggesting alternatives.

5.2 Discussing opinions; making suggestions; making recommendations; debating; inviting somebody to give their opinion; interrupting; monologues.

5.3 Discussing TV programmes; making suggestions; asking for further information; accepting/rejecting suggestions.

5.4 Giving advice; giving instructions; monologues.

5.5 Making decisions; expressing opinions; expressing agreement/disagreement; making, rearranging and cancelling appointments; comparing.

Teaching methodology

The course will be organised as follows:

In-class work activities

Modality	Name	Typ.Gr.	Description
Theory classes		Large group (G)	Theory classes (large group): 28 hours will be devoted to the study of the most complex points included in the syllabus. Grammar issues will be introduced mainly through written texts and attention will also be paid to writing and reading skills, as well as vocabulary building. Autonomous work may be required before attending each session and this will be duly notified via Campus Extens.
Seminars and workshops		Medium group (M)	Seminars and workshops (Medium group): 15 hours will be devoted to seminars and workshops. Independent work will be required before attending the former, and this will be duly notified via Campus Extens. These sessions are specifically designed to complement theory classes





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			and help the student practise the different skills, with a special focus on listening and speaking.
Practical classes		Medium group 2 (X)	Practical sessions: 7 hours will be spent on entirely practical sessions, especially devoted to the practice and assessment of listening and speaking skills. The latter will be practised through role play activities, discussions and debates, and possibly presentations.
Assessment	Speaking	Small group (P)	Oral exam
Assessment	Use of English	Large group (G)	Use of English test

Distance education work activities

Modality	Name	Description
Individual self-study		The student will carry out a substantial amount of work on his/her own. The estimated workload is the following: -Individual study and reading: 2.1 ECTS (52 hours) – Completion of pre-assigned tasks: 0.6 ECTS (15 hours) - Campus Extens participation: 0,2 ECTS (5 hours) -Online tutorials (email): 0,1 ECTS (3 hours)
Group self-study	Seminar and presentation preparation	The preparation of seminars and presentations (if applicable) may be carried out in small groups. The estimated workload for each of the students involved will be 0.6 ECTS (15 hours)

Riscs específics i mesures de protecció

Les activitats d'aprenentatge d'aquesta assignatura no comporten riscos específics per a la seguretat i salut de l'alumnat i, per tant, no cal adoptar mesures de protecció especials.

Workload estimate

Modality	Name	Hours	ECTS	%
In-class work activities		60	2.4	40
	Theory classes	28	1.12	18.67
	Seminars and workshops	15	0.6	10
	Practical classes	7	0.28	4.67
Assessment	Speaking	7	0.28	4.67
Assessment	Use of English	3	0.12	2
Distance education work activities		90	3.6	60
	Individual self-study	75	3	50
	Group self-study	15	0.6	10
Total		150	6	100





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At the beginning of the semester a schedule of the subject will be made available to students through the UIBdigital platform. The schedule shall at least include the dates when the continuing assessment tests will be conducted and the hand-in dates for the assignments. In addition, the lecturer shall inform students as to whether the subject work plan will be carried out through the schedule or through another way included in the Campus Extens platform.

Student learning assessment

All (UIB and exchange) students will freely choose one of the following two assessment options or itineraries by signing the learning agreement (downloadable from the course's Campus Extens site). This must be handed in to the lecturer during the first two weeks of term. Students failing to do so will automatically be assigned Itinerary B.

(1) Mixed continuous assessment (Itinerary A)

Students choosing this option are expected to attend both theoretical and practical sessions regularly, participate actively and hand in work when required, which will be duly corrected and commented on by the lecturer. Besides, they will also be given marks for the completion of tasks in class.

NB: Work will always be submitted in class on the scheduled day. Under no circumstances will the student rely on fellow classmates for the submission of their assignments. It is the student's duty to regularly check out the course's Campus Extens site to know when assignments or tasks are due:

- two reading comprehension tasks (20% of the final mark)
- two compositions (20% of the final mark)
- two listening comprehension exercises (20% of the final mark)

Please note that, unless otherwise stated, these parts of the course will not be tested again in September, i.e. you cannot sit these parts again in September.

Itinerary A students will also take an exam. This will consist of two parts of equal value:

- Part I: Use of English (20% of the final mark). Should students fail the test, the student may re-take it in September
- Part II (to be held on a separate date): Speaking (20% of the final mark). Should students fail this exam, they may re-sit it in September.

NB. Students will need to Pass Part 1 in order to take Part 2 of the exam. Students should sit and pass both Part 1 and Part 2 of the course's exam. Note should be taken, however, that in order to pass the course the student must also have at least obtained a PASS grade in all of the other skills assessed. Consequently, should the student not pass one or more of the parts of the course, the rest of his/her grades will not be taken into account.

(2) Final assessment (Itinerary B)

Students who choose or have been assigned this option will complete the following tasks:

- One reading comprehension task (20% of the final mark), to be held on examination day.
- One composition (20% of the final mark), to be written on examination day
- One listening comprehension exercise (20% of the final mark), to be held on examination day.

Itinerary B students will also take a final exam. This will consist of two main parts of equal value:

- Part I: Use of English (20% of the final mark). Should students fail this test, they may re-take it in September
- Part II (to be held on a separate date): Speaking (20% of the final mark). Should students fail this exam, they may re-sit it in September. NB. Students will need to Pass Part 1 in order to take Part 2 of the exam. Students should sit and pass both Part 1 and Part 2 of the course's exam. Note should be taken, however, that in order to pass the course the student must also have at least obtained a PASS grade in all of the other skills



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assessed. Consequently, should the student not pass one or more of the parts of the course, the rest of his/her grades will not be taken into account.

IMPORTANT Note should be taken that:

-Serious lexico-grammatical and phonetic mistakes will automatically result in a fail grade.

-Plagiarism will always be penalised, in accordance with the UIB's current academic regulations, reproduced below:

Article 32. Frau Amb independència del procediment disciplinari que es pugui seguir contra l'estudiant infractor, la realització demostradorament fraudulenta d'alguna de les activitats d'avaluació incloses en l'avaluació d'alguna assignatura comportarà, segon les circumstàncies, una menysvaloració en la seva qualificació que, en els casos més greus, pot arribar a la qualificació de «suspens» (0,0) a la convocatòria anual. En particular, es considera un frau la inclusió en un treball de fragments d'obres alienes presentats de tal manera que es facin passar com a propis de l'estudiant.

If a student fails to hand in an assignment or to show up on the date and at the time established by the lecturer for any activity which is part of the student's assessment programme, they will receive a 0 (zero) grade for this activity. Failure to take an official exam (when applicable) will result in a 'No Presentat' grade. Under no circumstances will the dates and times of the official exams be altered with the only exception of those cases contemplated by the University of the Balearic Islands' Reglament Acadèmic (when two exams coincide on the same day with a time difference of under three hours between them). Students will not be allowed into the classroom once the exam/ practical session has already started. **Mobile phones and other electronic devices are NOT allowed in the classroom.** Laptop computers are acceptable ONLY if used for purposes related to classroom activity. No electronic device whatsoever (including computers) is allowed in the classroom during exams/ practical sessions, unless otherwise specified by the lecturer (e.g., if the practical session entails use of the Internet for pedagogical purposes).

Theory classes

Modality	Theory classes
Technique	Real or simulated task performance tests (Non-recoverable)
Description	Theory classes (large group): 28 hours will be devoted to the study of the most complex points included in the syllabus. Grammar issues will be introduced mainly through written texts and attention will also be paid to writing and reading skills, as well as vocabulary building. Autonomous work may be required before attending each session and this will be duly notified via Campus Extens.

Assessment criteria

Percentage of final qualification: 40% following path A

Percentage of final qualification: 40% following path B

Seminars and workshops

Modality	Seminars and workshops
Technique	Real or simulated task performance tests (Non-recoverable)
Description	Seminars and workshops (Medium group): 15 hours will be devoted to seminars and workshops. Independent work will be required before attending the former, and this will be duly notified via Campus Extens. These sessions are specifically designed to complement theory classes and help the student practise the different skills, with a special focus on listening and speaking.

Assessment criteria

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Percentage of final qualification: 20% following path B





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Speaking

Modality	Assessment
Technique	Oral tests (Recoverable)
Description	Oral exam
Assessment criteria	
Percentage of final qualification:	20% following path A
Percentage of final qualification:	20% following path B

Use of English

Modality	Assessment
Technique	Objective tests (Recoverable)
Description	Use of English test
Assessment criteria	
Percentage of final qualification:	20% following path A
Percentage of final qualification:	20% following path B

Resources, bibliography and additional documentation

Basic bibliography

Compulsory coursebook: Evans, Virginia and Dooley, Jenny 2002: *Upstream Proficiency C2*. Newbury: Express Publishing. All students must have a copy of both Student's book and Workbook and must bring them to class.

Highly recommended: Swan, Michael 1995: *Practical English Usage*. Oxford: OUP.

-Side, Richard and Wellman, Guy 2002: Grammar and Vocabulary for Cambridge Advanced and Proficiency. Harlow: Longman.

-Mansfield, Francesca and Nuttall, Carol 2007: Proficiency Practice Tests . With Key. London: Thomson ELT.

-Yule, George 2008 [2006]: Advanced Oxford Practice Grammar . Oxford: OUP.

Complementary bibliography

Cory, H. 1999: *Advanced Writing with English in Use*. Oxford: OUP.

Foley, Mark and Hall, Diane 2003: *Advanced Learners' Grammar*. Harlow: Longman.

Gude, C. 1999: *Advanced Listening and Speaking*. Oxford: OUP.

Hewings, M. 2009: *Cambridge Grammar for CAE and Proficiency*. With Answers. Cambridge: CUP.

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Leech, Geoffrey and Svartvik, Jan 1994: *A Communicative Grammar of English*. Harlow: Longman.

McCarthy, M. and O'Dell, F. 1998: *English Idioms in Use. With Answers*. Cambridge: CUP.

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Teschner, Richard and Whitley, Stanley 2004. *Pronouncing English*. Washington: Georgetown University Press.





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Thompson, A. J. and Martinet, A. V. 1986: *A Practical English Grammar*. Exercises 1. Exercises 2. Oxford: OUP:

Other resources

Websites:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
<http://www.audioenglish.net/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/english.shtml>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>
<http://www.bellenglish.com/resources/languagelearning.asp>
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<http://www.eslgold.com/>
http://www.eslmonkeys.com/student/esl_learning.php
<http://www.usingenglish.com/>
<http://www.world-english.org>

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Hornby, A. S. and Wehmeier, Sally 2002: *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*. Sixth edition. Oxford: OUP.
Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture. Harlow: Longman.
Macmillan English Dictionary with CD-Rom. London: Macmillan.
Macmillan Phrasal Verbs Plus. London : Macmillan.
Oxford Idioms Dictionary. Oxford : OUP.
Oxford Phrasal Verbs Dictionary. Oxford: OUP.
Wells, J. C. 2003: *Longman Pronunciation Dictionary* . Harlow: Longman.

Online dictionaries and related resources:

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<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>
<http://oxforddictionaries.com/>
<http://www.englishclub.com/ref/Idioms/index.htm?gclid=CPWD8dSJzqkCFRQKfAodJU9EMw> <http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/>

