



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN TIRANA

Course Syllabus

Course: Introduction to ESL, Reading/Fall 2007

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Course Aim: To develop students' reading speed/overall fluency, extensive and strategic reading skills, high-frequency vocabulary and basic writing skills through clearly-structured tasks that encourage student general fluency, confidence and creative and critical thinking skills. (Qellimi I kursit: Te zhvilloje shpejtesine e leximit dhe rrjedhshmerine e pergjithshme, te zhvilloje aftesine e leximit strategjik te herepashershem, te zhvilloje fjalorin e perditshem nepermjet aktiviteteve te strukturuara qe nxisin besimin ne vete dhe mendimin kritik)

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course students will be able to read timely and effectively for general comprehension short, simple texts, find specific predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, stories, understand text organization/structure and key vocabulary words. (Ne fund te kursit studentet do te jene gjendje te lexojne shpejt, rrjedhshem tekste te thjeshta, do te mund te kerkojne informacion specifik ne tekste te thjeshta si reklama, histori, do te kuptojne organizimin e nje teksti, dhe flalorin me te rendesishem)

Readings, Texts and materials (Tekste dhe materiale):

- Handout materials and class readers will vary according to the needs of the students and will be assigned at the Instructor's discretion during the semester (Materialet e leximit do te jene te ndryshme sipas nevojave te studenteve dhe do te jepen nga instruktori gjate semestrit)
- 2 Notebooks designated only for Introduction to ESL class/homework and journal assignments (2 fletore vetem per ditarin/detyrat e klases dhe te shtepise)
- A folder for the Writing Portfolio (nje dosje per punet me shkrim)
- Pen and pencil (stilolaps dhe laps)

Assessment (Vleresimi): *Reading will count only towards 20% of your total Introduction to ESL grade. (Lenda e Leximit eshte vetem 20% e notes tuaj perfundimtare)*

Classroom behavior/Attendance/ Participation (30%)

- The use of mobile phones is prohibited during class time. You may **not** use text messaging (even though it is quiet), may not be excused to make calls or receive calls. A student **can** survive without the use of a cell phone during class hours. (Perdorimi i telefonit celular ndalohej ne oren e mesimit. Ju nuk mund te beni mesazh (edhe pse pa zhurme) ose te dilni dhe te flisnin ne telefon. Besoj se mund te mbijetoni pa perdorur celularin ne mesim)
- Teacher and students should be on-time and ready for class everyday. All home work must be completed before class. (Mesuesi dhe studentet duhet te respektojne orarin e mesimdhënies cdo dite. Detyrat e shtepise duhen te jene perfunduar perpara mesimit)
- All assignments must be completed even if the student is absent. (Gjithe detyrat duhet te perfundohen e dorezohen edhe pse studenti mund te kete munguar)
- Teacher is responsible for checking and giving appropriate feedback on time. (Mesuesi ka per detyre te kontrolloje detyrat dhe te informoje studentet ne kohen e duhur)

- Students are responsible to bring all materials they need for class work. (Studentet jane pergjegjes per pajisjen e tyre me materialet qe duhen ne klase)
- Attendance is very important. Students missing more than **20% of classes** in the semester without teacher permission may be required to withdraw from the course. If you miss 3 day-sessions you will not sit for the final exam. If you are present in class and have prepared all comprehension check tasks you will get 1 point for each section. If you were absent the previous class and are not prepared but you are present in class, then you get only half of the points. Participation should be in a polite and collaborative manner either in a pair or group work. **If the teacher or a student is speaking, you should listen and not interrupt the speaker.** (Frekuentimi eshte shume i rendesishem. Studentet me me shume se 20% mungesa ne semester duhet te largohen nga kursi. Nese mungoni ne tre seanca 3-diteshe ju nuk do te futeni ne provimin perfundimtar. Nese jeni prezent ne klase dhe keni pergatitur detyrat, do te merrni nga 1 pike per cdo seance. Nese mungoni mesimin e shkuar dhe jeni i/e papergatitur, do te merrni vetem gjysmat e pikeve. Pjesemarrja duhet te jete ne menyre te qete, bashkepunuese ne grup ose cift. **Nese mesuesi/studentet flasin nuk duhet t'a nderprisni**)
- Student dishonesty will not be tolerated, such as cheating on exams or plagiarism of assignments. (mashtrimi nga studentet nuk tolerohet, si psh, kopjimi ne provim, ose kopjimi I detyrave).

In class assignments/pop-quizzes (Dictation, Vocabulary quizzes, Oral examination of a text summary) 15%
(Vleresimi ne klase perfshin diktimet, testimi I fjalorit, testimi gojor I nje teksti)

Home work assignments/Writing portfolio (handout exercise, paragraph): 10%

- All homework must be completed before class. All assignments must be completed even if the student is absent and must be submitted within a week. Assignments must be turned in on time, however, late work may be accepted depending on the circumstances of the individual (but such work will be penalized with a reduced grade). (Gjithe detyrat duhen dorezuar ne kohen e caktuar, por ato mund te pranohen edhe me pas, ne varesi te gjendjes se studenteve, por per kete detyre do te kete ulje note)
- A Writing Portfolio is a collection of all your final drafts of writing assignments. In the end of the Fall term you are going to submit a copy of your favorite writing assignment. Writing work will be evaluated in this way: 1st individual draft, 2nd peer-reviewed draft, 3rd teacher feedback draft and a final draft for your Writing Portfolio. (Nje dosje me punimet tuaja me shkrim. Kjo do te perfshije punimet e fundit te nje shkrimi pasi te jete korrigjuar nga nje student tjetër, nga une dhe me pas detyren te perfunduar dhe me komentet e mia do t'a vendosni ne kete dosje. Ne fund te ketij semestri do te dorezoni nje kopje te punimit qe ju pelqen me shume)

Journal entries and weekly learning contracts: (15%)

The daily journal entries include reflections on the practice of English at home in writing, reading, grammar, listening, vocabulary and speaking. You will submit this journal every Thursday or Friday the latest. The journal will be returned the following day with teacher comments.

This is a sample journal entry: Monday, Oct 21st

(On weekends I go to the movies, and on Tuesdays I like to eat ice-cream.

I really like my teacher.

Today we learned the Present Simple. It is difficult and boring.

In the Reading class we read 2 texts about dreams, night owls and early birds).

The weekly learning contract is a list of enjoyable activities or activities that you need more practice.

(Ditari/Reflektimi javor do te perfshije komentet tuaja per aktivitet qe ju pelqyen, ose ato qe keni me shume veshtiresi. Ju do t'a dorezoni kete ditar/reflektim cdo jave, te Enjten ose te Premten. Ky ditar do t'u jepet studenteve te nesermen me komentet e mia)

Exams: There are two exams throughout the semester. (Do te kete 2 provime gjate semestrit)

Mid-term exam: 22nd, November, 2007 (15%)

Final exam: 31st, January, 2008 (15%)

Assessment (Vleresimi):

- Participation (Pjesemarrja): 30%
- In-class Assignments/ Pop-quizzes (Testet ne klase, diktimet): 15%
- Homework Assignments/Writing Portfolio (Detyrat e shtepise, dosja e puneve me shkrim): 10%
- Journal/ Weekly Contracts (Ditari/ Reflektimet javore): 15%
- Mid-Term Exam (Provimi I mesit te vitit): 15%
- Final Exam (Provimi perfundimtar): 15 %

Letter Grade	Percent (%)	Generally Accepted Meaning
A	96-100	Outstanding work, Pune e shkelqyer
A-	90-95	
B+	87-89	Good work, distinctly above average Pune e mire (mbi mesataren)
B	83-86	
B-	80-82	
C+	77-79	Acceptable work Pune e pranueshme
C	73-76	
C-	70-72	
D+	67-69	Work that is significantly below average Pergatitje poshte nivelit mesatar
D	63-66	
D-	60-62	
F	0-59	Work that does not meet minimum standards for passing the course Pergatitje e pamjaftueshme per te kaluar

Grading Scale	96-100 A	90-95 A-	87-89 B+
	83-86 B	80-82 B-	77-79 C+
	73-76 C	70-72 C-	67-69 D+
	63-66 D	60-62 D-	0-59 F

If you feel that you have special learning difficulties, please, make an appointment with Ms. A. Gramo. Ms Anxhela Gramo is trained to help students with learning difficulties. She shall provide this service to our students, just as it is offered in all American universities. (Nese keni veshtiresi te theksuara ne mesime, ju lutem kerkoni nje takim me Anxhela Gramon e cila eshte trainuar te ndihmoje studentet me veshtiresi ne mesime. Ajo e ofron kete sherbim tek studentet ashtu sic eshte edhe tradita ne Universitetet Amerikane).

Prepared by E.Lili, October, 24th, 2007.