



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM  
**ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC  
PURPOSES**

Coordination: BORGES SAIZ, FEDERICO

Academic year 2020-21

Subject's general information

<b>Subject name</b>	ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES			
<b>Code</b>	101252			
<b>Semester</b>	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
<b>Typology</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Modality</b>
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in English Studies and Bachelor's degree in Applied Languages and Translation	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
	Bachelor's Degree in English Studies	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
<b>Course number of credits (ECTS)</b>	6			
<b>Type of activity, credits, and groups</b>	<b>Activity type</b>	PRAULA		TEORIA
	<b>Number of credits</b>	3		3
	<b>Number of groups</b>	1		1
<b>Coordination</b>	BORGES SAIZ, FEDERICO			
<b>Department</b>	ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS			
<b>Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work</b>	Class work, either onsite or online: 42 h. (28 lectures) Private work: 108 h. for pre-class tasks, exercises, grammar tests, assessed assignments)			
<b>Important information on data processing</b>	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
<b>Language</b>	English is the only language for this subject (lectures, communication between lecturer and students, contents, assignments, tests, and so on). Likewise, English is the only language to be used by students for their assessment.			

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## Subject's extra information

**Students must have a level of English of B2+ or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) at the beginning of the course.**

## Learning objectives

The main goal in this course is to help students to develop the language they will need at university, as independent users of English at an academic context.

In addition, *English for Academic Purposes* aims at leading students towards attaining level C1.1 in the CEFRL from these:

*Written expression:* Writing clear and detailed texts with coherence and cohesion about everyday topics but also about linguistics, using upper intermediate language structures and connectors. (B2+)

*Oral expression:* Being able to speak fairly fluently and spontaneously to make the dialogue with native speakers possible, with no breakdowns of communication. You will be able to give your opinion, to clear your point up and to give reasons for your choices. You will also be able to tell events and to describe your reactions to them. (B2+)

*Reading and listening comprehension:* You will be able to understand the main ideas of all sorts of textual genres and to get the relevant information. You will also be able to understand details in an oral or written text whose topic is not necessarily familiar to the student. (B2+)

## Competences

Competences to be developed in this course are:

Show an ability to work individually plus motivation for quality and accuracy. CG5

Learn autonomously. CG11

Write and speak in English accurately and effectively in academic and non-academic contexts. CE1

Analyse spoken and written texts in English according to their text genre. CE5

Acquire a significant proficiency in a foreign language (English). CT2

## Subject contents

Contents for English for Academic Purposes are distributed among **four units, whose material is available in the online setting of the course**. Within each unit, which deals with fundamental aspects of academic work, there appear related contents and practice. In addition, students are provided with material to prepare their assessed assignments (s. *Development plan* and *Evaluation*).

## CORRESPONDENCE AMONG COURSE ELEMENTS

Unit	Assessment	Submission	Contents	Skills
Unit 1	Academic Poster	Individual	General vs. Academic English Academic poster in conferences Why and how to cite sources (1) APA* Manual style basics (1) Verb tenses Passive voice	Summarizing Academic writing Recognizing and applying presentation markers Listening for detail Writing from a presentation - Taking notes Citing and referencing following APA* Manual Style
Unit 2	Academic Essay	Individual	Reading strategies Literary concepts Why and how to cite sources (2) APA Manual style basics (2) Complex sentences Punctuation	Reading in detail and critically Intensive and extensive reading Essay language and conventions Academic writing Citing and referencing following APA Manual Style Listening critically
Unit 3	Academic Review	Individual	How to debate formally Reporting Complex prepositions	Reading in detail and critically Intensive and extensive reading Academic review conventions and language Citing and referencing following APA Manual Style Academic writing
Unit 4	Oral Presentation (vídeo)	Group of 3	How to give presentations Cultural differences History at instances Conditional expressions Collocations Problem words	Elements for effective presentations Participating in academic discussion Analysing, summarizing and expressing cultural / historical facts Working and delivering in collaboration Academic presentation Citing and referencing following APA Manual Style

\* American Psychological Association

## Methodology

*English for Academic Purposes* is designed to develop students' ability to learn by doing and, therefore, course methodology is learner-centred. That implies that students are responsible for their learning, and they are expected to work through the course materials before, during and after lectures, be them onsite or online.

The course is organized around 4 units (see *Contents* and *Development plan*) which are connected to the main areas of knowledge in the degree: English, Linguistics, Literature, Culture, and History, and formal conventions common to language and literary disciplines in Academia. These units follow the principles of project-based learning, where students have to design a final product or solve a challenge. It is while working to achieve these

aims that students will work on the contents and competences of the subject. Each of those final tasks or products will be carried out through a genre related to academic English, both spoken and written: academic poster, spoken presentation, academic essay, and academic review.

## Teaching and learning traits

Three scenarios are possible (see below) as health conditions develop during the term, and in compliance with UdL regulations. Nonetheless, teaching and learning traits in this course are common to all three scenarios:

1. Lecturer deals with contents in lectures, onsite and online. Contents are related to practice tasks and to assessed assignments. Questions and queries from students are addressed by the lecturer both onsite and online.
2. Contents and practice tasks are available to students in the online setting of the course.
3. Following instructions from the lecturer, students review contents and carry out related practice tasks before and after attending lectures.
4. Students carry out and submit practice tasks and assessed assignments on the deadline set for each assignment.

**Scenario 1: If the overall enrolment for the course is 61 students or lower** (capacity for classroom 2.13 as per UdL health regulations), lecturing will be mixed-mode: Thursday lectures will be onsite for all students in the course, whereas Friday lectures will be recorded (asynchronous) or live (synchronous). All practice tasks and student's work will be carried out online in the course online setting. Timetable for lectures is in section *Development Plan*.

**Scenario 2: If the overall enrolment is over 61 students, lecturing will be mixed-mode thus: the group of students will be split into two sub-groups (*Bow group* and *Stern group*)**, where each sub-group will alternatively attend onsite lectures on Thursdays: Bow sub-group will attend the first onsite lecture on 1 Oct 2020 and it will be broadcast live to the Stern sub-group, who will attend online that day. On the following Thursday, 8 Oct 2020, Stern sub-group will attend onsite while Bow sub-group will watch it broadcast live. Lists with members of the two sub-groups will be posted before 1 Oct 2020.

The same contents will be taught to both sub-groups, and practice tasks and related activities will be presented to all students alike.

This is the alternance timetable for lectures under this scenario:

### LECTURES SCHEDULED FOR SUBGROUPS

Lecture	Bow subgroup	Stern subgroup
1 Oct	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
2 Oct	ONLINE	
8 Oct	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
9 Oct	ONLINE	
15 Oct	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
16 Oct	ONLINE	
22 Oct	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
23 Oct	ONLINE	
29 Oct	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
30 Oct	ONLINE	
5 Nov	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
6 Nov	ONLINE	
12 Nov	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE

Lecture	Bow subgroup	Stern subgroup
13 Nov	ONLINE	
19 Nov	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
20 Nov	ONLINE	
26 Nov	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
27 Nov	ONLINE	
3 Dec	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
4 Dec	ONLINE	
10 Dec	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
11 Dec	ONLINE	
17 Dec	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
18 Dec	ONLINE	
7 Jan	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat	ONLINE
8 Jan	ONLINE	
14 Jan	ONLINE	CLASROOM 2.13 Rectorat
15 Jan	ONLINE	

**Scenario 3: In the event that onsite lectures be cancelled due to health emergency, lecturing will be entirely online**, following regulations from the English and Linguistics Department and UdL. All practice tasks, student's work and assessed assignments will be carried out online in the course online setting.

**Información sobre protección de datos relativa a las pruebas de evaluación audiovisuales**

De conformidad con la normativa vigente en materia de protección de datos de carácter personal, se informa lo siguiente:

- Las voces e imágenes son imprescindibles para impartir la docencia en esta asignatura, y la docencia es un derecho y un deber del profesorado de las universidades, que debe ejercer con libertad de cátedra, como prevé el artículo 33.2 de la Ley Orgánica 6/2001, de 21 de diciembre, de universidades. Por este motivo, la UdL no necesita el consentimiento de los estudiantes para registrar sus voces e imágenes con esta exclusiva finalidad, la de impartir docencia en esta asignatura.
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- Las imágenes y voces grabadas se utilizarán exclusivamente para los fines inherentes a la docencia de la asignatura.
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- El estudiante puede acceder a sus datos, solicitar su rectificación, supresión o portabilidad, oponerse al tratamiento y solicitar la limitación, siempre que sea compatible con los fines de la docencia, mediante

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## Development plan

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Lecturer: Federico Borges		
classroom 2.13 Rectorat - Thursdays 9:30 - 11 h.		
online videoconference - Fridays 9:30 - 11 h.		
Term Week / Dates	Syllabus	Assessment
2 1 - 2 Oct	Course Tour + Entry Test 1 + Entry Test 2 Unit 1	
3 8 - 9 Oct	Unit 1	
4 15 - 16 Oct	Unit 1	<b>ACADEMIC POSTER</b> 23 Oct
5 22 - 23 Oct	Unit 2 Verb Tenses & Passive Voice	
6 29 - 30 Oct	Unit 2	
7 5 - 6 Nov	Unit 2	
8 12 - 13 Nov	Unit 2	<b>ACADEMIC ESSAY</b> 20 Nov
9 19 - 20 Nov	Unit 3 Complex sentences & Punctuation	
10 26 - 27 Nov	Unit 3	
11 3 - 4 Dec	Unit 3	
12 10 - 11 Dec	Unit 3	<b>ACADEMIC REVIEW</b> 18 Dec
13 17 - 18 Dec	Unit 4 Reporting & Complex Prepositions	
14 7 - 8 Jan	Unit 4	
15 14 - 15 Jan	Unit 4 Conditional expressions, Collocations, Problem words	<b>VIDEO RECORDED PRESENTATION</b> 17 Jan

## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (101252) 2020-2021 semester I

Lecturer: Federico Borges

classroom 2.13 Rectorat - Thursdays 9:30 - 11 h.

online videoconference - Fridays 9:30 - 11 h.

Term Week / Dates	Syllabus	Assessment
16 20 Jan		<b>ENGLISH EXAM</b> 1.03 Rectorat 9 - 11 h.
17 26 Jan		<b>DISCUSSION SEMINAR</b> 2.25 Rectorat 11 - 13:30 h. / 15:30 - 17:30

## Evaluation

### Continuous Assessment

Assessment for *English for Academic Purposes* is continuous (see table below), where each assignment has a specific weight in the final course grade. Please note that **there is no re-take for any assessment**. Submitting fewer than 50% of the score for assignments will mean a final course grade of NO PRESENTAT / NO-SHOW, in compliance with UdL regulations (Normativa d'Avaluació de la UdL, *Disposició adicional Tercera*). Submitting 50% or more of the score for course assignments will mean that the student's final course grade will be the result of applying corresponding weights to the score for continuous assessment, as shown below.

#### CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Assessment	Weight in final grade
<b>Academic Poster</b> (Unit 1)	10%
<b>Academic Essay</b> (Unit 2)	15%
<b>Academic Review</b> (Unit 3)	15%
<b>Recorded Presentation</b> (Unit 4)	20%
<b>Discussion Seminar</b>	20%
<b>English Exam</b>	20%

### Specific requirements for Continuous Assessment

- Average grade of 4 or higher for these assignments, in order to pass the course: *Academic Poster*, *Academic Essay*, *Academic Review*, *English Exam*.
  - An average grade of 4 or higher for those assignments will mean that the grade in their academic register will be the average of all assignments in the course, as per the table above.
  - If the average grade for those assignments be lower than 4, that average grade will be the student's final course grade in their academic register (SUSPÈS / FAIL), regardless their grades for oral assignments in the course.
- Passing all grammar tests from units (see *Contents*) is mandatory for students to be able to take their *English Exam*.

### Alternative assessment



Those students who juggle a full-time job and study have the right to renounce continuous assessment and apply for 'Alternative Assessment' within 5 days of the beginning of the term. For more information please send a mail to [academic@lletres.udl.cat](mailto:academic@lletres.udl.cat) or contact *Secretaria* at *Facultat de Lletres*. Once applied, this assessment cannot be changed.

Alternative assessment is carried out through a sole assignment, which will be made up of these parts and assignments, under the same requirements and rubric as the ones presented during the term, and will be taken on these days, regardless being taken onsite or online:

1. **English Exam:** Week 16-17 in the term. (15% of final course grade)
2. **Recorded Presentation:** Submission on 25/Jan/2021. (15%)
3. **Spoken interview:** Week 16-17 in the term. (20%)
4. **Written assignment:** *Academic Essay* and an *Academic Review*, week 16-17 in the term. (25% and 25%)

**All four parts are compulsory. If one of more parts are graded zero <0>, the overall grade for the assessment will be SUSPÈS / FAIL <0>.**

### **Fraudulent performance in assessment**

Point 3.1 and sections 7 to 12 from the *Normativa de l'Avaluació i la Qualificació de la Docència en els Graus i Màsters de l'UdL* will be applicable, together with other UdL applicable regulations. According to point 3.1 of the aforementioned regulation, students will not employ, under any circumstances, unlawful procedures / devices when carrying out assessed tasks or tests. Those who employ any fraudulent means, and/or bring electronic devices not allowed, will have to stop assessment and leave the classroom, and will remain subject to the due consequences applicable from the aforementioned regulation or from any regulation from UdL.

Any assignment with plagiarism evidence or fraudulent action will be graded zero <0>.

Should a submitted assignment have an unclear authorship, the student who submitted it will have to carry out a similar activity in the presence of the course lecturer/s. If the assignment shows a different level from the one shown in the first activity, or discrepancies in authorship, the course lecturer may decide to consider the grade for the second assignment as final, or to award any other grade that includes a penalty for fraudulent academic performance.

## **Bibliography**

### **RESOURCES**

In addition to sources included in the course materials (Units 1 to 4), students will find these useful:

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## **DICTIONARIES**

WordReference.com [Online monolingual dictionary plus definitions, synonyms, usage, collocations]

<https://www.wordreference.com>

Thesaurus.com [Synonyms]

<https://www.thesaurus.com>

Ozdic.com [Online collocations dictionary]

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