2015 - 2016 Eng 101 Course Outline

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES 1

COURSE CODE: 6390101
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★ COURSE DESCRIPTION:

English 101 is a learner-centered, integrated-skills based course that will develop students in the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in an academic context. Tasks involving higher order thinking skills will require students not only to perform at knowledge and comprehension levels, but to synthesize and evaluate information, ideas and judgments as well. The variety of texts and perspectives presented through themes in and outside the class will facilitate their critical thinking process and thus enable students to become active and autonomous learners.

★ COURSE AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

The overall aim of this course is to develop students’ four skills in language and higher-order thinking skills. In this course, students will practise the following skills:

**READING**
1. pre-reading strategies (i.e. skimming, scanning, previewing)
2. identifying points of reference
3. guessing the meaning of unknown words
4. strengthening the use of different types of dictionaries
5. identifying figurative speech
6. making inferences from a reading text
7. distinguishing between facts and opinions
8. identifying the writer’s technique
9. deducing the underlying meaning in sentences or parts of a text
10. identifying key ideas in a text
11. recognizing the relationship between ideas in a text
12. recognizing the relationship between multiple texts
13. evaluating and reflecting on the ideas in a text
14. reacting to the ideas in a text
15. understanding long complex sentences

**LISTENING**
1. listening for specific information
2. listening for main ideas
3. listening for implied ideas

**SPEAKING**
1. initiating and maintaining discussions
2. expressing an opinion
3. asking for clarification
4. asking questions
5. debating
6. giving reasons
7. describing a photograph /picture

**WRITING**
1. writing an expository paragraph
2. writing a reaction paragraph
3. writing an expository essay
4. learning, internalizing and carrying out the stages in a process writing approach (while writing paragraphs and/or essays)
5. using correct, appropriate language structures, vocabulary and discourse markers

★ COURSE MATERIAL:

- **Textbook:** Gülen, G., Hasanbaşoğlu, B., Şeşen, E., & Tokdemir, G. (2014). Compass: The Route to Academic English I
  Ankara: Nüans Publishing
- **Extensive Reading Pack:** This will be distributed by the instructor during the course. It is the student’s responsibility to read and study the extensive reading pack. There will be a reading pack quiz afterwards.
**LAYOUT OF THE COURSEBOOK:**
The book revolves around one main theme “Change”, and has been divided into 4 units, each focusing on a different aspect of change. Each unit covers all four skills with a variety of tasks and exercises. With the aim of encouraging autonomous learning, the book is accompanied by “Study Skills” and “Appendices” sections, which will enable students to further develop their academic survival skills outside the classroom as well.

**GRADING:**
- **Midterm Exam:** 20%
- **Final Exam:** 25%
- **Expository Essay:** 15%
  (2.5% process + 12.5% essay)
- **IDT:** 20%
  *(Extensive Reading Pack Quiz (5%), Vocabulary Quiz (5%), and Free Task 10%)*
- **Speaking:** 10%
  (2 tasks; 5% each)
- **Paragraph writing:** 10%
  (2 paragraphs; 5% each)

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- The paragraphs and expository essay **must be written in class**. If you are absent on those days, you will **not** be allowed to write them afterwards (unless you are sick AND have an official medical report).
- If you fail to submit the expository essay, you will **not** be allowed to take any other graded component of the course. You will receive an **NA** grade.
- If you have not taken the midterm exam, you will **not** be allowed to take any other graded component of the course. You will receive an **NA** grade.
- You will **not** be given a make up if you miss any in-class graded task (IDT or speaking) unless you are sick AND have an official medical report. Late arrival for a speaking task will also be penalized.
- **Turnitin submission is required** for the expository essay. You will need a **class ID and enrolment password** to be able to upload your expository essay to turnitin.com. This information will be provided by your instructor. (see [http://www.mld.metu.edu.tr/node/201](http://www.mld.metu.edu.tr/node/201) for turnitin submission procedures).
- If you fail to upload your essay to turnitin.com, it will **not be graded**. You will receive 0 (zero) out of 12.5 for the essay assignment.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
METU Department of Modern Languages (MLD) regards academic honesty as the foundation of teaching, learning and research. It requires all students to observe the highest ethical standards in all aspects of their academic work. Plagiarism is the reproduction of someone else’s words or ideas without proper referencing. There are many forms of plagiarism but the most common ones include:
- **direct lifting of entire essays from the Internet or books**;
- **taking parts of essays found on the Internet or in books without giving a proper reference**;
- **presenting other students’ essays, presentations or other assessable work as if one’s own production**.

It is the responsibility of students to acquire a clear understanding of how to avoid unethical practices. Students who engage in unethical practices; who cheat in examinations, essays or any other assessable work; and who conspire with others to procure such a result will become subject to disciplinary procedures.

- If turnitin.com detects plagiarism in your essay, you will be penalized based on the plagiarism policy of Department of Modern Languages (see [http://www.mld.metu.edu.tr/sites/default/files/PlagiarismPolicy.pdf](http://www.mld.metu.edu.tr/sites/default/files/PlagiarismPolicy.pdf) for more information).

**ATTENDANCE**
You are allowed **12 hours** of absence. You will get an **NA** grade if you exceed this limit.
It is your own responsibility to catch up to the class and to make up for any work done during your absence. Missing the class does not excuse you from not turning in assignments.

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