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Professional interests include articulatory phonetics, computerized speech analysis, the physiology of speech production, multimedia authoring, the role of visual perception in language acquisition.

CURRENT COURSES

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Advanced Writing and Composition

The objective of the course is to further develop students' writing skills and improve their proficiency in creating different types of composition including descriptive, discursive, argumentative and narrative essays and summaries. Students will study and practise the structure, format and organisation of essays and have to be able to apply their specific principles to their own writing tasks.

Skills Development: Speaking and Listening

The course is designed to develop students' speaking and listening skills in order to help them prepare for the EYE examination. This involves getting students familiar with the structure of the exam and encouraging them to discuss a variety of topics to improve vocabulary, verbal expression and fluency. Developing listening skills will rely on a variety of audio (and video materials) with related tasks aiming at different aspect of comprehension (listening for gist, global comprehension, listening for specific information etc). Student will be exposed to speaking situations which will enable them to gain further experience in being tested and help them to cope with the stress and pressure of the exam.

Business Correspondence

Effective communication in English is an essential part of business. This course is designed to provide students with the most important language components of business correspondence. Though it is not a course on commerce or trade, certain technical terms will need to be elucidated for the sake of understanding and fluency. The course relies on a variety of business letters and writing tasks, which will be discussed in class. There is special focus on increasing the active vocabulary of business terms and improving the students' skills in coping with specific language tasks relating to correspondence. In order to achieve this goal, the preparation and progress of students will be assessed on a weekly basis.

A Multimedia Course in Business English

The objective of this practical course is to develop language skills with special focus on business topics.

The course is based on two DVD video materials:

Successful Meetings and *Successful Presentations* by John Hughes and Andrew Mallet.

The first part of the course is designed for students to acquire and practise the skills and vocabulary required for participating in meetings they are likely to attend in the corporate world. The video clips with accompanying exercises will provide ample illustrations of the most common types of meetings.

The second half of the course deals with the language and skills needed for business presentations and presentations in general. Students should benefit from these materials even if their future professions happen to be unrelated or loosely related to business.

Resources for Business English

The objective of this practical course is twofold:

- 1) To gain an insight into some of the main areas and current issues of business and do further research on these topics on the Internet.
 - 2) To develop language and communication skills by processing business-related digital texts and videos, compiling slideshows (PowerPoint) slideshows and giving presentations.
- There will be emphasis on improving vocabulary, fluency and oral performance.

OTHER COURSES

English Pronunciation

The aim of this course is to provide an insight into the major aspects of English pronunciation and to help acquire a better English pronunciation by elucidating basic phonetic features of this language. The major stages of the process will involve the classification of speech sounds in English, sensitizing students in terms of perception, reception, recognition and production (articulation), and the conscious application of basic phonological and phonetic rules. There is a strong emphasis on vocal production and students should expect exposure to articulatory exercises, drills and tasks on a regular basis. As a result, students will become more conscious of the features of spoken English, get reinforcement in what they do correctly and get guidance as to how to make progress in areas where they show uncertainty. It is expected that students will improve their pronunciation both on segmental and suprasegmental levels.

Grammar in Context

The objective of this course is to broaden students' understanding of how English grammar works by providing a variety of exercises which rely on a combination of written and audio/video materials. The topics covered will range from areas most typical of spoken, everyday use to the intricacies of written English.

Translation

The aim of this course is to develop translation skills in such a way that students become familiar with the most important translation techniques and apply them to a variety of texts. Students will have to do translation from and into English both orally and in a written form, the choice of which will be determined by the style, register, length and level of difficulty of the given language material. The course will also rely on appropriate resources on the Internet, where students will be able to do individual research or carry out study for the completion of their homework assignment. Special attention will be devoted to the identification and elimination of typical errors in translation, which concern areas of grammar, choice of words, idiomatic expression, collocations and syntax.