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SYLLABUS

English for specific purposes – practical course

Academic year 2026-2027

1. Information about the study programme

1.1.University	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2. Faculty	The Faculty of Letters
1.3. Department	The Department of Foreign Languages for Specific Purposes
1.4. Field of study	Language and literature
1.5. Study cycle	BA
1.6. Study programme/ Qualification	BA
1.7. Enrolment frequency	Full time

2. Information about the subject

2.1. Course title		English for specific purposes - practical course				Course code	LLU0011	
2.2. Course tutor								
2.3.Seminar/ practical course tutor		Lect. dr. Ioana Mudure-Iacob						
2.4. Year of study	I	2.5. Semester	1	2.6. Type of assessment	C	2.7. Course status	Contents	DC
							Mandatory	DO

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1. Number of hours per week	**2**	of which: 3.2. course		3.3. seminar / practical course	**2**
3.4. Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	of which: 3.5. course		3.6 seminar / practical course	**28**
Allotted time for individual study (ID) and self-study activities (SA)					**hours**
Study based on textbook, course manual, recommended bibliography, personal notes (SA)					10
Additional research (in the library, online scientific databases/platforms, or field documentation)					10
Preparation for seminars / laboratory classes/ essays/ projects/ homework/ portfolios and reports					10
Tutoring					2
Assessment (examinations)					6
Other activities					4
3.7. Total hours for individual study (ID) and self-study activities (SA)					**42**
3.8. Total hours per semester					**70**
3.9. Number of credits					**3**

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4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	
4.2. skills	Minimum B1 level on CEFR scale

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for delivering lectures	
5.2. for teaching seminars/ **practical courses**	Computer, projector, whiteboard/flipchart, internet connection, learning materials in printed or digital format.

6.1. Acquired specific skills after graduating the study programme (to be taken unmodified from the study plan)[1]

Transversal competences	
Competence code	**Competence**
CT1	Mastering foreign languages for specific and academic purposes
CT2	Communicating in foreign languages using specialized terminology and/ or academic language

6.2. Learning outcomes specific to the study programme (to be taken unmodified from the study plan)[2]

Learning outcomes targeted through the course		
Competence code	**Knowledge and understanding**	**Specific academic skills**
CT2	The student recognizes, understands, and establishes the correlation between specialized terminology and/or academic language in the mother tongue and in the studied foreign language.	The student makes use of specialized terminology and/or academic language in the studied foreign language to interpret, explain, and transfer specialized written and/or oral content.

7. Course-specific learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
1.The student recognizes the features of oral messages and understands the specific content heard in various professional and academic communicative situations in the studied foreign language.

[1] The professional and/or transversal competences to which the course contributes will be taken from the study plan of the study programme for which the course description is being prepared. For each competence, the full statement will be included, together with the competence code, exactly as it appears in the study plan, without any modifications. If no competence is selected from either of the two categories, the corresponding row in the table shall be deleted.

[2] The programme-specific learning outcomes to which the course contributes will be indicated. The statements, taken without modification from the study plan according to the type of course (DF/DS/DC), will be indicated next to the corresponding associated competence.

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2. The student recognizes the conventions of certain categories of specialized texts and understands the structural elements of the message read in the studied foreign language.
3. The student recognizes, evaluates, and appropriately plans oral communication situations with members of the socio professional and academic community in the studied foreign language.
4. The student distinguishes, classifies, and compares established principles and techniques of writing, with an emphasis on written communication of specialized content in the studied foreign language
5.The student recognizes and understands the rules and linguistic norms of the studied foreign language, in accordance with the target level of linguistic competence established for the course.
6. The student recognizes, understands, and establishes the correlation between specialized terminology and/or academic language in the mother tongue and in the studied foreign language.
Specific academic skills
1. The student uses appropriate knowledge and strategies for processing information heard in the studied foreign language.
2. The student identifies the techniques used to construct the written message and transfers concepts, principles, and operational strategies for interpreting specialized written texts in the studied foreign language.
3. The student manages and adjusts discourse in the studied foreign language within typical communication situations, in accordance with the profile of the socio professional and academic community members and with the specific context (monologue, dialogue, technical report, seminar presentation, scientific description, etc.)
4. The student observes the norms of various functional styles in order to synthesize, design, process, structure, and revise specialized written content.
5. The student applies the rules and linguistic norms of the studied foreign language, in accordance with standard assessment criteria for measuring linguistic competence/level.
6. The student makes use of specialized terminology and/or academic language in the studied foreign language to interpret, explain, and transfer specialized written and/or oral content.

8. Contents

8.2 Seminar / practical course	Teaching methods	Observations
Introduction to the practical course Information about the course (contents, evaluation format, formative assessment, teaching and learning instruments) Establishing the students' needs analysis Diagnostic test	quiz, interactive presentation	
Components of tourism Structure and components of tourism.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Selling dreams. Descriptive vocabulary for vacations.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Marketing mix in tourism. Services and products in tourism.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Getting there. Transport and travel vocabulary.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning,	

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	debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Customer service in the travel industry. Dealing with customers' problems. Types of complaints.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Accommodation. Types of accommodation. Facilities and services. Hotel grading.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Destinations. Weather conditions and forecast. Climate features.	Interactive practical course, peer and group work, collaborative learning, debate, role play, research-led and discovery-based learning, blended learning	
Famous tourist attractions. Offering advice and describing destinations.	Interactive presentation, pair/group work, vocabulary/listening/reading exercises, critical thinking, heuristic conversation	
Geographical features. Describing attractions in South America	Interactive presentation, pair/group work, vocabulary/listening/reading exercises, critical thinking, heuristic conversation	
Tourist activities- Museums and galleries. Describing works of art. Talking to a group about works of art.	Interactive presentation, pair/group work, vocabulary/listening/reading exercises, critical thinking, heuristic conversation	
Attractions and unique means of transport. Case studies: Grand Canyon railway. Antarctica wildlife	Interactive presentation, pair/group work, vocabulary/listening/reading exercises, critical thinking, heuristic conversation	
Review and consolidation. Formative assessment.Digital Educational Escape Room	Digital educational escape room activities	
Course evaluation and exam	Written evaluation	

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Prodromou, L., *Grammar and Vocabulary for First Certificate,* Longman, 2001.
SIDE, RICHARD – WELLMAN, GUY: *Grammar & Vocabulary For Cambridge Advanced and Proficiency*, Longman, 2001.
Vince, Michael; *Intermediate Language Practice, English Grammar and Vocabulary*, Macmillan, Oxford, 2003.
Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English, Longman, 2003.

Online Resources (selection)

1. Grammar revision resources https://www.thoughtco.com/esl-grammar-4133089
   https://www.thoughtco.com/esl-reading-comprehension-4133090
2. Writing practice resources https://www.thoughtco.com/esl-writing-skills-4133091
3. Listening comprehension resources https://www.esl-lab.com/intermediate/

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4. General English Resources List provided by Manchester University. URL: http://www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk/elplinks/general/

9. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	9.1 Assessment criteria	9.2 Assessment methods	9.3 Weight in the final grade
9.4 Course			
9.5 Seminar / practical course	-active participation in practical courses -correct and timely completion of assigned tasks -acquisition of specialized vocabulary -accuracy, fluency, and appropriateness of English (both spoken and written) -ability to use English effectively in specific academic and professional contexts	Active participation, involvement in activities/ projects	40%
		Written and/or oral examination	60%
9.6 Basic performance standard			
The students will be able to: -make use of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills in general and specific purpose contexts - apply individual learning strategies in developing academic reading and in improving specialized vocabulary through printed and electronic resources -write academic texts (articles, essays, reports etc); do oral presentations (seminar, debate) - communicate the content of individual and collaborative academic work			

10. ODD labels(Sustainable Development Goals)

	**X**	Sustainable Development Generic Label

								
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								No label applies

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