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Faculty: Language Center		Issue:
Department		Credit hours:3
Academic year 2021/2022		Course Syllabus

Course information

Course#	Course title	Prerequisite
0130103	English skills 103	English Skills 2
Course type		Class time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Major Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Elective <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compulsory		Room #

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Course Delivery Method

Course Delivery Method			
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended			
Learning Model			
Precentage	Synchronou s	Asynchronou s	Physical
	20%		80%

Course Description

English Skills 103 is an advanced course that aims at improving student's ability and accuracy in the use of professional English. The course adopts both theoretical and practical methods. It focuses mainly on developing students' verbal skills such as listening, speaking, critical thinking and video watching and nonverbal skills such as writing and vocabulary through an integrated approach. It also aims at providing students with tools to be effective communicators in English.

Students practice job interviews, role plays and storytelling as well as writing resumes, essays, and cover letters. These objectives are achieved by encouraging teamwork, teaching critical thinking skills and engaging students into discussions and debates.

General Outcomes:

1. Introducing the fundamentals of effective communication skills in a variety of contexts, including an individual's credibility, confidence, proper outfit as well as student's ability to listen to others.
2. Listening effectively, persuading others, asking questions and developing proper dialogues.
3. Dealing with positive and negative situations in a professional manner and with social intelligence.
4. Emphasizing the importance of developing proper professional and personal relationships.
5. Preparing well-designed professional presentations.
6. Preparing resumes in Arabic and English in a professional manner.
7. Making a positive impression during personal and professional interviews.
8. Working in a team at workplace efficiently and effectively.
9. Negotiating and dealing with others professionally.
10. Mastering powerful self-promotion in professional situations and being able to search for appropriate job opportunities, show impressive interview skills and produce well-written resumes.

Custom Out comes:

1. Understanding and analyzing various types of passages and finding the meaning of the words from context
2. Write well organized resumes, cover letters, argumentative and descriptive essays and formal emails
3. Understand and analyze different pictures, and interviews.
4. Develop students' own critical thinking skills
5. Express oneself fluently and accurately in job interviews and business presentations.
7. Use idioms and different expressions correctly.
8. students become more interested and engaged in activities, more active, motivated and confident in their communicative language competence by using videos

Course Learning Outcomes

Number	Outcomes	Corresponding Program outcomes
Knowledge		
K1	<p>Writing:</p> <p>write well organized opinion essays and reports for a variety of advanced purposes. Describe the differences between formal and informal emails in terms of layout and content. Write well organized resumes, cover letters, and formal reports. Understand the importance of using parallel structure and adverbial phrases in writing.</p>	K2
K2	<p>Listening:</p> <p>Develop strategies of active listening in a variety of advanced formats Demonstrate understanding of a variety of media texts Listen to and respond appropriately to spoken discourse in professional contexts</p>	K3
K3	<p>Speaking/Real life:</p> <p>Know how to present oneself, give a talk, make recommendations, use rhetorical questions and concede a point fluently and accurately. Use language functions in different situations appropriately.</p>	K3
K4	<p>Reading:</p> <p>Comprehend long texts and carry out reading activities, talk about the main ideas, elaborate on the main themes of each paragraph, and evaluate the style of the text.</p> <p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>Know how to use phrasal verbs and idioms appropriately. Understand the different uses of adjectives and adverbs collocations. Comprehend the different meanings of some high frequency words.</p> <p>Visual pictures</p> <p>Discuss the meaning behind each picture and express one's view.</p> <p>Videos:</p> <p>Comprehend and understand the topic and ideas of videos.</p> <p>Critical thinking:</p> <p>Know how to develop an argument and counter argument, differentiate between facts and opinions and identify text</p>	K3

	types and aims.	
Skills		
S1	<p>Writing: Use appropriate organizational patterns to create a variety of - advanced written work. Apply knowledge of the conventions of language (spelling, punctuation, grammar and usage). Revise written work for accuracy, clarity, correctness with the assistance of peers. Produce well organized and coherent essays with a topic sentence, supporting sentence and concluding sentence Exchange emails with a student in an English-speaking country</p>	S2
S2	<p>Listening: Listen to identify the main idea, take notes to remember information when listening. Answer questions about information and ideas after listening. Explain the main message behind a media advertisement</p>	
S3	<p>Speaking: Participate in discussions and conversations in a variety of advanced context. Take part in a variety of well-prepared advanced presentations to class. produce a video presenting information in a particular area of study. use grammatically correct language in a variety of contexts.</p> <p>Videos: Plan and deliver a project that uses DV.</p> <p>Vocabulary: Use the words in different contexts correctly.</p> <p>Visual pictures: Analyze pictures</p> <p>Reading: Use reading strategies to understand a variety of advanced texts.</p> <p>Critical thinking: Exchange ideas and express different opinions on a topic.</p>	
Competencies		
C1	<p>Speaking: Practice speaking English in a specific real-life situation. Present different topics and lead a team as a group work.</p>	C1
C2	<p>Listening: Discover main ideas and details of interviews and dialogues.</p>	

C3	<p>Reading: Find out the main idea and information of various texts. Skim texts to deduce and infer the meaning of the text. Scan texts for specific purposes. Agree or disagree with an author’s point of view. Make inferences based on explicit and implicit information in texts.</p> <p>Vocabulary: Use idioms and colloquial words correctly in different situations</p> <p>Visual pictures: Explain the meaning behind various pictures.</p> <p>Video: Understand the main idea of a video.</p> <p>Critical thinking: Express an argument and counter argument.</p> <p>Writing: Writing well organized resumes, cover letters, essays and formal reports</p>	

Learning Resources

Course textbook	<p>1. Paul Dummett, John Hughes, & Helen Stephenson (2015), Life 6 . National Geographic Learning</p> <p>2. Paul Dummett, John Hughes, & Helen Stephenson. (2015) Life 6. (Work book). National Geographic Learning</p>
Supporting References	<p><u>Writing References:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frank, O’Hare & Robert Funk (2000). The Modern Writer’s Handbook. Allyn & Bacon 2. Phyllis, Crème & Mary Lea. (1997). Writing at University: A Guide for Students. Open University Press 3. Raimes, Ann (1999). Keys for Writers: A Brief Handbook. Houghton Mifflin Company. <p><u>Speaking References:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theibert, Philip. (2003). How to Give a Damn Good Speech. Jaico Publishing House 2. Gronbeck, Bruce. (1991). Principles of Speech Communication. Harper Collins 3. Griffin, Jack. (1994) How to Say it Best: Choice Words, Phrases Griffin. Prentice Hall <p><u>Reading References:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.. Goatly, Andrew. (2000). Critical Reading and Writing: An Introductory Case Book. Routledge. 2. Heavers, Kathy & Coman, Marcia. (1991). What you Need to Know about Reading Comprehension and

	Speed, Skimming and Scanning & Reading for Pleasure. Lincolnwood. 3. Fairbairn, Gavin (1991). Reading, Writing and Reasoning: A Guide for Students .Open University Press.
Supporting websites	www.Cengage.com Listening : www.englishlistening.com www.esl-lab.com www.elllo.org/ www.npr.org www.voanews.com Speaking: www.englishclub.com www.soundsofenglish.org www.eslcafe.com Writing: www.writing-world.com Games : www.languagegames.org . Other useful sites : http://www.eslpartyland.com/teachers/nov/grammar.htm http://a4esl.org http://www.rong-chang.com http://english-zone.com/index.php http://www.lovetolearnplace.com http://polyglot.lss.wise.edu/lss/lang/teach.html http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jod/teachdemo/teachdemo.html http://www.ohiou.edu/esl/teacher/technology/index.html
Teaching Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> laboratory Learning platform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

Meetings and subjects timetable

Week	Topic	Learning Methods	Tasks	Learning Material
1	Unit 1: Lessons for Life Speaking & Vocabulary p.9Ex 1,2,3 Reading: Learning from the past p.10 Speaking p11 Ex 9,10	Course book Critical thinking		text book references

	<p>Listening: Who do you think you are? p 12& 13 Vocabulary Ex 6 p 13</p>			
2	<p>Speaking Ex 10, 11 Page 13 Reading: Immortal Words page 14, 15 Listening: Tell me about yourself Ex 1-7 p. 16 Writing: Application Letter p.17 Video: Arctic Wisdom p.18,19</p>	<p>Discussion/ group learning activity –based learning debates</p>	<p>Home work</p>	<p>PowerPoint slides</p>
3	<p>Unit 3: Four Walls speaking & vocabulary p.33 Ex 1-4listening: Compact space p34</p>	<p>role-play</p>	<p>Presentatio n</p>	<p>Videos /web sites /YouTube</p>
4	<p>Vocabulary & speaking ex10-12 p. 35 Ex 13,14</p>	<p>games</p>		<p>Audio</p>
5	<p>Reading: Old New Towns p. 36 Speaking ex 10 p37 Reading The paper Architect p.38,39</p>	<p>Video watching</p>		<p>Games</p>
6	<p>Listening p. 40A public project Ex 1-7 Video p43 Denmark Bridge</p>			
7	<p>Unit 4: Innovation</p>			
8	<p>Speaking & vocabulary ex 12,13 Page 45 Listening p.46 ex1-5 Phrasal verbs come Ex 6,7</p>			
9	<p>Speaking page 47ex 12 Reading Fold everything ex 1-4 page48-49 Idioms ex 5,6 Speaking ex 10 Reading: The shoe Giver p. 50-51</p>			
10	<p>Listening: The Elevator Pitch p 52 Writing p 53Ex 1-7 Describing How things work Video: Ethical Ocean Page 54-55</p>			
11	<p>Unit 6: Body Matters</p>			
12	<p>Speaking & vocabulary Ex 1-3 P 69 Reading Exercise around the world p 70</p>			
	<p>Speaking p 71 ex 10,11 Vocabulary & listening p 72 No pain No Gain Speaking p 73 ex 14 Reading p 74-75 The enigma of Beauty Listening p 76 a bold Initiative ex 1-5 Writing p 77 A formal report Video free running p 78-79</p>			
14	<p>Unit: The Music in us speaking &</p>			

	vocabulary p. 105 ex 1-3 Reading p 106 world music Speaking & vocabulary p 107 ex 8 Listening p 108 Speaking p 109 ex 11 Reading p110-111 one love			
15	Listening p112 desert islands disco ex 1-6 Writing p113 a description of traditional type of dancing Video 114 -115 biopic			
16	Final Exam			

* includes: Lecture, flipped Class, project- based learning, problem solving based learning, collaborative learning

Course Contributing to Learner Skill Development

Using Technology
Get information from the net Answer exercises from different sites on the net Play games on the net
Communication skills
Present a topic in class
Application of concepts learnt
talk about a certain topic in a video

Assessment Methods and Grade Distribution

Assessment Methods	Grade Weight	Assessment Time (Week No.)	Link to Course Outcomes
Mid Term Exam	% 30		K1, k2 k4
Various Assessments *	% 30		S1 c1
Final Exam	% 40	29/1/2021-5/2/2021	
Total	100%		

* includes: quiz, in class and out of class assignment, presentations, reports, videotaped assignment, group or individual projects.

Alignment of Course Outcomes with Learning and Assessment Methods

Number	Learning Outcomes	Learning Method*	Assessment Method**
Knowledge			
K1	Writing: write well organized opinion essays and reports for a variety of advanced purposes Describe the differences between formal and	Lecture	Mid Term Exam: Multiple choice exam

	<p>informal emails in terms of layout and content</p> <p>Write well organized resumes, cover letters, and formal reports</p> <p>understand the importance of using parallel structure and adverbial phrases in writing</p>		
K2	<p>Listening:</p> <p>Develop strategies of active listening in a variety of advanced formats</p> <p>Demonstrate understanding of a variety of media texts</p> <p>Listen to and respond appropriately to spoken discourse in professional contexts</p>		Homework discussion
K3	<p>Speaking/Real life:</p> <p>Know how to present oneself, give a talk, make recommendations, use rhetorical questions and concede a point</p> <p>fluently and accurately</p> <p>Use language functions in different situations appropriately</p>	Discussion	Project
Skills			
S1	<p>Speaking:</p> <p>Participate in discussions and conversations in a variety of advanced context</p> <p>Take part in a variety of well-prepared advanced presentations to class</p> <p>produce a video presenting information in a particular area of study</p> <p>use grammatically correct language in a variety of</p>	Presentation	video

	contexts		
S2	Vocabulary: Use the words in different contexts correctly Visual pictures: Analyze pictures Reading: Use reading strategies to understand a variety of advanced texts Critical thinking: Exchange ideas and express different opinions on a topic	Project	
S3	Videos: Plan and deliver a project that uses DV.		Reference assessment
Competencies			
C1	Reading: Find out the main idea and information of various texts skim texts to deduce and infer the meaning of the text Scan texts for specific purposes Agree or disagree with an author's point of view Make inferences based on explicit and implicit information in texts	Solve problems	Peer assessment
C2	Vocabulary: Use idioms and colloquial words correctly in different situations Visual pictures: Explain the meaning behind various pictures Video: Understand the main idea of a video critical thinking: Express an argument and counter argument Writing: Writing well organized resumes, cover letters, - essays and formal reports	Critical thinking	Formative assessment Final assessment
C3	Video: Understand the main idea of a video critical thinking: Express an argument and counter argument Writing: Writing well organized resumes, cover letters, - essays and formal reports		Final Exam

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Course Policies

Policy	Policy Requirements
Passing Grade	The minimum passing grade for the course is (50%) and the minimum final mark recorded on transcript is (35%).
Missing Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing an exam without a valid excuse will result in a zero grade to be assigned to the exam or assessment. • A Student who misses an exam or scheduled assessment, for a legitimate reason, must submit an official written excuse within a week from an exam or assessment due date. • A student who has an excuse for missing a final exam should submit the excuse to the dean within three days of the missed exam date.
Attendance	The student is not allowed to be absent more than (15%) of the total hours prescribed for the course, which equates to six lectures days (M, W) and seven lectures (S, T, R). If the student misses more than (15%) of the total hours prescribed for the course without a satisfactory excuse accepted by the dean of the faculty, s/he will be prohibited from taking the final exam and the grade in that course is considered (zero), but if the absence is due to illness or a compulsive excuse accepted by the dean of the college, then withdrawal grade will be recorded.
Academic Honesty	Philadelphia University pays special attention to the issue of academic integrity, and the penalties stipulated in the university's instructions are applied to those who are proven to have committed an act that violates academic integrity, such as: cheating, plagiarism (academic theft), collusion, and violating intellectual property rights.

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed in this Course

Number	Learning Outcome	Course Title	Assessment Method	Target Performance level
K1	<p>Writing:</p> <p>write well organized opinion essays and reports for a variety of advanced purposes</p> <p>Describe the differences between formal and informal emails in terms of layout and content</p> <p>Write well organized resumes, cover letters, and formal reports</p> <p>understand the importance of using parallel structure and adverbial phrases in writing</p>	English skills 3	Multiple choice exam	75% should get 70
	<p>Listening:</p> <p>Develop strategies of active listening in a variety of advanced formats</p>		Speaking Exam	

	<p>Demonstrate understanding of a variety of media texts</p> <p>Listen to and respond appropriately to spoken discourse in professional contexts</p>			
	<p>Speaking/Real life:</p> <p>Know how to present oneself, give a talk, make recommendations, use rhetorical questions and concede a point</p> <p>fluently and accurately</p> <p>Use language functions in different situations appropriately</p>			
	<p>Reading:</p> <p>Comprehend long texts and carry out reading activities, talk about the main ideas, elaborate on the main themes of each paragraph, and evaluate the style of the text</p> <p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>Know how to use phrasal verbs and idioms appropriately</p> <p>Understand the different uses of adjectives and adverbs collocations</p> <p>Comprehend the different meanings of some high frequency words</p> <p>Visual pictures</p> <p>Discuss the meaning behind each picture and express one's view</p> <p>Videos:</p> <p>Comprehend and understand the topic and ideas of videos</p> <p>Critical thinking:</p> <p>Know how to develop an argument and counter argument, differentiate between facts and opinions and identify text types and aims.</p>			
S1	<p>Writing:</p> <p>Use appropriate organizational - patterns to create a variety of advanced written work</p> <p>Apply knowledge of the conventions of language (spelling, punctuation, grammar and usage)</p> <p>Revise written work for accuracy, clarity, correctness with the assistance</p>			

	<p>of peers</p> <p>Produce well organized and coherent essays with a topic sentence, supporting sentence and concluding sentence</p> <p>Exchange emails with a student in an English-speaking country</p>			
C1	<p>Listening:</p> <p>Listen to identify the main idea, take notes to remember information when listening</p> <p>Answer questions about information and ideas after listening</p> <p>Explain the main message behind a media advertisement</p>			
	<p>Speaking:</p> <p>Participate in discussions and conversations in a variety of advanced context</p> <p>Take part in a variety of well-prepared advanced presentations to class</p> <p>produce a video presenting information in a particular area of study</p> <p>use grammatically correct language in a variety of contexts</p> <p>Videos:</p> <p>plan and deliver a project that uses DV.</p> <p>Vocabulary:</p> <p>Use the words in different contexts correctly</p> <p>Visual pictures:</p> <p>Analyze pictures</p> <p>Reading:</p> <p>Use reading strategies to understand a variety of advanced texts</p> <p>Critical thinking:</p> <p>Exchange ideas and express different opinions on a topic</p>			

Description of Program Learning Outcome Assessment Method

Number	Detailed Description of Assessment
K1	<p>Mid Term Exam (Multiple choice questions)</p> <p><i>The exam contains 30 questions, totaling 30 marks.</i></p> <p>I. Basic Notions (Reading & Vocabulary) <i>The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate the required minimal student knowledge and skills.</i></p> <p>2. Familiar Problems Solving (writing) <i>The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate that the student has some basic knowledge of the key aspects of the lecture material and can attempt to solve familiar problems.</i></p> <p>3. unfamiliar Problems Solving (unseen passage, Critical Thinking, real life) Objectives. <i>The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate that the student can solve familiar problems with ease and can make progress towards the solution of unfamiliar problems, and can set out reasoning and explanation in a clear and coherent manner.</i></p>
S1	<p>Speaking Exam: Presentation: students choose a topic and present it orally in class (10 marks)</p>
C1	<p>Final Exam (Multiple choice questions)</p> <p><i>The exam contains 40 questions, totaling 40 marks.</i></p> <p>I. Basic Notions (Reading & Vocabulary) <i>The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate the required minimal student knowledge and skills.</i></p> <p>2. Familiar Problems Solving (writing) <i>The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate that the student has</i></p>

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Assessment Rubric of the Program Learning Outcome

Listening	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Vocabulary
Summarize what the speaker is saying	Comprehends Identifies theme or message and supporting details Summarizes with evidence Makes inferences Interprets vocabulary		Fluency	Content /IDEAS.	Classifying
Ability to focus			Accuracy	ORGANIZATION	Investigation
Listening for details			Pronunciation and accent	WORD CHOICE	
General understanding			Vocabulary	SENTENCE FLUENCY	
			Grammar Details	Spelling, punctuation	

