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NOMBRE DE LA ASIGNATURA /SUBJECT NAME

English for Specific Purposes

CRÉDITOS ECTS /CREDITS

3 ECTS

CARÁCTER /TYPE OF SUBJECT

Compulsory

CUATRIMESTRE /SEMESTER

Winter semester

REQUISITOS PREVIOS RECOMENDADOS /RECOMMENDED REQUISITES

None

OBJETIVOS / OBJECTIVES

To acquire a general knowledge of ESP as a whole and a deep acquaintance with one or several of its sub-branches.

To develop a critical awareness of the main topics and challenges of ESP as an applied and research area.

To get acquainted with the main structural and linguistic features of the different text types used in ESP contexts.

To develop a basic competence in the composition of the main text types used in specific areas of ESP.

To get familiar with the key issues and concepts and develop basic teaching competences in ESP.

To get acquainted with and develop an ability to use the main research tools (data, analytical instruments, relevant software, etc.) in ESP for practical or research purposes.

COMPETENCIAS /COMPETENCE

CB6, CB7, CB9, CB10, G01, G02, G03, G04, G05, G06, G07, G08, G09, G10, E01, E02, E05

CB6. Students should acquire and fully understand knowledge that will allow them to put forward original research proposals in their field of studies.

CB7. Students should be able to apply their knowledge and problem-solving capacities in the resolution of new problems in multidisciplinary environments.

CB9. Students should be able to share their findings, as well as the background knowledge and rationale of their research, with both expert and non-expert audiences.

CB10. Students should develop a capacity for autonomous self-study and self-learning.

G01 Ability to analyse the concepts, principles, theories and models pertaining to the different fields of English Studies, and to know the appropriate methodology to solve the characteristic problems of the field of study.

G02 Ability to apply the knowledge acquired in the multidisciplinary and multifaceted field of English Studies.

G03 Capacity to use efficiently the new information and communication technologies in the field of English Studies.

G04 Capacity to write proficient and relatively original compositions and sounded discussions, essays, scientific articles and reasonable hypotheses.

G05 Ability to make presentations of experiences, ideas and reports. Capacity to assess and discuss topics following certain objective criteria, external norms or personal opinions with a proficient level of academic and scientific language, both oral and written.

G06 Ability to find and use operating tools to gather relevant information which can improve the learning process of English Studies.

G07 Ability to work and learn in an autonomous, independent manner.

G08 Capacity to do research and handle new information and knowledge in the field of English Studies.

G09 Capacity to adopt a critical perspective which can lead students to assess the relevance of the existing investigations in the field of English Studies and of their own research.

G10 Capacity to gauge and appreciate the diverse and multicultural nature of the different contexts of English Studies.

E01 Ability to use rigorous linguistic terminology and appropriate notation.

E02 Knowledge of the main linguistic research models.

E05 Capacity to reflect upon the factors determining the learning and acquisition of English as a foreign language.

CONTENIDOS / CONTENTS

An overview of the discipline. Different branches of ESP. Research and applied perspectives.

ESP perspectives. Historical, pedagogic, sociological and linguistic issues in ESP.

Doing research in ESP. Quantitative and qualitative methods in ESP research.

METODOLOGÍA / TEACHING METHODOLOGY

A large part of the contact hours of the course will consist in the presentation by the teacher of key ideas and concepts in the field, to be complemented with practical work by the students. Practical activities will consist, for instance, in the analysis of text samples, participation in class discussions, class presentations, etc. Some of the sessions may have a workshop format and focus on the preparation or practical usage of research tools.

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS / ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- a) Total number of hours = 75;
- b) In-class work = 14;
- c) Work through the virtual platform = 10;
- d) Student's autonomous work = 51.

In-class Work	Number of hours	Work through virtual platform	Number of hours	Student's autonomous work	Number of hours
Lectures	5	Participation in forums and debates	4	Autonomous learning, alone or in a group	11
Interactive sessions (seminars, debates, presentations, etc.)	7	Reading control activities	4	Writing of exercises, conclusions or other activities derived from the subject	20
Tutorial classes	2	Self-assessment tasks	2	Activities in the library, recommended readings, bibliographical searches	20
Total number of in-class hours	14	Total number of hours through virtual platform	10	Total number of student's autonomous work	51

EVALUACIÓN / ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment (100%). Alternatively, continuous assessment (50%) + final test (50%). As for the continuous assessment, regular class attendance is required. Furthermore, students will have to complete a series of practical activities, which may include a combination of any of the following: text analyses, class presentations, writing essays and small research projects. The following factors will be considered in the assessment of these tasks: ability to summarize and combine information from different sources, clarity in the presentation of ideas, accuracy in the use of specialized concepts and terminology, involvement in seminars and group activities, rigor and originality in the formulation of research proposals, comprehensiveness and punctuality in the realization of the tasks and, finally, the use of an appropriate academic style. The final test will consist in a series of questions related to the course contents.

The same assessment system will apply in the case of students with an extra opportunity or those retaking the course. As regards the extra opportunity, for the continuous assessment part, the student may be asked to repeat a selection of the activities done throughout the course or to complete some extra tasks. For students with an official exemption of class attendance, continuous assessment will be based on their eventual completion of the assignments set through the virtual component of the course. These students must also sit the final written test (if applicable) or, alternatively, complete an equivalent task (or set of tasks) specified by the lecturers.

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Specialized journals and research tools

English for Specific Purposes

The ESP Journal

Journal of English for Academic Purposes

Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English ([MICASE](#))

[Webcorp](#) (the Web as a corpus)

[Antconc](#) (freeware concordance program)