



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data				
Subject (*)			English Language 4	Code
Study programme			Grao en Español: Estudos Lingüísticos e Literarios	613G01019
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	2nd four-month period	Second	Obligatory	6
Language	English			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
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General description	This course extends the basic training in the description of the English language and the theory and practice of English. The overall goal is to reach CEF level C1.			

Study programme competences

Code	Study programme competences
A1	Coñecer e aplicar os métodos e as técnicas de análise lingüística e literaria.
A2	Saber analizar e comentar textos e discursos literarios e non literarios utilizando apropiadamente as técnicas de análise textual.
A6	Ter un dominio instrumental avanzado oral e escrito da lingua inglesa.
A9	Elaborar textos orais e escritos de diferente tipo en lingua galega, española e inglesa.
A10	Ter capacidade para avaliar criticamente o estilo dun texto e para formular propostas alternativas e correccións.
A11	Ter capacidade para avaliar, analizar e sintetizar criticamente información especializada.
A15	Ser capaz de aplicar os coñecementos lingüísticos e literarios á práctica.
B1	Utilizar os recursos bibliográficos, as bases de datos e as ferramentas de busca de información.
B2	Manexar ferramentas, programas e aplicacións informáticas específicas.
B3	Adquirir capacidade de autoformación.
B4	Ser capaz de comunicarse de maneira efectiva en calquera contorno.
B5	Relacionar os coñecementos cos doutras áreas e disciplinas.
B6	Ter capacidade de organizar o traballo, planificar e xestionar o tempo e resolver problemas de forma efectiva.
B7	Ter capacidade de análise e síntese, de valorar criticamente o coñecemento e de exercer o pensamento crítico.
B8	Apreciar a diversidade.
B10	Comportarse con ética e responsabilidade social como cidadán/á e profesional.
C2	Dominar a expresión e a comprensión de forma oral e escrita dun idioma estranxeiro.
C3	Utilizar as ferramentas básicas das tecnoloxías da información e as comunicacións (TIC) necesarias para o exercicio da súa profesión e para a aprendizaxe ao longo da súa vida.
C4	Desenvolverse para o exercicio dunha cidadanía aberta, culta, crítica, comprometida, democrática e solidaria, capaz de analizar a realidade, diagnosticar problemas, formular e implantar solucións baseadas no coñecemento e orientadas ao ben común.
C7	Asumir como profesional e cidadán a importancia da aprendizaxe ao longo da vida.

Learning outcomes

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Speaking skills: Be able to interact with native and non-native speakers; give information, express and justify opinions, make appropriate comments, agree/disagree with proposals, compare, describe and speculate. Students should show that they can communicate effectively, by giving full and extended responses to stimuli.	A6 A15	B4 B5 B6 B8 B10	C2 C4 C7
Listening skills: Be capable of listening to and understanding different kinds of authentic discourse; monologues, announcements, radio and TV broadcasts, speeches, talks, anecdotes, interacting speakers, interviews, discussions.	A6 A9	B8	C2 C3 C7
Writing skills: Be capable of composing various types of texts, such as letters, articles, longer essays, informative texts, proposals, complaints, reports, reviews.	A6 A9 A10 A11 A15	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8	C2 C3 C4
Use of English: Be familiar with a wide range of general vocabulary, common phrases and collocations, shades of meaning, phrasal verbs, linking mechanisms, grammatical transformations.	A6 A10	B4 B5	C2 C7
Reading skills: Be able to understand varied authentic texts from newspapers, magazines, fiction/non-fiction, promotional or commercial sources.	A1 A2 A6 A11	B3 B6 B7 B8	C2 C4 C7
Grammar: Demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency in English grammar appropriate to a C1 level of English.	A6 A15	B3 B8	C2 C7

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
-WRITING	What is the MLA writing style? Style and register, formal and informal language, connotation and denotation, post-structuralism and binary opposition, punctuation, paragraph, connectors, the essay (e.g. argumentative and research essays), title, introduction, (hypo)thesis vs. topic, body, conclusion, information sources (web and printed), list of works cited, citations in the body of the text, plagiarism, footnotes and endnotes, etc. Throughout the course, you will learn to write different texts such as the motivation letter, the professional CV, and the MLA essay. The latter will be the part of the final exam.
-READING	What is critical reading? Different levels of comprehension of a text, grammar, vocabulary, structure, rhetorical figures, story and plot, themes, characterization, inference, deduction, analysis, scope and impact, meaning and interpretation, conclusions, etc. We will read and discuss diverse documents. Two of these documents will be part of the reading comprehension in the final exam.



SPEAKING	How to make an oral presentation, participate in a debate and behave in a job interview. Types of discourses; tips to fight against stage fright; use of pauses, intonation and rhythm in orality; body language; cohesion and coherence; convince and persuade. Each student must come to class prepared to answer orally about the reading material assigned for that day, as well as to participate in the debates and other activities.
-LISTENING	The listening exercises will be related to the grammar and vocabulary seen in class. Students will also work with job interviews and practice for the audio-oral test. In class you will practice listening to the English language. Listening, apart from being necessary for understanding, is also an ethical act and students are expected to practice ethics.
-GRAMMAR	Review and consolidation of both the use of words and important grammatical structures. Connectors and other elements of textual cohesion. Verbal tenses: their correct and consistent use. Subordinate clauses: relative (e.g. with prepositions) and adverbial. Agreement and order among words. Distinguish among types of words and phrases: adjectives vs. adverbs, conjunctions vs. prepositions and prepositional phrases vs. adverbial phrases.
-VOCABULARY	Expansion of vocabulary, with special attention to idiomatic expressions, false friends, phrasal verbs and formal language. Topics: finding work and describing professional skills; discussing about current issues, both linguistic (e.g. [non] sexist language, [not] using gender markers) and social (emotions, gender, sexuality, diversity and the environment, among others).

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A1 A2 A6 A10 B1 B2 B4 B5 B8 C2	25	25	50
Seminar	A1 A2 A6 A9 A10 A11 A15 B4 B7 B8 C2 C4	16	16	32
Supervised projects	A2 A6 A9 A10 A11 A15 B4 B5 B7 B8 C2	4	8	12
Oral presentation	A6 A9 A15 B1 B2 B3 B4 B6 B8 B10 C2 C3 C4 C7	0	5	5
Workshop	A6 B4 B8 C2 C4	16	15	31
Short answer questions	A9 A10 C2	2	4	6
Mixed objective/subjective test	A6 A9 A10 B3 B4 B10 C2	2	10	12
Personalized attention		2	0	2
(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.				

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description



Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lecture complemented with the use of audiovisual media and the introduction of some questions addressed to students, in order to transmit knowledge and facilitate learning. This session will be completed with directed discussions.
Seminar	Group work technique whose purpose is the intensive study of a topic or a reading. It is characterized by discussion, participation, the elaboration of documents and the conclusions to which all the components of the seminar must reach.
Supervised projects	Methodology designed to enhance the autonomous learning of students, under the tutelage of the teacher and in varied scenarios (academic and professional).
Oral presentation	Exercise inherent to teaching-learning processes based on the verbal exposition through which students present works.
Workshop	Formative method oriented to the application of learning in which different methodologies / tests can be combined (presentations, simulations, debates, problem solving, guided practices, etc.) through which students develop practical tasks.
Short answer questions	Objective test aimed at remembering and putting into practice previous learning.
Mixed objective/subjective test	Test that integrates essay and objective questions. As for essay questions, it gathers open questions of development. With regards to objective questions, it can combine multiple-choice questions and others related to ordering, brief response, discrimination, completion, and / or association.

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Supervised projects	We are available and happy to meet our students during the scheduled office hours and by appointment.

Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Short answer questions	A9 A10 C2	Throughout the semester, you will take some TESTS that will evaluate the continuity with which you acquire the theoretical knowledge and your capacity to put it into practice. The dates of these tests will be announced at the beginning of the semester.	20
Supervised projects	A2 A6 A9 A10 A11 A15 B4 B5 B7 B8 C2	-A MOTIVATION LETTER (10%) -A PROFESSIONAL CV (10%) The guidelines to complete the assignments will be explained in class, on Moodle and during office hours. The submission dates will be announced ahead of time.	20
Oral presentation	A6 A9 A15 B1 B2 B3 B4 B6 B8 B10 C2 C3 C4 C7	This consists of a video project, between 3 and 10 people, presenting a commercial or infomercial to sell a product or method. Under no circumstances will the students read from any kind of notes, and they will have to prepare the script, record the video and upload it. The rest of the guidelines will be explained in due time. This activity is not mandatory.	10
Mixed objective/subjective test	A6 A9 A10 B3 B4 B10 C2	The exam will include the following sections: WRITTEN PRODUCTION following the methodology explained in this course (20%), READING COMPREHENSION of the called exam texts (15%) and AUDIO-ORAL TEST consisting of a job interview (15%).	50
Others			

Assessment comments



- To pass this course, you must be graded with at least 5 (out of 10) IN EACH OF THE SUPERVISED PROJECTS, the SHORT RESPONSE TESTS and the EXAMINATIONS, and at least 5 (out of 10) in the FINAL GRADE.
- For the JULY opportunity assessment, there will be supervised projects, short answer tests and mandatory exams as in June (the optional video-project will have THE SAME REQUIREMENTS too). On this occasion, each student must complete the section(s) that she or he did not pass in the first opportunity.
- Students sitting the December exam (final exam brought forward) will be assessed according to the criteria specified for the July opportunity.
- Students officially enrolled part-time who have been granted an official dispensation from attending classes will need to contact the teachers at the beginning of the semester. These students will be assessed according to the criteria applied in the July opportunity.
- In order NOT to obtain the grade of "No presentado" (Absent), the student must attend the exam (even if it is just to write her or his name) OR do at least half of the scoring work.
- Students can only do ONE volunteer activity to raise their final grade +0.5. That is, you can EITHER participate in a talent show (speaking in English) OR write an essay on one (or both) mandatory readings. More information will be given in class and via Moodle. Obviously, the extra percentage will be added to the final grade as long as it is equal to or higher than 5. IMPORTANT: to be able to do volunteer work it is NECESSARY to contact the coordinator at the beginning of the course and strictly follow the guidelines set by her.
- All assignments must be submitted in time and in the specified format in order to avoid a penalty of 25% on the grade obtained.
- Teachers can use the "Turnitin" plagiarism detection service to review student work. Plagiarism in any activity will mean obtaining a "zero" in it.
- If the coordinator considers it appropriate, there may be topics of self-study by the students (e.g. to increase your knowledge). These materials, which will not be subject to evaluation, will be provided on Moodle.

Sources of information



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Complementary	

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus



Other comments

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