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English 3A (ENS3A06)

Preliminary University Studies Department

Course Description

In the course students continue to develop their abilities in English grammar, the ability to understand every day speech and to express themselves through writing and speaking in English. Students learn basic academic vocabulary and learn to express their thoughts in a clear and instructive manner, putting forward arguments to support their opinions. An emphasis is put on reading texts to develop a practical vocabulary. The assignments during the term are varied and in addition students are expected to work independently on bigger projects, presentations and essays. Students are expected to work independently and with enthusiasm in both individual and group assignments. The assessment for the course is varied where among self-assessment as well as peer-assessment is used.

Prerequisites (Required preparation)

5 credits in English (competence level 1) and 5 credits in English (competence level 2)

Competence level

3

Credits

6

By the end of the course

The student has acquired knowledge and understanding of:

- interdisciplinary language for practical use
- the different position, attitude and expression of literary authors and the deeper meaning of texts

- the writing traditions that are appropriate in writing a text, including introduction, body text with well-defined paragraphs and conclusion

The student has acquired the skill to:

- make use of handbooks and dictionaries
- participate in daily communication, both inside and outside the classroom
- read different types of texts, both theoretical and literary texts and texts that are related to the student's field of interest
- employ the reading methods appropriate for the type of text that is being read or for the task at hand
- express him/herself clearly and without error on subjects he/she has acquainted him/herself with
- write different types of texts, formal and informal
- write an organized text, using paragraphs

Student can use the knowledge and skill which he/she has acquired to:

- understand everyday language, such as conversations and the media, theoretical articles and more complicated topics
- exchange ideas, give reasons for his/her ideas and answer objections and counterarguments in an appropriate manner
- express him/herself clearly and without errors on subjects he/she has acquainted him/herself with
- write formal and informal texts and follow the principal traditions and rules on written language performance

Course assessment

The course is assessed in a variety of ways, there among group work, individual assignments, quizzes and a final exam that will make up part of the final grade