

English 3B (ENS3B06)

Preliminary University Studies Department

Course description

This course is centered on improving reading comprehension in English on a higher level. Students will learn basic academic and scientific vocabulary, how to express their train of thought clearly in both written and spoken language and to support their opinions with valid arguments. An emphasis is put on close reading texts and in the process, build a practical vocabulary that can be utilized in further studies. Both American and British society and culture will be discussed and the discussion will be connected to various literature, film, documentaries and so on that will be interpreted from a cultural point of view. Students will work on bigger writing projects and assignments that will require the students to do research at the library, on the internet and multi-media. The course will continue to lay the foundation for a democratic approach to assessment and self-assessment and peer-assessment will make up a part of the course. Students are encouraged to seek independence in their studies, to find their own path and learn how to set goals that will lead to academic success.

Prerequisites (Required preparation)

10 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 vocabulary in preparation for university level English

- applying the writing traditions appropriate in writing a text, including introduction with a topic sentence, body text with well-defined paragraphs and conclusion
- reading texts where certain views or opinions are introduced by the author and realize the purpose and attitude of what is being said and reading between the lines of a literary text and understanding the deeper meaning of a text

The student has acquired the skill to:

- read and understand various types of texts, both specialized and literary texts
- read different types of texts and employ reading methods appropriate for the type of text in question
- express him/herself clearly and without errors on subjects he/she has acquainted him/herself with
- express him/herself through writing different types of texts, both formal and informal

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

- understand everyday language, conversations and the media and understand without difficulty the main points of talks and discussions, theoretical articles and other more advanced material
- 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 a chosen subject that he/she has acquainted him/herself with in front of an audience
- write different types of texts, formal and informal and follow the principal traditions that apply to written texts
- utilize acquired vocabulary in both verbal and written communication

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