

Sharif University of Technology
General English
Course Syllabus
Winter 1389

Course Web-Site: <http://sharif.ir/~language/>

Course Goals: The purpose of this three- credit course is to prepare students for ESP courses designed by the Languages and Linguistics Center of SUT to support more effective and comfortable interactions for our students. It is the foundation course and provides practices in all four language skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Learning Outcomes: To complete this course successfully, you will be expected to go through the following activities, in each skill area, with at least 50% proficiency:

Listening

- Identify the meanings of words and expressions
- Make associations between spoken comments and previous knowledge of a topic
- Identify the main ideas of spoken language
- Distinguish and recall important details in spoken language

Speaking

- Use words and expressions correctly
- Make associations between spoken comments and previous information on a topic, from all sources (books, conversations, lectures, movies, etc.)
- Establish the main idea of a spoken piece of a language
- Provide precise and relevant details to support the main idea

Reading

- Read how to get the main idea of a passage
- Read to be able to draw implications from passages
- Read to guess the meanings of vocabulary items from context
- Read to be able to establish references in a text

Writing

- To write with cohesion and coherence
- To be able to write thesis statements and support them with relevant paragraphs
- To be able to write good topic sentences and support them with relevant examples
- To be able to write good clinchers

Materials: You will need certain materials to complete this course successfully. In addition to loose-leaf paper for notes and assignments and a folder in which to collect your work for this course, you must have the following:

Textbook: Alemi et al. 2009, *General English for Science and Engineering Students*, Farhange Alem Publication, Tehran, Iran. (With audio CD)

Various handouts: provided by the instructor as the need arises

You should bring your materials and the textbook to every class meeting.

Expectations of Students: The students of SUT are accomplished, responsible, and respectful. In addition to the general policies of SUT; you are expected to adhere to the following policies:

- You should arrive on time to class; students who arrive after the teacher has already taken roll will be marked absent for that session and lose participation points.
- Three tardy arrivals constitute one absence; according to SUT policy, three absences constitute a failure of the course;
- You should attend the class prepared with your materials and your completed assignments; and
- Submission of late assignments will be accepted only if you make arrangements with the instructor prior to the due date.

The instructor reserves the right to adjust, add to, or rescind the policies during the term as needed to conduct the course in an effective manner and better serve all students.

Student Assessment: Your course grade will be based on the following measures of your skills and performance:

Activities	Points	Examinations	Points
Listening & speaking	30	Midterm exam	40
Participation & Assignments	10	Final exam	100
writing	20		
total	60	total	140

Schedule Table:

Session Number	Class Date	Session Contents
1		Introduction of syllabus Reading strategies Listening techniques
2		Unit 4: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms
3		Unit 1: Grammar: Complex Sentences Writing: Five - Paragraph Essay: Structure / Stages
4		Listening and Speaking
5		Unit 6: Reading, Vocabulary, and Idioms
6		Unit 2: Grammar: Complex Sentences Writing: Five - Paragraph Essay: Structure / Stages
7		Listening and Speaking
8		Unit 10: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms
9		Unit 3: Grammar: Relative Adverbs / Object of Preposition / Relative Clause / Tests Writing: Five - Paragraph Essay: Structure / Stages

Note:

*Instructors reserve the right to change the above schedule with due notice to the students. Additional quizzes and assignments may be given during the class sessions.

The last day of the classes is 1390/03/11

* Mid Term Examination is 1390/ 2 /1(Thursday, 9 a.m.)

* Final Examination is 1390/ 3 /28 (9 a.m.)

10		Listening and Speaking
11		Unit 11: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms
12		Unit 5: Grammar and Writing Relative Pronouns / Adjective Clause / Tests Writing: Writing Essay in Twelve Steps
13		Listening and Speaking
14		Unit 12: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms
15		Unit 7: Grammar: Adjectival / Participle Phrases / Tests Writing: Planning and Writing the Essay / Steps
16		Listening and Speaking
17		Unit 13: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms
18		Unit 8: Grammar: Punctuation / position of Participial Phrases Writing: Addressing the Writing Task / Topic Types
19		Listening and Speaking
20		Unit 14: Reading , Vocabulary, and Idioms

21		Unit 9: Grammar: Appositives / Appositive Phrase / Position of Appositive Phrases / Test Writing: Sample Responses / Preference / Agree and disagree / Explanation / Argument
22		Listening and Speaking