

Syllabus

Subject

Subject / Group	21815 - English Language V / 1
Degree	Degree in English Studies - Third year Degree in Catalan Language and Literature - Fourth year
Credits	6
Period	1st semester
Language of instruction	English

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Context

'English language V' is a compulsory course within the UIB's BA programme in English Studies. As it stands, it is offered in the first semester of the degree's third year, as a follow-up to four other courses ('English language I-IV'), which should have helped the student begin to reach an advanced level (C1) in English. In the light of this, the present course aims at consolidating the student's skills in English (reading, writing, speaking and listening) at advanced level (C1). In English Language VI - the follow-up to this course - the student should aim at a C2 level.

The course will concentrate in developing all skills involved in language acquisition and take a very interactive approach as regards its teaching methods. It will also include several theoretical sessions aiming at developing explicit knowledge concerning particularly complex language issues (grammatical points, vocabulary, pronunciation or idiomatic language). Finally, 'English language V' is part of the degree's linguistic competence module, which has been specifically designed to foster the student's accuracy yet also overall fluency in the English language, among other aims.

Requirements

The University of the Balearic Islands is predominantly a presential university: students who chose to follow pathway A must attend regularly their weekly lessons. Those, who cannot attend classes regularly, can choose pathway B. They will need to present the lecturer with a formal application in the first two weeks of the term. This application will include documentary evidence proving that they find themselves in one of the situations established by the University's regulations.

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The Vice-Dean for English Studies will consider all applications and decide whether applicants should be granted part-time student status. Upon notification, Pathway B students will be asked to sign a learning agreement (available from Aula Digital).

Essential

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Recommended

Although this course has no official requirements, students are advised to have passed the courses 'English Language I' to 'English Language IV', which should guarantee a sound knowledge of English approaching an advanced level (C1), as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Please, see the following link for a better understanding of the level C1:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hmeTcSNZTlbRMs2cHgeJmngSFu_7SbeBw9lmgKIHul0/edit?ts=576d17e5#gid=2101135043

Students who do not have this level of English will find a list of self-study resources in the bibliographical section of this guide and it is their responsibility to reach this level prior to the beginning of the course. Furthermore, the "English Lab" room (Aula de autoaprendizaje de idiomas) is at the disposal of UIB students.

For further information on the "English Lab" check this link <http://diari.uib.cat/arxiu/Coneixeu-LEnglish-Lab.cid376924>, or the Lab's social media site https://www.facebook.com/englishlabUIB/info?tab=page_info.

Skills

Specific

- * Ability to produce oral and written messages with fluency and accuracy, and with the adequate register according to the context and situation (SC1). * To convey different levels, registers and use of English language (SC2).

Generic

- * Ability to learn and work autonomously and in groups (C2). * To develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further studies with a degree of autonomy (C12).

Transversal

- * You may consult the basic competencies students will have to achieve by the end of the degree at the following address: <http://www.uib.eu/study/grau/Basic-Competences-In-Bachelors-Degree-Studies/>

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Content



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The contents of this course will be divided into four units, which are detailed below. Additionally, we will cover the following grammar contents:

- Gradable and ungradable adjectives
- Adverb form and use
- Adverb position
- Linking sentences and clauses
- Subordinate clauses
- Adverbial linking expressions

Range of topics

Unit 9. All that jazz!

- Reading: Multiple-matching, understanding the overall message
- Grammar: comparison of adjectives and adverbs, other ways of comparing, qualifiers, *too and enough, so, such*
- Vocabulary: music and art, compound nouns, prepositions, collocations and expressions
- Listening: multiple choice questions, listening again
- Speaking: talking about art and artists, decision-making, speculating, evaluating and negotiating, evaluating
- Writing skills: report, recognising the purpose of a report, structuring a report, introducing positives and negatives, making recommendations

Unit 10. Modern Living

- Reading: Multiple-choice questions, finding your own method
- Grammar: passive voice, reporting with passive verbs, seem and appear, passive causative
- Vocabulary: work and lifestyle, word formation, phrasal verbs, collocation and expressions
- Listening: multiple-matching focusing on attitude and opinion
- Speaking: talking about skills, qualities and qualifications, decision-making, assessing strengths and weaknesses, comparing opinions
- Writing: article (2), understanding the aim of an article, composing an article, comparing and contrasting, providing information, offering advice, describing places

Unit 11. Sports crazy!

- Reading: multiple choice questions, dealing with different text types
- Grammar: reported speech, reporting verbs, reported questions
- Vocabulary: sport, phrasal verbs, prepositions, collocations and expressions
- Pronunciation: intonation in subordinate clauses/ sure and unsure tones
- Listening: multiple-choice questions, focusing on adverbs and time expressions
- Speaking: talking about sport, discussing questions, opening questions, developing answers to personal questions

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- Writing: informal letter, following letter writing conventions, responding appropriately, acknowledging a letter, using suitable openings and ending, giving opinions and advice, recommending

Unit 12. Fast forward

- Reading: missing paragraphs, checking for coherence and cohesion
- Grammar: clauses of reason, clauses of purpose and result, clauses of contrast, *neither nor either... or*
- Vocabulary: space, science, technological advances and the future, word formations, prepositions, sentence transformation
- Listening: sentence completion, spelling and numbers
- Speaking: talking about life in the future, follow-up questions, interacting with your partner, supporting opinions with examples, talking about the future
- Writing: essay(2), using formal expressions in moderation, writing an effective essay, introducing talking about the future, predicting

Teaching methodology

Students **following itinerary A are expected to attend both theoretical and practice sessions regularly (75% of the teaching hours)**, participate actively and hand in work when required, which will be duly corrected and commented on by the lecturer.

At the beginning of the semester a schedule of the subject will be made available to students through the UIBdigital platform.

This will include all reading / writing / use of English and speaking / listening tests.

- Mobile phones and other electronic devices are NOT allowed in the classroom. Laptop computers are acceptable ONLY if used for purposes related to classroom activity. No electronic device whatsoever (including computers) is allowed in the classroom during exams/practical sessions, unless otherwise specified by the lecturer (e.g., if the practical session entails use of the Internet for pedagogical purposes).

In-class work activities (2.4 credits, 60 hours)

Modality	Name	Typ. Grp.	Description	Hours
Theory classes		Large group (G)	Theory classes (large group): 28 hours will be devoted to the study of the most complex points included in the syllabus. Grammar issues will be introduced mainly through written texts and attention will also be paid to writing and reading skills, as well as vocabulary building. Autonomous work may be required before attending each session and this will be duly notified via Aula Digital.	28
Seminars and workshops		Medium group (M)	Seminars and workshops (Medium group): 15 hours will be devoted to seminars and workshops. Independent work will be required before attending the former, and this will be duly notified via Aula Digital. These sessions are specifically designed to complement theory classes and help the student	15

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Modality	Name	Typ. Grp.	Description	Hours
			practise the different skills, with a special focus on listening and speaking.	
Practical classes		Medium group 2 (X)	Practical sessions: 7 hours will be spent on entirely practical sessions, especially devoted to the practice and assessment of listening and speaking skills. The latter will be practised through role play activities, discussions, debates and presentations.	7
Assessment	Use of English / Reading / Writing / Listening tests	Large group (G)	<p>- Two reading comprehension tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of short answers and multiple choice exercises. (GG Sessions)</p> <p>- Two listening comprehension tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of short answers and multiple choice exercises. (GM Sessions)</p> <p>- Two writing tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of two writing tasks. The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your writing tests will be 6.</p> <p>Students should be aware that they may fail an oral or writing test: 1) if their test presents less serious mistakes, yet these are combined with a considerable number of minor mistakes or 2) if the test presents only minor mistakes, yet the student has been too unambitious in terms of their use of grammar, vocabulary or expressions and ideas.</p> <p>(GG Sessions)</p> <p>- Two Use-of-English tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of different types of exercises.</p>	3
Assessment	Presentation and oral exam	Small group (P)	<p>- Group presentation (2-3 students max./15mins) and discussion. Memorising and "reading" the presentation aloud will mean that you will fail this part of the course. Dates and further instructions will be notified via Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester.</p> <p>- Instead of the group presentation, students may wish to participate in the English monologue competition organised by the SAC (Servei d'Activitat Culturals) and which will take place on 27 November 2019. Students will be assessed on their performance in this competition. For information on the 2018-19 competition please visit:</p> <p>https://sac.uib.cat/digitalAssets/533/533504_CorBases-IV-Concurs-monollegs-UIB-2.pdf</p> <p>Information on the 2019-20 competition will appear in due course.</p> <p>This activity is not compulsory, but is offered as an alternative to the oral presentation to complete the assessment of your oral skills and your participation is recommended by the members of the English department.</p>	7

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Modality	Name	Typ. Grp.	Description	Hours
			<p>- Interviews (2-3 students max./ 15mins). Further instructions and dates will be notified via Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester.</p> <p>For the oral presentation a grid for assessment will be available in Aula Digital at the beginning of the semester with the requirements to pass this test.</p> <p>Spoken production will be assessed taking into account: cohesion, coherence, compensating and repairing strategies, content specificity and subthemes (argumentative skills), and spoken fluency. Moreover, special attention will be paid to phonological, grammar and vocabulary issues.</p> <p>The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your speaking tests will be 6.</p> <p>Students should be aware that they may fail an oral or writing test: 1) if their test presents less serious mistakes, yet these are combined with a considerable number of minor mistakes or 2) if the test presents only minor mistakes, yet the student has been too unambitious in terms of their use of grammar, vocabulary or expressions and ideas.</p>	

At the beginning of the semester a schedule of the subject will be made available to students through the UIBdigital platform. The schedule shall at least include the dates when the continuing assessment tests will be conducted and the hand-in dates for the assignments. In addition, the lecturer shall inform students as to whether the subject work plan will be carried out through the schedule or through another way included in the Aula Digital platform.

Distance education tasks (3.6 credits, 90 hours)

Modality	Name	Description	Hours
Individual self-study		The student will carry out a substantial amount of work on his/her own. The estimated workload is the following: -Individual study and reading: 2.1 ECTS (52 hours) – Completion of pre-assigned tasks: 0.6 ECTS (15 hours) - Aula Digital participation: 0,2 ECTS (5 hours) -Online tutorials (email): 0,1 ECTS (3 hours)	75
Group self-study		The preparation of seminars and presentations may be carried out in small groups. The estimated workload for each of the students involved will be 0.6 ECTS (15 hours)	15

Specific risks and protective measures

The learning activities of this course do not entail specific health or safety risks for the students and therefore no special protective measures are needed.

Student learning assessment

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Itinerary A students should attend classes regularly (75% of the teaching hours).

(1) Mixed continuous assessment (Itinerary A)

The students will do the following tests:

- two reading comprehension tasks (2 x 5% of the final mark)
- two compositions (2 x 15% of the final mark)
- two listening comprehension exercises (2 x 5% of the final mark)
- two Use of English tests (2 x 15% of the final mark).
- two speaking tests (5%: oral presentation or English monologue competition and 15%: interview).

The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your speaking and writing tests will be 6.

(2) Final assessment (Itinerary B)

Students who choose or have been assigned this option will complete the following tasks:

- One reading comprehension task (10% of the final mark), to be held on examination day.
- One composition (30% of the final mark), to be written on examination day
- One listening comprehension exercise (10% of the final mark), to be held on examination day.
- Use of English test (30% of the final mark).
- two speaking tests (5%: oral presentation or English monologue competition and 15%: interview) to be held on examination day.

The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your speaking and writing tests will be 6.

Note for both itineraries

Students should be aware that they may fail an oral or writing test: 1) if their test presents less serious mistakes, yet these are combined with a considerable number of minor mistakes or 2) if the test presents only minor mistakes, yet the student has been too unambitious in terms of their use of grammar, vocabulary or expressions and ideas.

In order to pass the course the student must pass all the different parts of the course, representing all the different skills assessed. Consequently, should the student fail one or more of the skills assessed, the rest of his/her grades will not be taken into account, even if the average score is a 5 (out of 10) or higher. In this case, the student will have a 4.5 in his/her record (UIB Digital). The student can resit the failed parts in February. The marks of the parts that the student has passed will be kept during the same academic year.

IMPORTANT

- Serious lexico-grammatical and phonetic mistakes will automatically result in a fail grade.

Frau en elements d'avaluació

In accordance with article 33 of Regulation of academic studies, "regardless of the disciplinary procedure that may be followed against the offending student, the demonstrably fraudulent performance of any of the evaluation elements included in the teaching guides of the subjects will lead, at the discretion of the teacher, a undervaluation in the qualification that may involve the qualification of "suspense 0" in the annual evaluation of the subject".

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Use of English / Reading / Writing / Listening tests

Modality	Assessment
Technique	Extended-response, discursive examinations (retrievable)
Description	<p>- Two reading comprehension tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of short answers and multiple choice exercises. (GG Sessions) - Two listening comprehension tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of short answers and multiple choice exercises. (GM Sessions) - Two writing tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of two writing tasks. The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your writing tests will be 6. Students should be aware that they may fail an oral or writing test: 1) if their test presents less serious mistakes, yet these are combined with a considerable number of minor mistakes or 2) if the test presents only minor mistakes, yet the student has been too unambitious in terms of their use of grammar, vocabulary or expressions and ideas. (GG Sessions)</p> <p>- Two Use-of-English tests to be held on specific dates announced in Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. Tests will consist of different types of exercises.</p>
Assessment criteria	- See the introduction for details on the assessment criteria.
Final grade percentage:	80% for pathway A with a minimum grade of 5
Final grade percentage:	80% for pathway B with a minimum grade of 5

Presentation and oral exam

Modality	Assessment
Technique	Oral tests (retrievable)
Description	<p>- Group presentation (2-3 students max./15mins) and discussion. Memorising and "reading" the presentation aloud will mean that you will fail this part of the course. Dates and further instructions will be notified via Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. -Instead of the group presentation, students may wish to participate in the English monologue competition organised by the SAC (Servei d'Activitat Culturals) and which will take place on 27 November 2019. Students will be assessed on their performance in this competition. For information on the 2018-19 competition please visit: https://sac.uib.cat/digitalAssets/533/533504_CorBases-IV-Concurs-monollegs-UIB-2.pdf Information on the 2019-20 competition will appear in due course. This activity is not compulsory, but is offered as an alternative to the oral presentation to complete the assessment of your oral skills and your participation is recommended by the members of the English department. - Interviews (2-3 students max./ 15mins). Further instructions and dates will be notified via Aula Digital and the chronogram at the beginning of the semester. For the oral presentation a grid for assessment will be available in Aula Digital at the beginning of the semester with the requirements to pass this test. Spoken production will be assessed taking into account: cohesion, coherence, compensating and repairing strategies, content specificity and subthemes (argumentative skills), and spoken fluency. Moreover, special attention will be paid to phonological, grammar and vocabulary issues. The maximum number of serious mistakes allowed in your speaking tests will be 6. Students should be aware that they may fail an oral or writing test: 1) if their test presents less serious mistakes, yet these are combined with</p>

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Final grade percentage: 20% for pathway Awith a minimum grade of 5

Final grade percentage: 20% for pathway Bwith a minimum grade of 5

Resources, bibliography and additional documentation

Basic bibliography

All students must obtain a copy of the compulsory materials before the beginning of the term. It will be the student's responsibility to bring them to class when so instructed. Additional materials will also be offered for autonomous work on Campus Extens.

Compulsory coursebook:

Bandis, Angela and Gormley, Katrina 2016: Close-up C1 . Student's Book. Andover: National Geographic Learning.

Compulsory grammar book:

MyGrammar Lab- Advanced CI/C2 with Key (2012) Harlow: Pearson

Other books used in this course:

McCarthy, Michael and O'Dell, Felicity 2008: Academic Vocabulary in Use. Cambridge: CUP.

Straus, J.,2008: The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation (Tenth Edition). Jossey Bass: S. Francisco

Complementary bibliography

Side, Richard and Wellman, Guy 2002: Grammar and Vocabulary for Cambridge Advanced and Proficiency. Harlow: Longman.

-Mansfield, Francesca and Nuttall, Carol 2007: Proficiency Practice Tests. With Key. London: Thomson ELT.

-Yule, George 2008 [2006]: Advanced Oxford Practice Grammar. Oxford: OUP.

Cory, H. 1999: Advanced Writing with English in Use. Oxford: OUP.

Foley, Mark and Hall, Diane 2003: Advanced Learners' Grammar. Harlow: Longman.

Gude, C. 1999: Advanced Listening and Speaking. Oxford: OUP.

Hewings, M. 2009: Cambridge Grammar for CAE and Proficiency. With Answers. Cambridge: CUP.

Hewings, Martin 2005: Advanced Grammar in Use. Cambridge: CUP.

Leech, Geoffrey and Svartvik, Jan 1994: A Communicative Grammar of English. Harlow: Longman.

McCarthy, M. and O'Dell, F. 1998: English Idioms in Use. With Answers. Cambridge; CUP.

Moore, Julie 2005: Common Mistakes at Proficiency... and How to Avoid Them. Cambridge: CUP.

Moore, Julie 2007: Common Mistakes at IELTS Advanced... and How to Avoid Them. Cambridge: CUP.

Swan, Michael 1995: Practical English Usage. Oxford: OUP.

Swan, Michael and Walter, Catherine 1997: How English Works. A Grammar Practice Book with Answers. Oxford: OUP.

Thompson, A. J. and Martinet, A. V. 1986: A Practical English Grammar. Exercises 1. Exercises 2. Oxford: OUP.

McCarthy, Michael and O'Dell, Felicity 2008: Academic Vocabulary in Use. Cambridge: CUP.

Straus, J.,2008: The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation (Tenth Edition). Jossey Bass: S. Francisco.

Other resources

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Websites:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>



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<http://www.audioenglish.net/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/english.shtml>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>
<http://www.bellenglish.com/resources/languagelearning.asp>
<http://www.btinternet.com/~ted.power/literacy.html>
<http://www.eslgold.com/>
http://www.eslmonkeys.com/student/esl_learning.php
Online dictionaries and related resources:
www.cobuild.collins.co.uk
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>
<http://oxforddictionaries.com/>
<http://www.englishclub.com/ref/Idioms/index.htm?gclid=CPWD8dSJzqkCFRQKfAodJU9EMw>
<http://www.usingenglish.com/>
<http://www.world-english.org>
Dictionaries
Collins English Dictionary. London: HarperCollins.
Hornby, A. S. and Wehmeier, Sally 2002: Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary. Sixth edition. Oxford: OUP.
Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture. Harlow: Longman.
Macmillan English Dictionary with CD-Rom. London: Macmillan.
Macmillan Phrasal Verbs Plus. London : Macmillan.
<http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/>
Oxford Idioms Dictionary. Oxford : OUP.
Oxford Phrasal Verbs Dictionary. Oxford: OUP.
Wells, J. C. 2003: Longman Pronunciation Dictionary. Harlow: Longman.
Online dictionaries and related resources:
www.cobuild.collins.co.uk
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>
<http://oxforddictionaries.com/>
<http://www.englishclub.com/ref/Idioms/index.htm?gclid=CPWD8dSJzqkCFRQKfAodJU9EMw>

