

SUBJECT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE III

SSD (Settore Scientifico Disciplinare)

L-LIN/12

TEACHER'S NAME

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course, developed around six thematic units, aims at expanding the students' grammatical and lexical skills by focusing primarily on real language in use and on the acquisition of specialized vocabulary. By the end of the course students will be able to understand authentic materials (newspaper articles, TV programmes etc.) on a variety of topics and actively use the language skills acquired both in speaking and in writing: guided and unguided conversations, oral presentations, rewriting of existing texts, production of articles/reviews/letters. They will also be able to discriminate between different registers, use natural-sounding collocations and have a better understanding of coherence and cohesion in discourse.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE

The course is divided into six modules:

- 1 - the body (movements, perception, sensory descriptions)
- 2 - food and nutrition
- 3 - environmental issues
- 4 - business
- 5 - innovation and marketing
- 6 - newspapers/ tabloids (focus on register)

Great emphasis will be placed on expanding the students' vocabulary in each of the six thematic areas above and on correcting mother-tongue interference, especially in the use of collocations. Language will be analysed in terms of discourse, and students will be required to work on register and tone and produce oral and written texts that are appropriate for the task and target audience. Each module will include elements of reading, writing, speaking and listening. The students will be active participants in the course, they will do research projects, group activities, individual presentations, simulations of real-life situations. They will write articles aimed at different readers,

review places and products, create marketing campaigns, work on a business pitch, etc.

Course materials consist of real newspaper articles, websites, TED talks, documentaries, TV shows.

At the end of each module, one or more lessons will be dedicated to grammar. The topics will include: gerunds and infinitives, unreal uses of past tenses, narrative tenses, ellipsis and substitution, discourse markers, distancing, word formation processes (compounding, affixation). For the materials used in the grammar lessons and part of the business module see bibliography below.

EVALUATION

FINAL EXAM

COURSE TEST

Type of test:

WRITTEN

ORAL

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Author

Sara Thorne

Title

Mastering Advanced English Language

Publisher

Palgrave

Published in

2008

Author

Michael Vince

Title

Advanced Language Practice

Publisher

MacMillan

Published in

2003

Author	Martin Hewings
Title	<i>Grammar for CAE and Proficiency</i>
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
Published in	2010

Author	Bill Mascull
Title	<i>Business Vocabulary in Use</i>
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
Published in	2002