

COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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FACULTY OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY

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Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester	ECTS	Number of hours			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
						Lectures	Seminars	Practical work		
	English for Professional Communication	English	BA	Winter	3	0	30		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

English for Professional Communication aims to develop students' oral presentation skills: choosing a topic, researching the topic, organizing the information in a logical sequence, avoiding stage fright, using visuals and other props, preparing a PowerPoint presentations. There is also special emphasis on developing writing skills and a step-by-step, process approach to writing a term paper.

Students are expected to take active participation in class discussions and mini-presentations. They are required to keep a portfolio where all the written assignments will be collected and presented for evaluation when asked. Regular attendance is expected too.

Evaluation is based on a portfolio of written assignments, a term paper and a final oral presentation based on the term paper.

Requirements for enrollment: YES/NO

If any, please describe the specific requirements: English, level B2

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	English for Social Interaction	English	BA	Summer	3	0	30		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

English for Social Interaction is a practical English course focusing on learning to communicate effectively in various situations. The students are

presented with a range of literary texts as a starting point for class and small group discussions, mini presentations, role plays and written assignments. The aim of the course is to engage the students in the performance of various activities and to encourage the creative use of language, giving them the opportunity to practice and refine the four language skills (reading, listening, speaking, writing), with an emphasis on the productive skills. The course is based on a selection of short stories, poems, newspaper articles and videos, which provide the basis for discussions, written assignments and role plays. Grading is based on a portfolio of written assignments, participation in role plays and a term paper.

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	Intercultural Communication	English	BA	Winter	3	30	0		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

The Intercultural Communication course is motivated by a growing demand for intercultural awareness in the world of business, politics, in academic and cultural institutions and in most spheres of contemporary life. This awareness is an essential part of the development of language professionals working with the language of intercultural communication – English. The course aims to raise students' awareness of their own and other cultures and to help them in avoiding stereotypes; to help students recognize the complexity of intercultural communication and respect cultural differences; to guide students in choosing culturally appropriate language and behavior; and to prepare students for encounters with other cultures. Grading is based on a two tests, a term paper and an oral presentation based on the term paper.

Requirements for enrollment: YES/NO

If any, please describe the specific requirements: **B2 English**

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	Intercultural Communication Skills	English	BA	Summer	3	0	30		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

The Intercultural Communication Skills course aims to build students' skills and attitudes for effective intercultural communication. It is particularly appropriate for Bulgarian and international Erasmus+ students, as well as everyone intending to live, study or work in a multicultural environment. English language specialists need to develop their intercultural skills, because of the close interrelation between language and culture and the development of English as a lingua franca. In addition, students also develop ethnographic skills and learn to observe their environment. Previous participation in the Intercultural Communication class is recommended but not obligatory. By the end of the course, students are expected to be better prepared to encounter other cultures; to develop their research skills and to explore their own and other cultures; to reflect upon their intercultural encounters; to be prepared for experiencing culture shock and to avoid the trap of cultural stereotypes and prejudice; and, as a whole, to navigate with

confidence and tact in the field of intercultural communication. Grading is based on a test, a group project, and class participation.

Requirements for enrollment: YES/NO

If any, please describe the specific requirements: B2 English

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	Politeness across cultures	English	MA	Winter	3	30	0		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

The aim of the course *Politeness across cultures* is to present different perspectives on the study of politeness in order to better understand a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that is crucial in interpersonal and intercultural communication. What counts as polite is highly culture-specific and can give ground to misunderstandings and negative stereotypes. The study of politeness has a number of practical applications: in personal communication, in language teaching, in translation and interpreting, as well as other areas where communication is crucial. Grading is based on two presentations and a term paper.

Requirements for enrollment: YES/NO

If any, please describe the specific requirements: B2 English

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	Globalisation, Multiculturalism, Plurilingualism	English	MA	Summer	6	30	30		Dr. Emilia Slavova	e.slavova@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course

The course *Globalization, Multiculturalism, Plurilingualism* looks at the phenomenon of globalization, its relation to the English language, the interaction between English and other languages, and the complex relationships between language, culture and identity in the contemporary world. The main focus of the course is upon the need to develop cultural awareness and intercultural competence in the context of the study and teaching of English as a means of communication between people from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Grading is based on class participation, two presentations and a term paper.

Requirements for enrollment: YES/NO

If any, please describe the specific requirements: B2 English