

BASIC DETAILS:

Subject:	ENGLISH		
Id.:	31916		
Programme:	GRADUADO EN PERIODISMO. PLAN 2014 (BOE 15/10/2014)		
Module:	LENGUA Y MEDIOS DE COMUNICACIÓN		
Subject type:	OBLIGATORIA		
Year:	1	Teaching period:	Segundo Cuatrimestre
Credits:	6	Total hours:	150
Classroom activities:	62	Individual study:	88
Main teaching language:	Inglés	Secondary teaching language:	Castellano
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PRESENTATION:

This English course is structured around topics or themes that are directly related to the Media, and comes within the field of English for Specific Purposes, in other words the syllabus is designed thematically, working on skills, grammar and vocabulary relevant to each theme. There are four blocks or units: 1) TV, Social media and Film, 2) Advertising, Marketing and Business, 3) Journalism and 4) Photography. They have been chosen also to prepare you for subjects which will be taught in English throughout your degree programme. These blocks are structured so that you will gradually learn the language and contents necessary to complete the individual and group assignments, which will, in turn, help you prepare for the tests and the final exam. Attendance and participation in class are essential to ensure progress and successful completion of the course. A good balance of reading, writing, speaking and listening practice has been incorporated into the syllabus design.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCES ACQUIRED IN THE SUBJECT:

General programme competences	G01	Ability to analyse and synthesise.
	G02	Problem solving.
	G03	Ability to organise and plan.
	G05	Use of Information Technologies.
	G06	Knowledge of a foreign language.
	G07	Teamwork.
	G08	Interpersonal skills.
	G09	Ethical commitment.
	G10	Ability to work in an international context.
	G11	Ability to apply knowledge.
	G12	Ability to generate new ideas (creativity).
	G13	Ability to undertake research.
	Specific programme competences	E01
E02		Ability to read and analyse specialised texts and documents on any relevant topic and be able to summarise or adapt them using language or vocabulary appropriate to the lay person.
E03		Capacity and ability to recover, organise, analyse and process information and communications for these to be disseminated, pursued or processed privately or collectively through different media and formats or in the creation of productions of one sort or another.
E04		Capacity and ability to seek, choose and prioritise any source or document (written, sound file, visual, etc.) of use in the creation and processing of information; likewise in the pursuit of effective communication or fictionalisation and entertainment.
E05		Basic ability to understand written or audiovisual news or communicative production in standard English.
E08		Capacity and ability to use the information and communications technologies and techniques in the various media or combined or interactive media systems (multimedia).
E09		Capacity and ability to use the information systems and resources and their interactive applications.
E10		Capacity and ability to discharge the primary journalism tasks.
E17	Ability to understand and analyse the social communicative situation in the Autonomous Region (structure, policies and working) in a Spanish, European or worldwide context.	

	E20	Ability to generate and disseminate the main media debates and events arising from the current situation, in accordance with communications strategies and interests of all sorts.
Learning outcomes	R01	Study and analyse the main problems in English grammar and be able to measure formal/functional correctness at CEFR B2.
	R02	Understand topical texts in English as a result of the future communicator acquiring the abilities and skills required to be a solid reader and listener at CEFR B2.
	R03	Focus the English learning from an inter-linguistics angle, contrasting it with the native language.
	R04	Interact with others in English and take part in debates and conversations of all sorts at CEFR B2 level.
	R05	Clearly and fluently present descriptions and arguments in English, adapting the style to the CEFR B2 level communications context.

PRE-REQUISITES:

This English course is a B2 (Upper intermediate) level course. Even if you now have a B2 level, the course will give you many opportunities to extend your vocabulary, your knowledge of the Media and improve all of your language skills in areas that you have not studied previously. It is highly recommended that you have a high B1 level at the beginning of the course in order to be able to take full advantage of the course and work towards the B2 level required at the end of the degree programme. If you find it difficult to follow classes or do the English assignments, you should ask your teacher for help in tutorial sessions and/ or sign up for one of the General English courses offered by the ILM (Instituto de Lenguas Modernas). Your English teacher can advise and inform you about levels and timetables.

SUBJECT PROGRAMME:

Observations:

The hours of class time below are based on Group J, which has classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Any changes in classes, due to holidays or other University activities, for either group, are indicated in the weekly programme detailed below.

Subject contents:

1 - TV, Social media and FILM
1.1 - Types of TV programmes
1.2 - Social media and influencers
1.3 - Film shots and angles
1.4 - Storytelling
1.5 - Film reviews and pitch session
2 - ADVERTISING, MARKETING AND BUSINESS
2.1 - Advertising Techniques
2.2 - Marketing
2.3 - Business language
3 - JOURNALISM
3.1 - The Language of the News
3.2 - Examining and designing newspapers and news websites
4 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Subject planning could be modified due unforeseen circumstances (group performance, availability of resources, changes to academic calendar etc.) and should not, therefore, be considered to be definitive.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODOLOGIES AND ACTIVITIES:

Teaching and learning methodologies and activities applied:

Learning/ Teaching Methodology employed: A communicative approach will be used in class. Students work in groups or in pairs, practicing oral English with the teacher and among themselves. The use of this approach guarantees that the student uses grammar, vocabulary and language structures according to a B2 level. Students are expected to participate in class in English and practice it with communicative learning activities. Classes will be developed using some texts and different pedagogical resources. This methodology encourages students to learn in a more independent and responsible way. Students are expected to study grammar and do the self-study exercises required each week. During classes students are expected to talk in English and put into practice their knowledge. Self-learning strategies will be taught in class to help students to develop a more independent way of learning.

Participation: Because English class is the only place where you can practice listening and speaking, class attendance is crucial. Class activities are carried out entirely in English. You are expected to participate actively in class. Since one of the course objectives is to help students to interact in everyday situations in English, actual communication in the classroom will be emphasized. It is extremely important that you come well prepared to class. For the most part, grammar should be studied at home; a small percentage of class time is intended for grammar instruction and practice. Group exercises will be done in class to incorporate the new grammatical concepts learned. If you have doubts or questions, these exercises may be discussed, or on a limited basis, reviewed in class. In addition, always remember to consult the teacher during office hours (or by appointment) when you are having trouble. The teacher will be happy to help you and she assign you specific exercises.

Homework/ tasks: You are expected to prepare daily for class, reading and studying the corresponding assignments which are on the PDU and following the weekly activities on this syllabus. You will be responsible for checking the syllabus on the PDU to know by when activities need to be completed. The teacher will check that you have completed the exercises and she will correct and give feedback on written assignments and unit tests.

Academic expectations: San Jorge University and the Institute of Modern Languages maintain a high standard of academic integrity among its faculty members and students. In becoming part of the San Jorge University academic community, you are responsible for honesty and independent work. Any student who takes part in any act of academic fraud will be seriously taken into account and his/her grade will be considerably reduced. Dishonesty and/ or plagiarism includes, for example: using another person's ideas without referencing appropriately; inventing a bibliographical reference or pretending to have consulted one; inventing research results without having done the research, etc. This inappropriate behaviour will be considered especially in relation to texts copied from Internet. **ALL** work must be your own work, without the help of others. Writing that may primarily be someone else's work will not be accepted. To clarify what kind of help is admitted, refer to the following list.

YOU MAY:

- Consult with your teacher during office hours.
- Write notes or questions on your drafts about particular doubts or problems with expressions that you may have.
- Consult dictionaries and grammar reference sources.

YOU MAY NOT:

- Send in an assignment that translates your writing from Spanish to English.
- Use automatic translation devices from Internet or other sources (machine translation is easily identifiable).
- Copy from the Internet or other sources without correct academic citation.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will automatically result in failure (no second chances given!). It only takes one act of academic dishonesty to fail the entire course.

Courtesy

Everyone will be encouraged to participate in class and it is essential that full courtesy is awarded to your classmates. Intentional class disturbances (for example: using instant messenger programmes, keeping your mobile phone on in class, accepting a phone call during class, text messaging or listening

to personal audio) will result in a penalty of absence from the class for those involved in the distracting behaviour. As a courtesy to your teacher and to your classmates, please make sure at the beginning of each class period that your mobile phones are turned off.

Assignments

All assignments must be typed. Double space your assignments and use Times New Roman size 12 and uploaded on time. Late or handwritten work will not be accepted. All files must include the student's full name followed by a hyphen and the title of the task. For example:

James Smith-Audiovisual Translation Task 1

Student work load:

Teaching mode	Teaching methods	Estimated hours
Classroom activities	Master classes	1
	Practical work, exercises, problem-solving etc.	43
	Debates	4
	Coursework presentations	4
	Films, videos, documentaries etc.	4
	Assessment activities	6
Individual study	Tutorials	6
	Individual study	62
	Individual coursework preparation	12
	Group coursework preparation	4
	Compulsory reading	4
Total hours:		150

ASSESSMENT SCHEME:

Calculation of final mark:

Written tests:	30 %
Individual coursework:	20 %
Group coursework:	20 %
Final exam:	30 %
TOTAL	100 %

*Las observaciones específicas sobre el sistema de evaluación serán comunicadas por escrito a los alumnos al inicio de la materia.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND DOCUMENTATION:

Basic bibliography:

All materials needed will be available on the PDU.

Recommended bibliography:

HANCOCK, Mark. English Pronunciation in Use Intermediate with Answers. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007

MURPHY, Raymond. English Grammar in Use: A Self-study Reference and Practice Book for Intermediate Students of English ; with Answers. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010

Redman, Stuart: English Vocabulary in Use, Intermediate, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Recommended websites:

Duolingo - a free website to improve your general English through levels www.duolingo.com

with an app for a smartphone	
CNN news	www.cnn.com
Cambridge online dictionary -use for definitions and pronunciation	http://dictionary.cambridge.org
Dictionary for spanish - English translation	http://www.wordreference.com
BBC news	http://www.newsbbc.co.uk
Aljazeera news website english version	http://english.aljazeera.net
El Pais - English version	http://www.elpais.com/misc/herald/herald.pdf
Excellent website - The Guardian newspaper (UK)	www.guardian.co.uk
Exercises based on news article	www.onestopenglish.co.uk
Grammar exercises to test yourself	http://www.nonstopenglish.com
The Independent newspaper	www.independent.co.uk
Language exchange - to write to native speakers and exchange language skills	www.lang-8.com
Learning english website -lots of activities - BBC	http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/index.shtml
Listening exercises website	http://www.esl-lab.com
Live UK radio - music and news stations	http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/
The Telegraph newspaper (UK)	www.telegraph.co.uk
British Council resources for teenagers, with videos and more	https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/