



COURSE PRESENTATION FORM – ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

COURSE NAME	English
COURSE CODE	70134
LECTURER	Sandra Campisi (Group A) / Jo Malcolm (Group B)
TEACHING ASSISTANTS	--
TEACHING LANGUAGE	English
CREDIT POINTS	4
LECTURE HOURS	36
EXERCISE HOURS	--
TIME SPAN	27.09.2010 - 21.01.2011
TIME TABLE	See Timetable Page
OFFICE HOURS LECTURER	Sandra Campisi: During the lecture time, after every Monday lecture 16:00-18:00, plus Tuesday 12 October 17:00-19:00, Faculty of CS, POS Building, piazza Domenicani 3 , office 2.10. Jo Malcolm: During the lecture time, every Monday 16:00-17:00 and Friday 11:30-12:30, Faculty of CS, POS Building, piazza Domenicani 3 , office 2.10.
OFFICE HOURS TEACHING ASSISTANT	--
PREREQUISITES	A level of receptive and productive skills in English equivalent to approx. 300 hours of English tuition – intermediate (B1) level.
OBJECTIVES	<p>A specifically designed course to introduce students to the language of Computer Science through use of general and specific texts, both written and spoken. The course aims to facilitate comprehension and participation in the other courses offered by the Faculty with emphasis on improving receptive and productive skills.</p> <p>Topics covered include consolidation of basic grammatical structures through use of practical applications. Teaching methodology emphasises student co-operation and participation in and outside the classroom through individual, pair and group work.</p> <p>Attendance of the course is strongly advised.</p> <p>Elementary students are also advised to participate in Language Centre courses to improve their basic language level.</p>
SYLLABUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General overview of basic grammatical structures• Study skills: note taking, report writing, summarising (written and



- oral), basic oral presentation skills
- Use of authentic reading texts from the world of computing
- Use of authentic listening texts from the world of computing
- Vocabulary acquisition and word-building techniques
- Technical terms – comprehension and use
- Writing skills: EAP, linguistic development through use of cohesion – sequencing, etc.

TEACHING FORMAT

Practical lessons where student participation is required.

ASSESSMENT

1. Portfolios (25% of final mark)
2. Written exam (50% of final mark)
3. Oral exam (25% of final mark)

Three portfolios will have to be completed during the semester. Students are only allowed to take the oral exam once they have passed (= min. 60%) the written exam.

The oral exam is a presentation on a topic concerning Computer Science.

READING LIST

- Articles available on net (weekly)

Textbook:

- Prodromou, Luke: Grammar and Vocabulary for First Certificate (Longman)

Units covered:

1 – Present and past tenses

2 – Future

3 – Modal verbs

5 – Conditionals

6 – Future 2

7 – The Passive

9/10 – Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparatives / Superlatives

12 – Articles

13 – Relative clauses

Plus chapters on word formation (prefixes/suffixes) and discourse markers (linkers, etc).

SOFTWARE USED

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LEARNING OUTCOME

By the end of the course, students should be able to deal effectively with the following:

- Reading and comprehending authentic Computer Science texts in English;
- Writing clear, concise summaries of authentic CS texts;
- Writing clear, concise short essays for academic purposes;
- Giving clear technical instructions.

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