

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM1122 English language : reading and writing

[15h+15h exercises] 2.5 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: English
Level: First cycle

Aims

To acquire upper intermediate skills in reading and writing. At the end of the course, the student will be able to:- accurately understand non-technical authentic texts of an upper intermediate level - summarize, comment and present the information contained in the documents seen in class- produce clear and structured written documents of a relatively informal character (personal letters, e-mails, notes, etc.). Particular attention will be given to code, content and style.

Main themes

Starting from authentic and varied texts, the course is an initiation to reading techniques (extensive and intensive reading, skimming, scanning, etc.) Writing based on texts: contraction, translation, commentary, analysis, etc. This course intends to improve the reading and writing skills of first year students. The material consists only of "authentic" texts, chosen on the basis of functional, motivational, and cultural criteria in the broad sense.

Content and teaching methods

Reading/Writing I : Presentation of some reading and writing techniques (skimming, scanning, summarising, etc). Introduction to primarily informal text types and to their linguistic characteristics/Vocabulary extension/Reading and writing exercise sessions.

15 hours of lectures: theoretical introduction to effective reading techniques. Presentation of the characteristics of informal text types 15 + tutorial hours to put the different theoretical approaches into practice and integrate the different aspects of the course. Study and individual work, in particular : personal and systematic study of the vocabulary contained in the documents considered; preliminary preparation of the texts; redaction of documents; complementary exercises of correction in self-learning; updating of personal notes, revision, memorization.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Evaluation : Written exam in June. Course Holder/Course Supervision : Supervision by a professor of the GERM Department; tutorial by an assistant who takes part in the evaluation.

Other credits in programs

GERM11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(2.5 credits)
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