

COURSE SYLLABUS

English Department

Faculty of Humanities

ENGL 226 (001226): English in Health Science Context

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 (001102)

Course description:

Specific language functions, components and skills for effective communication in health science contexts

Course objectives: students will be able to

1. use appropriately vocabulary in health science contexts
2. use appropriate language structures for different functions in health science contexts
3. apply language skills for effective communication in health science contexts

Course contents:

I. Unit 1: When the body is attacked!	10.5
- Expanding vocabulary concerning body organs and systems	
- Explaining causes and effects of diseases	
- Asking and describing symptoms	
- Making Diagnoses	
II. Unit 2: Time for a remedy	12
- Giving instructions, suggestions, warnings for health care and healthy lifestyle	
- Describing treatment processes	
- Taking notes on complementary and alternative medicine	
III. Unit 3: Ancient wisdom to modern advancement	10.5
- Taking notes on ancient approaches and modern technology in medical treatment and health care	
- Giving academic presentations on ancient approaches and modern technology in medical treatment and health care	
IV. Unit 4: Think global, act local	12
- Giving critical opinions about health issues	
- Summarizing facts about health issues	
- Giving academic presentations on health issues	
Total	45

Course evaluation

1. Attendance	5 %
2. Video presentation and leaflet	15 %
3. Oral presentation I	10 %
4. Oral presentation II	10 %
5. Midterm exam	30 %
6. Final exam	30 %

Detail of course evaluation

1. Attendance (5%)

The attendance score is awarded from your regular attendance and punctuality in class. 1% is taken off for each absence. Students who are late more than 20 minutes are counted as absent and, hence, 1% is taken off.

2. Video presentation (10%) and leaflet (5%)

In a group of four, you are required to produce a video clip that aims to benefit the audience concerning health care and reflects the themes and the language patterns you have learned in Units 1 and 2. Your video clip has to be creative and practical. It may be in any form that can interest the audience. Along with the clip, in the same group, you have to create a leaflet that gives the information corresponding to that in the clip.

3. Oral presentation I (10%)

In groups of three, you will have an academic oral presentation on an ancient approach/equipment, local wisdom, or modern technology in health sciences, presenting the background, characteristics, applications, advantages and disadvantages of the approach or equipment.

4. Oral presentation II (10%)

In groups of four, you will have an academic oral presentation on a local or global health issue that affects a large number of people, presenting the background, causes, effects, solutions as well as your critical opinions about the issue.

5. Midterm exam (30%)

The final exam is the written exam testing vocabulary, language use and patterns as well as the reading and writing abilities in the health science context based on the content learned in Units 1 and 2.

6. Final exam (30%)

The final exam is the written exam testing vocabulary, language use and patterns as well as the reading and writing abilities in the health science context based on the content learned in Units 3 and 4.

Course Schedule (2/ 2015)

WEEK	MONDAY	THURSDAY
1	Jan 4 Introduction	Jan 7 Unit 1 Lesson 1
2	Jan 11 Unit 1 Lesson 2	Jan 14 Unit 1 Lesson 3
3	Jan 18 Unit 1 Lesson 4	Jan 21 Unit 1 Lesson 5
4	Jan 25 Graduation Day	Jan 28 Unit 2 Lesson 1
5	Feb 1 Unit 2 Lesson 2	Feb 4 Unit 2 Lesson 3
6	Feb 8 Unit 2 Lesson 4	Feb 11 Unit 2 Lesson 5
7	Feb 15 Unit 2 Lesson 6	Feb 18 Video presentation
8	Feb 22 Public Holiday	Feb 25 Unit 3 Lesson 1
9	MIDTERM WEEK (Feb 29 – Mar 6)	
10	Mar 7 Unit 3 Lesson 2	Mar 10 Unit 3 Lesson 3
11	Mar 14 Unit 3 Lesson 4	Mar 17 Oral presentation I
12	Mar 21 Oral presentation I	Mar 24 Unit 4 Lesson 1
13	Mar 28 Unit 4 Lesson 2	March 31 Unit 4 Lesson 3
14	Apr 4 Unit 4 Lesson 4	Apr 7 Unit 4 Lesson 5
15	Apr 11 Unit 4 Lesson 5	Apr 14 Public Holiday
16	Apr 18 Catch-up	Apr 21 Oral presentation II
17	Apr 25 Oral presentation II	Apr 28 Catch-up

Midterm exam: February 29, 2016 15:30 – 18:30
 Final exam: May 2, 2016 15:30 – 18:30

Course Schedule (2/ 2015)

WEEK	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
1	Jan 5 Introduction	Jan 8 Unit 1 Lesson 1
2	Jan 12 Unit 1 Lesson 2	Jan 15 Unit 1 Lesson 3
3	Jan 19 Unit 1 Lesson 4	Jan 22 Unit 1 Lesson 5
4	Jan 26 Unit 2 Lesson 1	Jan 29 Unit 2 Lesson 2
5	Feb 2 Unit 2 Lesson 3	Feb 5 Unit 2 Lesson 4
6	Feb 9 Unit 2 Lesson 5	Feb 12 Unit 2 Lesson 6
7	Feb 16 Video presentation	Feb 19 Unit 3 Lesson 1
8	Feb 23 Unit 3 Lesson 2	Feb 26 Catch-up
9	MIDTERM WEEK (Feb 29 – Mar 6)	
10	Mar 8 Unit 3 Lesson 3	Mar 11 Unit 3 Lesson 4
11	Mar 15 Catch-up	Mar 18 Oral presentation I
12	Mar 22 Oral presentation I	Mar 25 Unit 4 Lesson 1
13	Mar 29 Unit 4 Lesson 2	Apr 1 Unit 4 Lesson 3
14	Apr 5 Unit 4 Lesson 4	Apr 8 Unit 4 Lesson 5
15	Apr 12 No Class	Apr 15 Public Holiday
16	Apr 19 Unit 4 Lesson 5	Apr 22 Oral presentation II
17	Apr 26 Oral presentation II	Apr 29 Catch-up

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