

LEVEL 8: ADVANCED – CEFR Level C1

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

By the end of the course, students will be able to

Listening and Speaking

- Use real and unreal conditionals, active vs. passive voice, and complex verb tenses in prepared speech.
- Use a range of cohesive devices in an academic presentation.
- Clarify or elaborate on a complex point in an academic discussion using reformulation and paraphrase.
- Describe conclusions drawn from a presentation or lecture.
- Paraphrase and summarize information from multiple academic texts or from different spoken sources.
- Make detailed, evidence-based argument in discussion or presentation.
- Take effective notes on factual details and conceptual relationships from lectures or listenings.
- Identify logical flaws.
- Identify a speaker's point of view, opinions, or implied/unstated meanings and the details that support them.
- Evaluate effectiveness of a presentation.
- Recognize hypothetical argumentation and apply it in speaking.

Reading and Vocabulary

- Recognize an author's stance and/or purpose even when not explicitly stated.
- Express a nuanced opinion referencing multiple text-based sources.
- Identify similarities and differences among different authors' stances on a single topic.
- Evaluate the validity of an author's claims based on the evidence provided.
- Critically evaluate the effectiveness of texts in a variety of genres
- Identify the main parts of a scholarly article and their functions.
- Recognize literal versus metaphorical meaning in context.
- Recognize nuance and shades of meaning of vocabulary in context.
- Identify and infer the meaning of field-specific vocabulary in context.
- Identify and accurately define Academic Word List entries in context.

Writing and Grammar

- Correctly cite academic sources using MLA or APA format.
- Paraphrase and summarize linguistically complex technical texts.
- Develop a stance supported by claims and evidence based on research.
- Select and use precise and technical vocabulary in essays and research writing.
- Synthesize information from multiple linguistically complex texts.
- Select and use accurate verb tenses and grammatically advanced sentence structures.

- Use a wide range of connectors and cohesive devices to logically organize extended essays and research papers.
- Write well-developed essays with a clear stance, supporting claims, and strong evidence and examples.
- Use concise language to express ideas clearly.
- Revise and edit papers with minimal instructor guidance.