

LEVEL 7: HIGH INTERMEDIATE – CEFR Level B2+

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 with few inaccuracies.
- Request elaboration on or ask detailed questions about specific points made in a presentation or discussion.
- Develop an argument with relevant support and examples.
- Suggest pros and cons and alternatives to arguments and proposals.
- Synthesize information from two or more sources.
- Contribute to a discussion when speech is fast and colloquial.
- Distinguish facts from opinions and recognize a speaker's degree of certainty.
- Distinguish main from related ideas.
- Evaluate strength of an argument and/or speaker bias.
- Recognize discourse markers of cause-effect, comparison, and turn-taking that occur as linguistically complex speech.
- Recognize paraphrase.
- Recognize rhetorical questions.

Reading and Vocabulary

- Identify author's stance and/or purpose -identify claims and their supporting evidence and examples.
- Predict content by reading introductory and summary statements.
- Distinguish among different types of evidence, including expert opinion, fact and statistics, and examples.
- Identify agreement and disagreement among authors on a particular topic.
- Identify key points and details to take effective notes on a reading.
- Use new vocabulary to respond to or discuss a reading.
- Identify and infer the meaning of Academic Word List entries in context.

Writing and Grammar

- Develop arguments on abstract and concrete topics.
- Effectively paraphrase sentences or passages in a text.
- Support an argument by synthesizing paraphrases and quotations from a source.
- Incorporate and refute counterarguments within extended essays.
- Effectively organize an extended essay.
- Correctly cite common types of sources in a standard academic format.
- Write sentences and paragraphs using a wide range of connectors to show relationships between ideas.
- Use a wide range of cohesive devices to structure and logically organize extended essays.

- Write sentences and paragraphs that navigate among all time frames using appropriate tenses.
- Effectively use modals, conditionals, passives, and other complex verb forms.