

SYLLABUS

English for 4 points - Designated Mechina – 2022-2023 – Courses No. 96-151-15/16/17

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Course duration: Yearly course, 4 weekly hours on Wednesday – 8:00-11:30/12:00-15:30

Credit: 4 points Mechina diploma

Course type: Frontal and online.

Class materials: *Grasp the IDEA 1* digital course book and learning materials on *Moodle*, including *Amir Booklet*.

Course Objectives:

1. Enhance the four basic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking English.
2. Learn reading strategies applicable to academic texts.
3. Enhance understanding of linguistic structures necessary for comprehension.
4. Enrich academic vocabulary in general areas of various social sciences.
5. Better understand spoken English and develop skills and fluency to engage in basic conversation.
6. Students learn to write a short well structured paragraph.
7. Students are encouraged to express their opinions and ask questions in English.
8. Students will deliver a short oral presentation on a topic of their choice.
9. Students develop the skills required to answer Amir/Amiram type questions.
10. Create an encouraging class atmosphere conducive to active listening, speaking and presenting in English.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Comprehend academic articles in a structured and systematic way.
2. Answer various types of common comprehension questions/ Amir or Amiram questions in a structured and systematic way.
3. Use an adequate level of academic vocabulary acquired necessary to focus on global understanding.
4. Create and deliver oral presentations.
5. Use the practical skills taught and implement the experience as English learners, active listeners and speakers of English.

Course content and structure:

This course prepares its students for the 4-point Mechina exam in English as it provides exercises similar to the Amir/Amiram exam. These exams require demonstrating mastery of vocabulary and reading comprehension skills at the sentence-paragraph-whole text level. The course integrates frontal (and some Zoom) lectures with individual and group work on specific exercises and projects, allowing peer instruction. The course uses a digital book and additional material on the Moodle and is enriched with Ted talks, podcasts, Youtube videos and other digital tools.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Students **MUST** purchase the 'Grasp the Idea 1' digital course book.
- 2) Students **MUST** come to class with access to internet based content – preferably laptop or tablet .
- 3) Students **MUST** have a camera and speaker installed on their device for online Zoom lessons.
- 4) Students should have Office tools such as WORD and PDF installed on their device.
- 5) Attendance at all lectures is required.
- 6) Students are expected to actively participate in all the lessons.

Grade:

Midterm Exam (end of first semester)	20%
Final Exam (end of year)	40%
Oral Presentation	10%
Quizzes	10%
Course Work (Moodle and Grasp the Idea) and active class participation	20%