Pre-Academic Program

מכינה קדם אקדמית

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שם ומספר הקורס : אנגלית 4 יח"ל 96-151-15/16/17/18

Designated Mechina – 2021 – 2022 –

English for 4 points Courses No. 96-151-15/16/17/18

Instructors: Dr. Finkelberg Ahuva, Moran Cohen, Galit Locker, Drue Hoile. **Course duration:** yearly course, 4 weekly hours on Wednesday – 8:00-12:00

Credit: 4 points Mechina diploma

Course type: class (on-line or frontal lessons), mandatory

Prerequisites: placement exam

Class materials: Grasp the IDEA 1 site.

Course Objectives:

- 1. To instill basic reading strategies applicable to academic texts.
- 2. Build a basic understanding of linguistic structures necessary to decode meanings and to enrich academic vocabulary in general areas of various social sciences.
- 3. To develop skills required to answer various question types, such as locating main ideas and specific examples, references, connectors, and steps of research studies.
- 4. To create an encouraging class atmosphere conducive to active listening and willingness to speak English.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will:

- 1. Be able to grasp an academic article (up to 15 paragraphs) in a structured and systematic way.
- 2. Be able to answer various types of common comprehension questions/ Amir or Amiram questions in a structured and systematic way.
- 3. Have acquired an adequate level of academic vocabulary necessary to focus on global understanding.
- 4. Be capable of creating and giving short oral presentations.
- 5. Have had higher self-esteem as active listeners to proficient speakers of English as well as to their own peers, and will have taken some steps in speaking English, each according to their starting point.

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Course content and structure:

This course prepares its students for the 4 points Mechina exam in English. This exam requires demonstrating mastery of vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills at the sentence-paragraph-whole text level.

The course integrates frontal lectures (Zoom) with individual and group work on specific exercises and projects, allowing peer instruction. The course uses Moodle and other digital technologies such as Quizlet and Kahoots. Enhancement and enrichment of course materials is possible through Youtube videos and Ted talks. Students MUST have regular access to internet based content, a Zoom account, and an active email account.

Program of Study

Semester A:

Vocabulary enrichment, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, grammar and sentence structure, participation in discussion and activities on a variety of topics, basic spoken and oral presentation skills – at the 4 point level.

Semester B:

Continuing all of the above + exposure to and practice of Amir/Amiram test solving techniques.

Course Requirements: Attendance at all lectures is required.

Grade:

Midterm Exam (end of first semester)	30%
Final Exam (end of year)	40%
Oral Presentation	10%
Quizzes and work on Fixread	10%
Teacher assessment /Active Class participation	10%

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