

Pre-Academic Program

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# 96-161-15/16/17/18/19/21 שם ומספר הקורס: אנגלית 5 יח"ל Designated Mechina – 2021-2022

# English for 5 points Courses No. 96-161-15/16/17/18/19/21

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

Credit: 5 points Mechina diploma

Course type: Zoom attendance , mandatory

**Class materials**: Grasp the IDEA 3 site .Additional materials may be required for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

# **Course Objectives:**

- 1. To enhance reading strategies applicable to academic texts.
- 2. To enhance understanding of linguistic structures necessary for comprehension.
- 3. To enrich academic vocabulary in general areas of various social sciences.
- 4. To develop skills required to answer various question types, such as locating main ideas and specific examples, references, connectors, and steps of research studies.
- 5. To develop skills required to answer Amir/Amiram type questions.
- 6. To create an encouraging class atmosphere conducive to active listening, speaking and presenting in English.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course students will:

- 1. Be able to comprehend academic articles 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 oral presentations.
- 5. Have had a positive experience as English learners, active listeners and speakers of English.

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#### Course content and structure:

This course prepares its students for the 5-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 (mostly on Zoom) lectures with individual and group work (breakout groups) on specific exercises and projects, allowing peer instruction. The course uses Moodle and other digital technologies such as Quizlet, Kahoot and Padlet. Enhancement and enrichment of course materials is possible through Youtube videos and

Ted talks. Students MUST have regular access to internet based content 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 5 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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