

Course title	Academic Vocabulary and Language I				
Course type	Required				
Level	Foundation				
Year / Semester	1 st Year / 1 st Semester				
Teacher's name	Angela Marinou				
ECTS	N/A	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course purpose and objectives	<p><u>Course Purpose</u></p> <p>Building a strong academic vocabulary is essential for success in Higher Education studies. Students will expand their vocabulary related to various academic disciplines, including sciences, humanities, and social sciences. They will develop a high lexical accuracy. They will also learn to use complex grammatical structures accurately and effectively. Special attention will be given to the appropriate use of language for different purposes, such as making hypotheses, expressing opinions, and discussing cause and effect.</p> <p><u>Course Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure students have the required level of vocabulary and grammar for higher education studies; 2. Develop a high level of lexical accuracy to ensure students use words and phrases precisely and appropriately; 3. Reinforce students' knowledge and understanding of verb tenses and key grammatical structures; 4. Enable students to communicate clearly and accurately in a variety of situations; 5. Encourage learners to acquire understanding independently, when faced with new language and themes; 				
Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehend and use academic and non-academic vocabulary, to convey meaning precisely and accurately; 2. Understand and use key grammatical structures confidently and accurately; 3. To recognize tone and style in written and verbal communication. 				
Course content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenses, review and reinforcement; 2. Comparison of adjectives and adverbs 3. Word order, linking and organizational language; 4. Prepositions and articles; 5. Lexis specific to a variety of disciplines and fields of study; 				

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Practice sessions aimed at enhancing lexical accuracy in academic contexts; 7. Focus on expanding vocabulary in specific academic fields through readings, discussions, and exercises. 8. Vocabulary Building - Deepening knowledge in discipline-specific vocabulary through texts, lectures, and interactive activities; 9. Easily confused words; 10. Modals; 11. Conditionals in academic literature; 12. Wishes and Preferences; 13. Gerunds and Infinitives; 14. Phrasal verbs and idioms;
<p>Teaching methodology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce vocabulary in context, relating words and phrases to various academic disciplines; ▪ Utilize case studies, articles, or research papers to present academic vocabulary and language in authentic contexts; ▪ Engage students in discussions and debates using academic vocabulary to encourage active participation and application of language skills; ▪ Employ techniques like word mapping or mind mapping to visually connect and reinforce new vocabulary with related terms and concepts; ▪ Conduct role-play activities mimicking academic scenarios (e.g., debates, presentations) to practice using academic language for varied purposes; ▪ Utilize language learning apps, online dictionaries, or interactive platforms to reinforce vocabulary and language skills; ▪ Break down complex academic texts, discussing and dissecting vocabulary, grammar structures, and academic writing styles; ▪ Provide detailed feedback on language use, grammar, and vocabulary, guiding students on areas needing improvement; ▪ Encourage self-study through recommended readings, vocabulary exercises, or online resources to foster autonomous learning.
<p>Bibliography</p>	<p><u>Required Textbooks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Dummett, <i>Reflect Listening & Speaking 4, 1st Edition</i>, 2022, National Geographic. ▪ Christien Lee, <i>Reflect Reading & Writing 4, 1st Edition</i>, 2022, National Geographic. ▪ Rachel Finnie, <i>World of Grammar and Writing 4, 2nd Edition</i>, 2019, National Geographic. ▪ Online Resources/Activities through the National Geographic website. <p><u>Additional Material:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katrina Gormley, <i>Ultimate English B1+ Student's Book</i>, 2020, Hamilton House. ▪ Katrina Gormley, <i>Ultimate English B1+ Workbook</i>, Hamilton House. ▪ Authentic academic material.
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Continuous assessment methods are designed to offer a holistic view of students' language development.</p> <p>The assessment of students is made up of two components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ final exam (50 marks)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ continuous assessment (50 marks) <p>The 50 marks of the continuous assessment is comprised for example of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ quizzes and tests▪ homework▪ participation <p>The final written exam carries 50 marks and takes place at the end of each academic semester. This exam tests the whole content of a course taught in the current semester. The final mark for each course is the sum of the continuous assessment mark and the final written exam.</p>
Language	English