

General Information:

Name of Course:	IELTS ADVANCED EXAM PREPARATION – WRITING
Course Code:	SZE055MN, SZE055AN
Semester:	2
Number of Credits:	2
Allotment of Hours per Week:	2 lessons (90 minutes) /week
Evaluation:	Final grade (two tests, home assignments, class participation)
Prerequisites:	English proficiency level B2
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Introduction, Learning Outcomes:

The IELTS language exam is the most commonly required exam for professionals who would like to work or study abroad, and is accepted in more than 130 countries. Professional organisations in the area of engineering, construction and education generally require IELTS certification as proof of language proficiency, as do many universities and immigration authorities.

This course is designed for students who have a good level of English who would like to prepare for the IELTS exam in band 6.5 and above. It covers the core skills needed for the reading and writing part of the exam, especially focusing on academic material rather than general English.

General Course Description and Main Content:

The course teaches the skills needed for reading and interpreting a wide range of texts. Students become familiar with the Reading and Writing components of the IELTS exam and how to maximise points in each section. Students learn how to effectively express their opinion and argue their viewpoint in written communication.

Methodology:

In class and out of class reading and writing assignments, skills development exercises, strategies to improve test performance, practice tests

Schedule:

Week 1	Placement tests
Week 2	Introduction to the IELTS Academic Reading Tasks
Week 3	Academic Writing Task 1: Describing a chart, table or graph Comparing and contrasting graphs and tables
Week 4	Reading strategies Descriptive passages
Week 5	Academic Writing Task 1: Describing diagrams Describing maps
Week 6	Reading: Understanding the main ideas Locating and matching information
Week 7	Writing Task 2: Getting ready to write Expressing your ideas clearly
Week 8	Midterm test
Week 9	Spring study break
Week 10	Discursive passages Multiple choice questions
Week 11	Writing Task 2: Checking and correcting
Week 12	Reading: Opinions and attitudes
Week 13	Practice test
Week 14	Practice test
Week 15	Final test

Attendance:

Attending is required all classes. Unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade, and in case of absence from more than 30% of the total number of lesson will be grounds for failing the class. To be in class at the beginning time and stay until the scheduled end of the lesson is required, lateness of more than 20 minutes will be counted as an absence. In the case of an illness or family emergency, the student must present a valid excuse, such as a doctor's note.

Evaluation + Grading

Grading will follow the course structure with the following weight: midterm test: 30%, final test: 30%, home assignments 20%. The remaining 20% will be assessed according to class attendance, participation, progress, effort and attitude.

Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade:	5	4	3	2	1
Evaluation in points:	89%-100%	77%-88%	66%-76%	55%-65%	0-54%

Readings and Reference Materials:

The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS

IELTS12 Academic (Authentic Examination Papers)

Course materials and handouts on Neptun MeetStreet.