

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021 SPRING SEMESTER**

<i>Course name</i>	<i>English for Information Technology</i>
<i>Course Code</i>	<b>SZE003AN</b>
<i>Hours/Week</i>	<b>2 seminars</b>
<i>Credits</i>	<b>2</b>
<i>Degree Programme</i>	<b>All</b>
<i>Study Mode</i>	<b>Full time</b>
<i>Evaluation</i>	<b>Final course grade</b>
<i>Teaching Period</i>	<b>Autumn/Spring</b>
<i>Prerequisites</i>	<b>Placement test</b>
<i>Department</i>	<b>Centre for Foreign Languages for Technical Purposes</b>
<i>Teaching Staff</i>	<b>Andrea Varga</b>

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The course is designed for students with an intermediate knowledge of English. The aim of the course is to develop spoken (receptive, interactive and productive) and written (receptive and productive) language proficiency in the context of information technology with topics including new technologies, software evaluation, the Internet and the World Wide Web, computer security and networks.

## CONTENT

### *Overview:*

A selection of online resources, documentaries, videos and articles from the media is discussed. Students are required to give one presentation on a chosen topic relevant to the course material and their interest and will also be expected to evaluate the presentations of their peers. Mini presentations (either as home assignments or class cooperation) could also be part of the course. Students will improve their reading, writing vocabulary and grammar skills. Doing the homework on a regular basis is expected.

### *Syllabus:*

1. Orientation
2. Introduction – The Information Age
3. Big Data; Tracking
4. The history of the internet
5. Moral, social and ethical issues associated with the Internet
6. Latest technologies and state-of-the-art devices
7. State-of-the-art devices - students' research
8. History of the computer
9. The Internet of Things (IoT)
10. Spring break
11. Automation
12. Successful people in IT; IT companies
13. Revision of presentations
14. Student presentations
15. Student presentations

## REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

### *Attendance:*

Attendance is required for all classes and will impact the grade. (If the course is taught online, attendance is expected in the same manner.) Unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade, and absences from more than 30% of the total number of lessons will be grounds for failing the class. Punctual attendance for the whole lesson is required and arriving more than 20 minutes late 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.

### *Minimum Course Requirements, Assessment and Grading Policy:*

For passing the course students are required to submit their PPTs and deliver their presentations during the 15 week semester and to pass the midterm/final test.

If the course is taught online:

For passing the course students are required to submit their PPTs and deliver their presentations online during the 15-week semester and to submit the tasks on a regular basis. The presentation will account for 49% of the performance. The other 51% will be made up of the submitted assignments, short tests and quizzes. Assessment will be continuous on the basis of the submitted materials. Students failing to reach 50% of the latter part (but not lower than 25%) may submit some extra work in order to be given the credit points.

Students can retake missed or failed tests only once. They can also re-sit the test if they want to improve their mark. In the latter case the result of the re-sit will be taken into consideration when the final course grade is calculated.

### *Grading Scale:*

85 – 100% 5 (Excellent)

76 – 84% 4 (Good)

61 – 75% 3 (Average)

50 – 60% 2 (Poor)

0 – 49% 1 (Fail)

## COURSEBOOKS AND RECOMMENDED READING

1. P. Fitzgerald, M. McCullagh, C. Tabor, T. Phillips: English for ICT Studies in Higher Education Studies, Garnet Education, 2011
2. Materials uploaded to the course folder in Teams