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ENSK3FO05

Practical Academic Vocabulary

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Course Description:

In this course, the emphasis is on giving students the opportunity to be exposed to various reading materials as well as being capable of analyzing various texts. Students will practice writing, speaking skills and how to organize their arguments clearly and decisively. This course focuses on specified vocabulary, i.e. students choose the vocabulary in connection with their studies and interests. Furthermore, a special focus is on the use of different mediums and variable source material. Independent task-based learning is a crucial element in the course.

Prerequisite courses: 15 units on level 2 or ENSK2OL05 and ENSK2OR05

Learning goals

This course focuses on working with academic texts of all kinds. The assignments are connected to the main subject areas that each student chooses to specialize in. Furthermore, reading, writing, listening, and speaking will be practiced in various assignments throughout the term. These include group work, pair work, and individual work. Students should be able to organize their studies, enhance their vocabulary, and read complex texts in context for use in their further studies.

- Feature films will be worked on in class in written assignments and group discussion, followed by an oral exam. Students will work with writing in relation to different types of academic texts and lectures.
- There are two larger assignments focusing on the development of specific vocabulary in the students' focus subjects.
- A second oral exam will be conducted at the end of term, in which the students will present their knowledge of their personal vocabulary.

Knowledge

Students should have acquired knowledge and understanding on the following:

- Vocabulary that allows the student to use to his/her advantage in reading for their further studies or workplace.
- Traditions related to using different speaking and writing styles for different purposes.

Skills

Students should have acquired certain skill sets in the following:

- Understand thoroughly specialized texts.
- Reading complicated texts, for pleasure or information.
- Using speaking skills efficiently in different circumstances.
- Using writing for different purposes, academic and personal, using appropriate writing styles.

Competence

Students should be able to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired to:

- Use in lectures, debates, and communication about subjects they are knowledgeable about.
- Understand and absorb for further use complicated, academic or technical material.
- Analyze and be critical of texts.
- Use academic texts to their advantage and evaluate sources critically.
- Explain thoroughly complicated items and processes about their specified field.
- Be able to find and cite sources in an academic manner.

Learning material:

Material provided by the teacher.

Weekly course schedule: available in Inna.

Course rules:

- Students must turn in all assignments to finish this course: there is no final exam at the end of the term, so the final grade is based on a continuous evaluation of the term assignments.
- It is important that you show initiative, work independently at home, in class, and cooperate in group work. The responsibility of the assignments is yours.
- You must check Inna every day for messages about the tasks and hand-in deadlines.
- Students are reminded that material on the Internet and other media is copyrighted by law.
- If a student committed plagiarism, including AI use, copy/paste, the assignment is considered null and void. Resubmission will not be allowed in this case.

- Term assignments will be worked on in class and online, therefore it is important that students attend classes online and in person. **If a student is not able to attend, he or she must notify the teacher and make a contract about their coursework.**
- Please contact your teacher in a timely manner if you require any special assistance.

Reglur um svindl og notkun gervigreindar

<https://www.fsu.is/is/namid/namskrofur-og-reglur/reglur-um-svindl-i-verkefnum-og-profum>

Ef að grunur um ritstuld og/eða óleyfilega notkun á gervigreind vaknar gætu nemendur þurft að gera munnlega grein fyrir verkefni/prófi.

Sömu reglur gilda um notkun gervigreindar við skrif og gilda um heimildaskráningu almennt. Reglur um heimildaskráningu má finna á heimasíðu skólans.

<https://www.fsu.is/is/namid/namskrofur-og-reglur/heimildaskraning-leidbeiningar>

Evaluation:

Evaluation	Description	Points
Individual work	Collective grade from assignments in Inna: includes wordlists, reading, assignments from films and letter to teacher	15%
Individual work	Post FSU studies Assignment	10%
Group work	Magazine Assignment (Academic vocabulary)	20%
Individual work	Web Page Assignment (Academic vocabulary)	20%
Individual work	Documentary, rhetorical analysis	15%
Individual work	2 Oral exams: films 10%, individual vocabulary 10%	20%

Námsmats- og prófsýningardagur

Námsmats- og prófsýningar alltaf við lok hvernar annar. Hvað er það?

Námsmats- og prófsýning er mikilvægur hluti af náminu því þar færðu:

- tækifæri til að sjá hvernig þér gekk.
- útskýringu á námsmati hvort sem um lokapróf eða símat er að ræða.
- ráðleggingar sem geta nýst þér í áframhaldandi námi.
- tækifæri til að gera athugasemd við niðurstöðu námsmatsins ef þér þykir hún ósanngjörn.

This schedule is subject to change.

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