

In the Name of God



Kharazmi University

Faculty of Literature and Languages

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Course: General English

Class Meetings: Saturdays, 8-11 a.m.

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A. Course Goals:

- ❖ To expose the students to different text types and genres and practice the effective reading comprehension strategies for the purpose of facilitating the reading comprehension process
- ❖ To encourage the students to build their vocabulary and grammar knowledge base in the purposeful and meaningful context of their daily lives
- ❖ To provide the learners with the opportunity to practice reading comprehension strategies while doing extensive readings
- ❖ To examine their reading comprehension through a set of intensive and communicative tasks
- ❖ To develop their listening and speaking potentials while mainly focusing on reading different texts
- ❖ To meet the learners' needs regarding their academic language use in academic contexts and help them prepare themselves for learning English in their own specialized fields of study
- ❖ To gradually move the students in the direction of being autonomous and purposeful language learners

B. Evaluation:

Active classroom participation.....	10%
Project.....	10%
Quizzes	20%
Mid-term exam (Ordibehesht 29 th).....	25%
Final exam.....	35%

C. Weekly Schedule:

Weeks	Reading Texts	Reading Strategy	Building Vocabulary
Week 1	Brief Introduction to the Course	Introduction	Introduction
Week 2	It's Not Always Black and White	Previewing	Understanding idioms
Week 3	Helping Others	Skimming & Scanning	Using prefixes
Week 4	Generation Z: Digital Natives	Finding supporting details	Learning collocations
Week 5	How to Be a Successful Businessperson	Making inferences	Learning word forms
Week 6	Can You Live Forever?	Finding the topic and main idea	Understanding suffixes
Week 7	Mobile Phones: Hang Up or Keep Talking?	Distinguishing facts from opinions	Expressing certainty and uncertainty
Week 8	Are You Getting Enough Sleep?	Identifying pronoun references	Understanding phrasal verbs
Week 9	The Growth of Urban Farming	Understanding the author's purpose	Understanding compound nouns
Week 10	Answering 6 Common Interview Questions	Using contextual clues	Understanding connecting words
Week 11	Student Learning Teams	Summarizing	Choosing definitions in a learners' dictionary
Week 12	Culture Shock	paraphrasing	Learning synonyms
Week 13	Private Lives	Note-taking	Learning antonyms
Week 14	A Young Blind Whiz	Understanding headings	Understanding multi-word verbs

D. References:

Lee, L., & Gundersen, E. (2011). *Select readings: Teacher-approved readings for today's Students (pre-intermediate)*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Good Luck!