

English for Academic Purposes

Summer Module

OLive-UP 2020

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Course dates:	2 June to 21 August 2020	
Course Schedule:	Self-study and individual consultations by appointment	
Office Hours:	n/a	
Credits:	n/a	
Grading:	Pass/Fail	

Course Description

This course is a Summer Module course, meaning a foundations course to prepare you ahead of further introduction in Module 1 and more advanced topics in Module 2. The English for Academic Purposes Summer Module course will support students in their independent study of English, with the aim being to consolidate their English level in reading, writing and vocabulary. This will be done through regular consultations with teachers and through tailored assignments.

This course has been designed in light of the Covid-19 online teaching conditions. All materials will be posted in the Google classroom. All meetings will take place online. All assignments should be handed in via Google Classroom.

Learning Outcomes

- Students' skills in reading, writing and speaking Academic English are reinforced and consolidated to B2 level.
- Students gain confidence in reading and understanding academic texts progressing clearly to the level expected of a final year Bachelors student.

Class Description and Student Requirements

Students are required to work out a study plan for each month (4 weeks). Each monthly study plan should be made to cover 12 hours of work. Sections of coursebooks and other materials - if needed - will be suggested by the instructor to support skills development. Guidance will be provided through individual consultations each month (around 20 minutes per student).

Written assignments: Students will be required to complete 3 collaborative documents over the duration of the Summer Module. The documents will be based on articles chosen by the students from their shared areas of study and will be constructed in three steps:

Step 1. Annotate key vocabulary in the text with definitions, pass on to the next student who adds annotations for additional vocabulary. (week 1)

Step 2. Write questions for discussion in response to the article. (week 2)

Step 3. Write 1 or 2 paragraph answers to each of the others' questions. (week 3 & 4)

To pass the course, students must submit their monthly study plans (one in the first week of each given 4-week period), work 3 hours per week, attend 1 consultation every 4 weeks, and submit one written assignment per 4 weeks.

Attendance

You are expected to attend ALL consultations. In cases of absence caused by illness, you must inform your instructor and the Program Director in advance of the scheduled consultation via email. Students are expected to be proactive and make up for any work missed.

Academic Integrity

Bard College Berlin maintains the staunchest regard for academic integrity and expects good academic practice from students in their studies. You are expected to follow the university's code of academic integrity at all times throughout the course. Any work you submit must be your own original work. Make sure that you properly reference all the sources you use (e.g. books, journals, newspaper articles, websites, etc.). Cases of academic misconduct (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) in which you fail to meet the expected standards of academic integrity will be dealt with under the Code of Student Conduct, Section III Academic Misconduct.

Policy on Late Submission of Papers

As per Student Handbook guidelines, assignments that are up to 24 hours late will be downgraded one full grade (from B+ to C+, for example). Assignments that are more than 24 hours late may be rejected for grading, particularly if the explanation offered for the delay is not satisfactory. If a late assignment is accepted for grading, it must be submitted within four weeks of the deadline and cannot receive a grade higher than C. Thereafter, you will receive a failing grade for the assignment.