

SCIENTIFIC english I (AB000006)

1. language

English

2. course contents

Coordinator: Prof. Antonietta Rosa Silini

Year Course: 1° Year

Semester: 2° Semester

UFC: 2

Modules and lecturers:

- SCIENTIFIC ENGLISH (AB000051) - 2 UFC - SSD L-LIN/12

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3. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Suggested reading: "Scientific Writing and Communication, 4th edition" by Angelika H Hofmann, Oxford University Press

Articles downloaded from the Internet, videos (Youtube, TED Talks), and journal/magazine articles (e.g. Scientific American) will also be used and will be provided to the students.

4. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Knowledge and understanding

know and understand scientific texts, including research articles, reports, and academic papers, and extract key information
articulate the understanding of complex scientific topics orally and in writing

Applying knowledge and understanding

demonstrate understanding by analyzing medical-scientific texts

explain in one's own words a disease, a technique and/or procedure/protocol

describe data (graphs, figures, tables)

write summaries and/or scientific abstracts

Making judgments

ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, and formulate judgements

Communication skills

development of writing and verbal skills in order to communicate information, ideas, problems, solutions in English, to both peers and supervisors

Learning skills

development of skills which will allow the student to be continuously updated through scientific literature and to thrive and pursue higher education courses in English with a high degree of autonomy

5. prerequisiteS

English level of B2 (CEFR).

6. TEACHING METHODS

The teaching module will consist of 16 hours of in-class lectures (2 credits).

The following teaching methods will be adopted:

Lectures and interactive (in pairs or small groups) teaching, students will be asked to complete vocabulary exercises, listening and comprehension exercises (both written and oral), analyses of scientific texts, abstract writing and graph/chart descriptions.

7. OTHER INFORMATIONS

To request an appointment, please contact:

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Lecturers may send communications to the class via email and/or via the BlackBoard platform.

NOTE ON STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for learning falls increasingly on students, as they advance through the course; hence, ultimately, the commitment and the dedication to learn must come from them.

As members of the Università Cattolica S. Cuore learning community, students are expected to respect the intellectual property of course instructors. All course materials presented to students are the copyrighted property of the course instructors and are subject to the following conditions of use:

1) Students may not record nor reproduce lectures or any other classroom activities, unless differently specified by the instructor; however, they may use the recordings for their own course-related purposes only.

2) Students may not reproduce and/or post any course material provided by the instructors online or distribute them without the advance written permission of the course instructor and, if applicable, of any students whose voice or image is included in the recordings.

3) Any students violating the conditions described above may face academic disciplinary sanctions. As members of a learning community, students are expected to respect the time and efforts of their fellow classmates. Therefore, the use of social media and other electronic distractions that can disrupt the concentration of other students in the classroom is NOT allowed.

NOTE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CHEATING POLICY

The principles of truth and honesty are fundamental to the educational process and the academic integrity of the University. All students have a right to expect fair and honest evaluation of their work. CHEATING UNDERMINES THIS EXPECTATION AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

Students must avoid the following misconduct behaviors that are considered as cheating:

DO NOT exchange ID badges to collect presence among classmates who cannot attend a lecture.

DO NOT share answers of quizzes during exams.

Any student found by the instructors to be cheating will receive a failing grade for the exam or other graded work, and will be reported to the Course's Coordinator and Instructors' Committee. The instructors may, at their discretion, decide to give a failing grade for the course in severe cases of academic dishonesty.

8. learning verification methods

To calculate the weighted average for the final degree grade, the average will be computed between the grade obtained in the course "Scientific English I," which will take place in the first year, and that obtained in the course "Scientific English II," which will take place in the second year of the program.

The exam of "Scientific English I" will consist of 3 parts (30 points total) and the student must obtain at least 18/30 points to pass the exam.

1. Write an abstract based on the hypothesis, materials and methods, experimental results, and discussion (15 points)
2. Describe a series of graphs/figures (oral) (15 points)

9. program

Scientific English I

- Review of key scientific vocabulary (verb tenses, word order, conciseness)
- Describe problems, processes, procedures
- Describe and interpret results
- Make summaries and conclusions
- Argumentation