

English conversational communication 1.

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Aim:

During the semester the aim for everyone is to be able to communicate as confidently as possible. In addition to proper, fluent pronunciation, we also pay attention to vocabulary development not only through oral but also written and listening comprehension tasks.

Rules:

1. Three absences are allowed, in more cases you failed the class.
2. Bring the materials requested for the lessons. (Best on paper but the electronic version is also acceptable for reading.)
3. Minimize mobile usage! Urgent cases are exceptions. Give reasons!
4. Take part in class work.

Grades:

During the semester you can get 100% out of the next things:

1. **Classroom activity (5%):** As rule number 4 says: Take part in class work.
2. **Vocabulary tasks (7%):** During the semester you need to write 7 vocabulary tests.
3. **Mid-term test (50%):** From the material of the first four weeks, a larger dissertation is expected.
4. **Project tasks (18%):** Everyone has to choose a topic that they can choose in the very first session. Power Point Presentation recommended! Try to present your topic as confidently as possible.
5. **Debate Day (20%):** You have to choose a debate topic in the middle of the semester, then you will have weeks to prepare for the “battle”. Everyone needs to compete their knowledge with their opponent during the last lesson of the semester. (10-15min.)

In the case of distance learning changes may occur!

5th September	week 1	English proficiency test (40 minutes) Orientation and choosing presentation topic Test results: 7th September
12th September	week 2	YouDay (no teaching)
19th September	week 3	Topic: <i>The role of international diplomacy</i> Presentation topic: - <i>The role of international diplomacy</i> - <i>Diplomacy as an Instrument of Good Governance</i> (by Vladimir Petrovsky)
26th September	week 4	Vocabulary test 1. Topic: <i>International Organisations and Institutions</i> Presentation topic: - <i>International Organisations and Institutions</i> - <i>WHO</i>
3rd October	week 5	Vocabulary test 2. Topic: <i>The European Union</i> Presentation topic: - <i>The European Union</i> - <i>The EU and Brexit</i>
10th October	week 6	Vocabulary test 3. Topic: <i>Leading World Powers</i> Presentation topic: - <i>Leading World Powers</i> - <i>World Superpowers 2021 (five countries)</i>
17th October	week 7	Vocabulary test 4. Topic:

		<p><i>International Relations of English-speaking Countries (US and UK)</i></p> <p>Presentation topic: - <i>International Relations of English-speaking Countries (US and UK)</i> - <i>UK Relations with Scotland and Ireland</i></p> <p>Debate Day Topic Choosing</p>
24th October	week 8	Mid-term test
31st October	week 9	Consultation Week
7th November	week 10	<p>Vocabulary test 5.</p> <p>Topic: <i>Emerging and Developing Countries</i></p> <p>Presentation topic: - <i>Emerging and Developing Countries</i> - <i>A developing country</i></p>
14th November	week 11	Practice for Debate Day
21st November	week 12	<p>Vocabulary test 6.</p> <p>Topic: <i>International Aspects of Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>Presentation topic: - <i>International Aspects of Environmental Protection</i> - <i>Overpopulation</i></p>
28th November	week 13	<p>Vocabulary test 7.</p> <p>Topic: <i>Human rights and minority rights</i></p> <p>Presentation topic: - <i>Human rights and minority rights</i> - <i>Discrimination</i></p>
5th December	week 14	Debate Day

Debate topics:

1. Britain should leave the European Union
2. Illegal immigrants should be treated as criminals.
3. Healthcare should be universal.
4. The death penalty should be abolished.
5. Animals should have the same rights as humans.
6. Solar power is the energy of future.
7. Russia and China are allies.
8. Women should be paid less than men in some professions.
9. War is always unjustified.
10. The U.S. should intervene in overseas conflicts.