

ENGLISH IV SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE OUTLINE:

Course description

This course aims to help students cope with academic texts in agriculture and develop fundamental academic skills, mostly in reading and writing.

Course objectives

After completion of this course students should be:

- able to understand text structure and develop comprehension efficiency
- acquainted with academic vocabulary
- able to use vocabulary and language structures in scientific and academic situations e.g. comparing and contrasting methods, dealing with causes and effects
- able to organize and develop cohesive texts
- able to create graphic organizers (cyclic/linear diagrams, tables)

TOPICS – VOCABULARY

Topics covered over the spring semester mainly include the following¹

Agricultural meteorology

Managing weather risk in agricultural development

Farm crops

Vegetables

Products and market strategies

Introduction to genetics – Mendel's theory

Genes and principles of inheritance

Plant pollination

Beekeeping

Insect and pest control methods

Fertilisers – methods of application

Soil formation – soil management

¹ Depending on the level of the students and the amount of class time available the instructor reserves the right to add or delete subjects according to class needs

Genetically engineered plants
Food security

GRAMMAR & STRUCTURES²

Modal verbs – deduction, obligation, advice
If sentences, conditionals
Reported speech

Clauses

Clauses of reason and result
Clauses of purpose

Connectives

Addition
Result

WRITING SKILLS

Essay writing (organization-structure)
Expanding notes or diagrams into complex sentences/paragraphs
Writing reports

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Basic paraphrasing
Cause and Effect
Reporting survey/questionnaire results

ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS

Reading texts & handouts
Listening & Speaking practice
Quizzes & assignments

² Grammar items may be deleted or added according to students needs