

ENGLISH V WINTER SEMESTER

COURSE OUTLINE:

The aim of this course is to help students develop their academic skills. Students continue to work on improving their reading skills and vocabulary, but they work more on how to write short academic texts effectively, report experiments, use and synthesise source materials. The course also aims to help students gain strategies for coping with extended listening and speak more confidently in an academic context.

Course objectives

After completion of this course students should be:

- able to read an academic text (lab report, research article, book chapter) and analyse their structure (the sections and their role)
- able to recognise the relationship between ideas in an academic text
- acquainted with academic vocabulary
- be able to analyze academic writing (purpose, content, pattern of development, and stylistic features)
- able to organize and develop short academic texts
- able to paraphrase and summarize
- be able to listen to lectures and take notes
- be able to ask and answer questions effectively
- be able to give short oral presentations on agriculture-related topics

TOPICS – VOCABULARY

Topics covered over the spring semester mainly include the following¹

Dairy products

Digestion –metabolism

Environment management & protection

Bioethics

Sustainable Livestock

Phytopathology

Management and marketing in Agriculture

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

GRAMMAR & STRUCTURES²

Relative clauses

Reported speech – introductory verbs for quotation and paraphrase

Indirect questions

Emphasis – cleft sentences

Gerund / infinitive

Connectives - Transitional Expressions

Revision and practice

WRITING SKILLS

Essay writing (expanding ideas to cohesive paragraphs)

Reporting research findings

Summarizing a text

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Paraphrasing - summarising

Quotations and referencing

ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS

Reading texts & handouts

Listening & Speaking practice

Quizzes & assignments

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