

2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

AAF1102 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

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Lesson Time: Tuesday, 17:00-19:00

Thursday, 17:00-19:00

Classroom: Building CU026, Classroom Sergi

E-learning Link: <https://elearning.uniroma1.it/course/view.php?id=18015>

This course is designed for the upper intermediate level (B2) students of the Department of Biology. According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the B2 Level refers to independent users of the language.

B2 level students:

- Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization.
- Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.
- Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

The aim of this course is to help students develop their language skills to be able to start to function effectively in a variety of written and spoken contexts in English. This is achieved through intensive language support based on grammar, vocabulary, and skills work as well as the use of theme-based and online learning materials.

B2 level grammar rules and structures will be studied during the 10-week course length:

- Revision of Present and Past Tenses
- Present Perfect & Present Perfect Continuous
- Past perfect
- Past perfect continuous
- Future tenses revision
- Future continuous
- Future perfect
- Future perfect continuous
- Passives & Causatives
- Relative clauses
- Modals of Certainty and Perfect Modals (assumption, speculation, and advice in past)
- Revision of Conditionals
- Conditionals (If Type 3) & Mixed Conditionals
- Wish Clauses
- Reported Speech

Reference Books:

Murphy, R., English Grammar in Use, Intermediate 4th Edition, Cambridge University Press.
BRIANO P., (2018), A Matter of Life 3.0. English for Chemistry, Biology, and Biotechnology., Edisco.

Some other materials will be provided by the instructor each week in the form of pdfs, PowerPoint presentations, and online materials.

Attendance: Language learning requires time and effort and thus it is important for learners to attend lessons regularly.

Homework and Participation: Students are also expected to actively participate in classroom discussions and activities. They need to complete homework given by the lecturer and return it on time.

Presentation Task: Presentation Task aims to give students an opportunity to practice speaking in public, enable them to become secure about their speaking and presentation skills, and motivate them further. Students receive a grade on their participation in the task. Participation in this task is on a volunteer basis but strongly suggested.

Exam: The written assessment is based on topics related to the content in the course materials students have studied during the course. The written exam consists of three parts; Reading, Grammar, and Vocabulary.

Exemption: Students with a language certificate recognized by MIUR – link below- at a B2 level or above will be exempt from taking the final exam.

Exempt students need to:

- inform both teachers either via email (with scanned copy of the certificate and student details) or on campus (please bring original copy of certificate and, copy for the teachers and valid ID)
- Book the exam (once dates are out)

Accepted certifications:

- Cambridge: level B2 (First Certificate) and higher
- IELTS: 5.5 and higher
- TOEFL: 72 and higher
- Trinity (Integrated Skills only): B2 and higher
- Oxford Test of English: B2 and higher

<https://www.miur.gov.it/enti-certificatori-lingue-straniere>

Certificates obtained more than four years ago cannot be considered valid.

Laboratorio Didattico

Before the end of the course **5 extra hours** will be dedicated to exam preparation and exam strategies.

These lessons will be carried out online and open to all students attending the course.

More details will be provided in the coming months.