

30143 - English language IV

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2024/25

Subject: 30143 - English language IV

Faculty / School: 179 - Centro Universitario de la Defensa - Zaragoza

Degree: 563 - Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Organisational Engineering

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 4

Semester: First semester o Second semester

Subject type: Optional

Module:

1. General information

This course aims to consolidate the B2 level and advance towards the C1 level. The general goals are as follow:

1. To develop communication skills in English.
2. To boost autonomous work through self-learning and collaborative activities as well as the use of ITC (Information Technologies and Communication).
3. To foster the use of the English language as a tool to facilitate access to other fields of knowledge.
4. To discuss general and professional topics such as SDGs, peacekeeping missions, the role of the Armed Forces in emergencies and disaster relief, etc.

These approaches and objectives are in line with most of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>). The acquisition of the course learning outcomes will contribute in a certain degree to these goals.

2. Learning results

- Communicate in English in their professional practice.
- Effectively handles texts, technical documentation and source materials in English.

3. Syllabus

Grammar: Changes in regular grammatical structures, emphasis and changes in style (formal / informal) structures for ordering, suggesting and recommending. Multi-word verbs.

Lexicon and thematic content: Lexicon linked to doctrine related to national defense, planning and decision-making in operations. Acronyms, abbreviations and slang.

Specialized Use: Communicating plans and objectives to a group. Debate on current issues. Language for Leadership and Management.

Functions: Decision-making and problem-solving. Presenting dilemmas and proposing solutions. Analyzing facts and reaching conclusions.

4. Academic activities

Oral communication: Present and debate on a wide variety of topics including professional issues such as military operations using a model based on STANAG 2014. Discuss and explain complex issues such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or current and past conflicts.

Written communication: Essays and written comments to articles of professional interest with a well-structured content and adapted to conventions and formats.

Presentations: Use Problem-Solving Techniques to present topics of professional (planning, battle studies, and decision-making) and general interest (current and past conflicts, SDGs, etc.).

5. Assessment system

First sitting

The subject may be passed through Continuous Assessment (CA) or a single Global Test (GT) which will be carried out by those who have not passed CA or wish to improve their grade. The best of both will prevail.

No Assessment Instruments (AI) will be lower than 50% to pass. The average of all five skills must be 60% or higher. The final grade will be the average of the skills (%) transformed into a 1 to 10 scale with one decimal place. A score of 60 equals 5, while 100 equals 10.

A. CA

All five AI must be passed.

Assessment Instrument	Weighting	LR-1	LR-2
Oral Presentation	20%	x	x
Oral Comprehension	20%	x	x
Oral Expression	20%	x	x
Written Comprehension	20%	x	x
Written Expression	20%	x	x

B. GT

Students who do not pass the CA or want to improve their final grade can take the GT.

B.1. Failing CA:

Students scoring below 50% in any AI or an average below 60% must repeat all AIs with grades lower than 60%.

B.2. Improving final grades:

Students must take all five AI exams.

Second sitting

Students who fail the first sitting must sit for a second GT exam, which will reproduce the evaluation criteria of the first GT exam.