Study Programme : BSc in Biology / Ecology

Degree level: Bachelor degree

Course Title: English A1-A2 Course Code: OBE017

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Required/Elective Course: Elective

Number of ECTS: 5

Prerequisites: The course is intended for students who have studied other foreign languages so far or for those whose level of English language proficiency is below B1 level (Common European Framework).

Course Objective:

The objective is to familiarize students with basic characteristics of general and subject-specific English language and academic register. Students are expected to develop certain language skills related to written and oral communication on everyday topics and basic academic and subject-specific issues.

Course Outcome:

At the end of the course students will develop the following skills:

-general skills: comprehension of texts related to general and basic academic topics; writing of short forms; general communication skills in the context of everyday conversation, academic and certain subject-specific issues;

-specific skills related to students' subject of study: describing, defining, giving basic instructions, expressing and interpreting results; acquiring elementary academic and subject-specific vocabulary and grammar constructions typical for academic discourse; efficient use of general and subject-related dictionaries.

Course Content:

Theoretical part

-Basic characteristics of English for academic and specific purposes:

Tense forms frequently used in formal academic style; passive; plural of nouns, compound nouns, use of indefinite/definite articles, comparison of adjectives, word order, formal/informal style differences.

-Development of language skills:

Reading: comprehension of simple, adapted texts on different academic topics; developing strategies such as skimming and scanning techniques, understanding general idea and main points and guessing the meaning out of the context; Writing: filling in forms, writing CV, defining and describing simple processes; Speaking: introducing yourself, giving instructions, talking on different topics related to academic subjects and student life in general.

Reading List:

1. Harrison, R. *New Headway Academic Skills*, Soars, L.&J. (eds.) Oxford University Press, 2006 2. Murphy, R. *Essential Grammar in Use*, Cambridge University Press, 2000

Total hours:						
Lectures: 4	Practicals: 0	Other:		Student research work:		
Methods of instruction: Communicative, interactive mode of instruction						
Assessment (maximum number of points 100)						
Requirements		points	Final exam			points
Active participation in lectures			Written exam			60
Active participation in practicals			Oral exam			10
Test or		30				
Pre-exam testing						
Pre-exam testing						