Course Outline

- Individual, partner or group presentations on topics specifically related to the chosen area of study, i.e. Business Administration and/or Labour & Commercial Law.
- A vocabulary list per topic is to be prepared and made available to all members of the class in advance of each presentation.
- Topic-related texts/articles, written by native speakers, aimed at an expert audience (selected by lecturer and/or those due to present) are to be read by all class members in advance of each presentation.
- Each presentation is followed by a questions-and-answers session and discussion on the presentation, topic and on the chosen article.
- Each student is expected to write a 1000-1500-word text on the article in question. The text is to consist of a summary and critique of the chosen article.
- Each student is expected to write a further 1000-1500-word assignment on another one of the chosen articles (on the topic of another presentation).

Objectives

- Presenting on their chosen topic as well as participating in questions-and-answers and discussions sessions, also on topics chosen by other students → students improve their oral skills.
- Preparing a subject-specific vocabulary list on a topic of interest and relevance → students improve their knowledge of specific and useful terminology and share this knowledge with the rest of the class.
- Reading the chosen texts → students improve their reading comprehension.
- Questions-and-answers and discussion sessions after the presentations → students improve their oral skills.
- Discussion of the articles → students improve their oral skills.
- Writing the summary and critique → students develop and improve their academic writing skills.
- Writing another assignment on another of the chosen articles → students continue to develop and improve their academic writing skills based on the feedback they receive on their summary and critique.
- Specific terminology should be actively acquired, activated and consolidated in this course (oral and written).
- Students will receive extensive feedback from the lecturer on their presentations, prepared material (vocabulary list) and written work (summary and critique, writing assignment).

All of the above are done/achieved within a study-specific context and entirely in English.

Prerequisites

- Students must have a good, upper-intermediate level of English – Level B2, Independent User – according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).
- Students should be at an advanced level of studies.
- Students must be prepared to participate actively and also, where required, to work as part of a team.

Assessment

Regular and active participation, oral presentation, presentation materials, peer evaluation, academic writing.

Literature

Documents selected and/or prepared by lecturer and/or students.