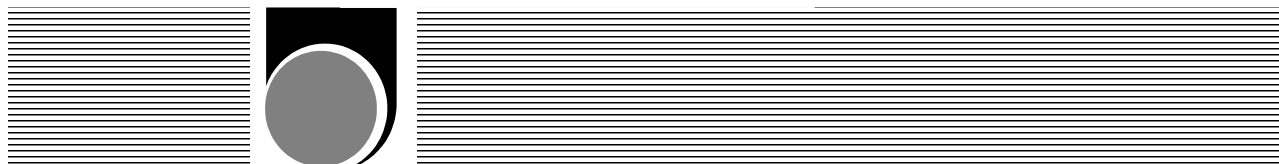


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***Essential Skills for IELTS***

**Course Outline**

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### Introduction

This is a 5-credit middle level face-to-face course which provides non-English specialist students with a good foundation for sitting the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test. It is available as a General Education elective.

### Excluded Combination

The course forms an excluded combination with ENGL E205F and ENGL E205.

### Aims

GEN E205F aims to:

- 1 Provide students with a sound foundation for sitting the IELTS (the International English Language Testing System) test;
- 2 Build up their proficiency in the four skills assessed;
- 3 Familiarize them with the examination components;
- 4 Provide them with extensive practice in tackling the types of test items they will face in IELTS.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 1 *Present* ideas in argumentative essays and *process* information in graphical description following the standard academic style.
- 2 *Identify* information in, *infer* meaning from and *summarize* listening texts.
- 3 *Identify* meaning and key words in written texts and *extract* information from them quickly and accurately.
- 4 *Express* ideas orally on a variety of topics in effective ways.
- 5 *Perform* satisfactorily on the IELTS test.

## Alignment of Learning outcomes and Content

Outcomes	Module(s)
Outcome 1	1, 5
Outcome 2	4, 8
Outcome 3	3, 7
Outcome 4	2, 6
Outcome 5	1-8

### Prerequisite

There are no prerequisites for this course.

### Course content

#### Module 1 Skills and strategies for academic writing

- Sentences, paragraphs and academic register
- Punctuation and spelling
- Editing for errors

#### Module 2 Skills and strategies for speaking

- Conversational interaction and behaviour
- Speech functions and information structures
- Sounds, Stress and Intonation
- Creating a good impression

#### Module 3 Skills and strategies for academic reading

- Understanding reading purpose
- Reading for main points
- Reading intensively
- Identifying an author's opinions, attitudes and bias

#### Module 4 Skills and strategies for listening

- The listening process
- Listening for specific information
- Prediction strategies
- Listening to lectures and talks
- What we do when we listen – authentic listening

#### Module 5 Preparing for the IELTS Academic Writing test

- Describing graphical information
- Writing a piece of argumentative prose

#### Module 6 Preparing for the IELTS Speaking test

- Structure of the speaking test
- Starting the test
- The long turn
- Two-way discussion

#### Module 7 Preparing for the IELTS Academic Reading test

- Matching questions with reading strategies
- Question focuses – vocabulary; rhetorical structure  
meaning; key words

## Module 8 Preparing for the IELTS Listening test

Common problems in listening tests

Listening topics related to social needs

Listening topics related to education

## Teaching and Learning

There are 47 hours of lecture and 5 one-hour workshops to help students achieve the expected learning outcomes.

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### Teaching plan

Teaching weeks beginning	Content	No. of contact hours	Assignments
16/02/2021 Week 1 16/2 + 20/2	Module 1 Skills and strategies for academic writing	2 2	Informal grammar & writing assignments
22/02/2021 Week 2 23/2 + 27/2	Module 5 Writing a piece of argumentative prose/ Describing graphical information	2 2	Informal grammar & writing assignments
01/03/2021 Week 3 2/3 + 6/3	Module 5 Writing a piece of argumentative prose/ Describing graphical information	2 2	
08/03/2021 Week 4 9/3 + 13/3	Module 5 Writing a piece of argumentative prose/ Describing graphical information	1+1 1+1	Individual writing consultation session
15/03/2021 Week 5 16/3 + 20/3	Module 5 Writing a piece of argumentative prose/ Describing graphical information	1+1 1+1	Individual writing consultation session
22/03/2021 Week 6 23/3 + 27/3	Module 2 Skills and strategies for speaking  In-class Assignment 1: Writing 27 Mar 2021 (Sat)	1+1 2	Individual writing consultation session  Assignment 1 (Writing)
29/03/2021 Week 7 30/3 *3/4 (PH – NO CLASS)	Module 2 Skills and strategies for speaking Evaluation of in-class Assignment 1  Module 3 Skills and strategies for academic reading	1 1 2	
05/04/2021 Week 8 *6/4 (PH – NO CLASS) 10/4	Module 4 Skills and strategies for listening  Module 6 Preparing for the IELTS Speaking test	2 2	
12/04/2021 Week 9 13/4 + 17/4	Module 6 Preparing for the IELTS Speaking test	4	
19/04/2021 Week 10 20/4 + 24/4	Module 6 Preparing for the IELTS Speaking test  Module 7 Preparing for the IELTS Academic Reading test	2 2	

26/04/2021 Week 11 27/4 *1/5 (PH – NO CLASS)	Module 7 Preparing for the IELTS Academic Reading test	4	
03/05/2021 Week 12 4/5+ 8/5	Module 8 Preparing for the IELTS Listening test  *In-class Assignment 4: Speaking	4	Assignment 4 (Speaking)
10/05/2021 Week 13 11/5 + 15/5	*In-class Assignments 2 Reading & 3 Listening  Evaluation of in-class Assignments 2-4	2  2	Assignment 2 (Reading) Assignment 3 (Listening)
17/05/2021 Week 14	Study Break		
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Note:

‘1+1’ = Individual writing consultation session taking place in the second half of the lecture.

\* The mode and time of assessment will be finalized later depending on COVID-19 situation.

## Assessment

Course assessment includes continuous assessment (50%) and an end-of-course examination (50%).

The continuous assessment will involve four assignments as follows:

• Assignment 1: In-class writing	12.5%
• Assignment 2: In-class reading	12.5%
• Assignment 3: In-class listening	12.5%
• Assignment 4: In-class speaking	12.5%

The end-of-course examination will be the IELTS test arranged by either IDP Education or the British Council.

Students shall complete the IELTS test application online (the link to be provided later) and pay for the test fee (currently HKD2010.0) with the assistance of the Tutor/Course Coordinator starting from Week 3 of the course. They will be able to reimburse the test fee from the Student Affairs Office after achieving an overall score of 6.0 or above on the IELTS test.

## Alignment of Learning outcomes and Assessment

### Assignments

Assessment Items	<i>Learning Outcomes</i>				
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
In-class assignment 1			✓		✓
In-class assignment 2		✓			✓
In-class assignment 3	✓				✓
In-class assignment 4				✓	✓

### Exam

Assessment Items	<i>Learning Outcomes</i>				
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
Module 1 Listening	✓				✓
Module 2 Reading		✓			✓
Module 3 Writing			✓		✓
Module 4 Speaking				✓	✓

### Set book

There is no set book for this course. Module materials developed in conjunction with ETDU, together the accompanying handouts and worksheets, will be distributed throughout the term.

### Special notes

The validity of the test score obtained is two years.