



Course Syllabus: English First Year Master's Degree - A.Y. 2024/2025

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Prerequisites: English for the Third Year of the Bachelor's Degree - Advanced English

#### Course outline:

- 1. Advanced listening comprehension
- 2. Advanced oral production
- 3. Critical and in-depth reading of complex texts
- 4. Advanced and personalized writing
- 5. Complex grammar and advanced nuances
- 6. Expansion and precision of vocabulary
- 7. Culture, context, and cultural analysis

### **Course outline details:**

#### 1. Advanced listening comprehension

- Listening to complex and unsimplified materials such as debates, documentaries, and lectures on specialized topics
- Ability to grasp nuances of meaning, subtexts, and implicit cultural details
- Analysis of different accents and variants of English (regional, national, and international)

# 2. Advanced oral production

- Advanced discussions on abstract and specific topics, expressing opinions accurately and using language appropriate to the academic context
- Debate techniques for arguing, countering, and managing complex conversations
- Refinement of pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation to speak fluently and naturally

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# 3. Critical and in-depth reading of complex texts





- Reading and analysis of academic essays, editorials, industry studies, and advanced fiction
- Critical reading techniques to interpret intentions, biases, and implicit arguments
- In-depth exploration of specialized vocabulary in various fields

### 4. Advanced and personalized writing

- Drafting complex texts such as opinion articles, academic reports, and reflective essays
- Use of complex structures, elegant connectors, and various registers to adapt the style to the context
- Ability to construct sophisticated arguments and use concise and powerful language

### 5. Complex grammar and advanced nuances

- Study of rare or complex grammatical structures (e.g., particular inversions, various types of subordinate clauses)
- In-depth exploration of the use of advanced conditional sentences, complex indirect speech, and formal passive voice
- Refinement of the use of complex idioms, colloquial expressions, and advanced idiomatic phrases

### 6. Expansion and precision of vocabulary

- Acquisition of a broad vocabulary on specialized topics
- Development of advanced synonyms and antonyms for greater variety and expressive precision in both spoken and written language
- In-depth exploration of specific linguistic collocations and idiomatic phrases

## 7. Culture, context, and cultural analysis

- In-depth exploration of the differences between British and American English, including cultural aspects and stylistic differences
- Analysis of authentic materials (films, documentaries, literary works) for a deeper cultural understanding

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# **Educational Objectives:**

Refinement of advanced language skills, bringing students closer to full proficiency in the language.

During lab time, TOEFL materials for advanced learning of academic listening and reading skills will be used.

By the end of the course, students should be able to master the language flexibly and precisely, also understanding specialized contexts and languages. The course aims to prepare students for communication in highly complex academic and cultural environments.

#### **Recommended Materials:**

All materials used in class, including videos, podcasts, and short films, are available on UniStudium.

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#### Methods Used in the Classroom:

Advanced communicative approach;

Critical analysis of authentic materials;

Refinement of written production;

In-depth grammatical and lexical study;

Guided autonomous learning.