



John Cabot University, Rome

Postgraduate Programs 2017: General English Course Syllabus

Level: Upper-Intermediate – B2

Skills:

A. Speaking Objectives:

1. You will be able to:
2. Speak regularly with native speakers.
3. Discuss familiar topics in detail.
4. Give your opinions and explain advantages and disadvantages.
5. Speak fluently without searching for language.

B. Listening Objectives:

1. Understand long speech and lectures and follow complex arguments if the topic is reasonably familiar.
2. Understand most TV news and current affairs programs.
3. Understand the majority of films in common accents.
4. Understand long complex speech.

C. Reading Objectives

1. Read articles and reports about common topics
2. Understand modern novels

D. Writing Objectives

1. Write clearly and in detail about a wide range of subjects.

2. Write an essay or report.
3. Write letters about events and personal experiences.

Grammar topics to be covered in this level

Used to + infinitive

- Past Simple and Present Perfect
- *Neither / so do I*
- Modal verbs
- Reported speech
- First, second conditional
- Adverbs of manner and modifiers
- Relative clauses
- Adjectives and their connotations
- Present Perfect Continuous
- *Look + adjective, look like + noun*
- *Be able to/ can/ manage to*
- Passives
- Past Perfect Simple
- *Have and have got*
- *Be allowed to and be supposed to*
- *A / few and a / little*
- *Although / in spite of / despite*
- Question tags
- Habit in the Present and the Past
- Present Perfect Simple and Present Perfect Continuous

- Past Simple and Past Continuous and Past Perfect
- Question tags
- *Will/Going to*, Present Simple, Present Continuous for the future
- Future Perfect
- Phrasal verbs
- Zero, first, second and third conditionals
- *Wish* and *if only*
- Passive

Vocabulary Topics:

Education

- Appearances
- Clothes
- Character
- *Make* and *do*
- Housework
- Holidays and travel brochures
- Illness
- Cooking
- Weather
- Furniture and appliances
- Types of books, films, and TV programs
- Crime and punishment
- Political systems
- Family relationships

- Pets and animals
- Consumer services
- Hotel facilities
- Affixes
- Participles
- . Affixes
- Collocations
- Work, working conditions
- Transport and exploration
- Phrasal verbs
- Crime and punishment
- Relationships
- Festivals and celebrations
- Connotation
- Homonyms
- Idiomatic expressions
- Sport and leisure

Functional Objectives

- . Describing location, people and things
- Stating preferences and opinions
- Talking about obligation
- Reporting requests and orders
- Advising
- Making deductions
- Guessing

- Talking about possibility / probability and certainty
- Refusing
- Describing faulty goods
- . Giving opinions
- Summarizing
- Expressing regret
- Drawing conclusions
- Making offers
- Describing cause and effect
- Stating purpose
- Emphasizing
- Stating contrast
- Adding information