



## John Cabot University, Rome

### Postgraduate Courses 2017: General English Course Syllabus

Level: Intermediate

#### Skills:

##### A. Speaking Objectives:

1. Deal with most situations when you travel in an area where people speak English.
2. Talk about family, hobbies, work, travel and current events.
3. Talk about experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions.
4. Give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
5. Tell the story of a book or film and describe your reactions.

##### B. Listening Objectives:

1. Clear speech on work, school and leisure.
2. Understand the main point on many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or familiar topics, when the speaker speaks slowly and clearly.

##### C. Reading Objectives:

1. Understand common, basic or job-related language.
2. Understand the description of events, feelings and wishes in personal letters.

##### D. Writing objectives

1. Write simply about familiar topics.
2. Write personal letters describing experiences and impressions.

#### Grammatical topics to be covered in this level:

- Present Continuous
- Comparative and superlative
- Past Simple

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- Present Perfect
- *Going to* and *will* for predictions and future events and spontaneous decisions
- Adverbs of frequency and manner
- Reflexive pronouns
- *So/ such*
- *Have to/ need to* for obligation
- Present Simple Passive
- *When / while*
- *Must / might* for deductions
- *As soon as*
- *Be able to / good at*
- *Although / however*
- First Conditional
- Used to + verb
- Relative clauses

**Vocabulary issues:**

- Restaurants and leisure venues
- Personality
- Biographical information
- Buildings and monuments
- Weather
- Clothes and accessories
- Large numbers
- Travel and tourism
- Work and careers
- Hobbies, sports and interests
- Education

- Life changes and events
- Political systems and change
- Animals
- Descriptions of people, health, fitness and illnesses
- Types of music and concerts
- Household

**Functional Objectives:**

- Talking about personal experiences
- Asking directions
- Describing personality
- Making travel arrangements
- Ordering in a restaurant
- Talking about preferences
- Expressing preferences
- Making deductions
- Making predictions
- Asking personal questions
- Offering and suggesting
- Talking about obligation
- Requesting