



John Cabot University, Roma

Postgraduate Programs 2017: General English Course Syllabus

Level: Elementary – A1

Skills:

A. Speaking Objectives:

1. Enable students to communicate in simple and routine tasks on familiar topics and activities.
2. Students can describe their family members and other people, their living conditions, their educational backgrounds and their present or most recent job.

B. Listening Objectives:

1. Students understand phrases and common vocabulary on common areas, such as basic family and personal interaction, shopping, the local area, and employment.
2. Students understand the main points in short, clear and simple messages and announcements.

C. Reading Objectives:

1. Students will be able to read very short, simple texts.
2. Students can learn to find specific and predictable information in advertisements, menus and timetables.
3. Students understand short simple personal letters.

D. Writing Objectives:

1. Students are able to write short, simple notes and messages.

2. Students are able to write simple personal letters, such as thanking someone.

Grammar topics that need to be covered in this level:

Present simple, articles, pronouns, countable and uncountable nouns, adverbs of frequency, can and could for requests, adjectives and modifiers, simple past, present continuous, comparatives and superlatives, Present perfect and participles, imperatives, should for advice, imperatives, have to and need for obligation, present simple for future, future simple.

Vocabulary Topics:

Families, food and meals, clothing and shopping, prices, daily routines, personality, appearance, present and childhood abilities, basic suffixes, work and jobs, transport, travel, machines and inventions, festivals and celebrations, hotel situations, weather and climate.

Functional objectives:

- Giving opinions and justifying them.
- Talking about routines and habits.
- Talking about intentions
- Describing experience
- Talking about feelings.
- Making comparisons
- Inviting
- Making decisions
- Describing and buying things
- Expressing hopes

- Talking about rules and regulations
- Giving instructions
- Making offers
- Suggesting
- Advising
- Apologizing
- Congratulating