



## **John Cabot University, Roma**

### **Postgraduate Programs 2017: General English Course Syllabus**

**Level: Advanced**

#### **Skills:**

##### **A. Speaking Objectives:**

1. Communicate effectively in social and professional situations.
2. Give ideas and opinions and relate your ideas to those of other speakers.
3. Talk about of complex subjects and develop arguments
4. Take part fluently and effortlessly in any conversation and have a good familiarity with idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms.

##### **B. Listening Objectives**

1. Understand long complex speech.
2. Understand any kind of spoken language, live or broadcast, at fast native speed when students have some time to get familiar with the accent.

##### **C. Reading Objectives**

1. Understand long and complex factual and literary texts, with different styles.
2. Understand specialized articles and long technical instructions

##### **D. Writing Objectives**

1. Write long, clear, well-structured text to express one's points of view.
2. Write about complex subjects in a letter, an essay or a report.
3. Write in an appropriate style.

4. Write summaries and reviews of professional or literary works

**Grammar topics that need to be covered in this level:**

1. *Will, going to*, Present Simple, Present Continuous for the future
2. Future Perfect
3. Phrasal verbs
4. Zero, first, second and third conditionals
5. *Wish and if only*
6. Passive
7. Compounds of *some, any, no, every*.
8. Reported speech
9. Relative clauses
10. Conjunctions: *although, despite, in spite of, otherwise, unless*
11. Modals: present and perfect
12. *Always* for frequency /+ present continuous
13. Uses of continuous tenses
14. Uses of *would*
15. Articles
16. Past Perfect
17. Order of adverbs
18. Order of adjectives
19. Participles
20. Modal verbs
21. Ellipsis and elision
22. Question tags

23. Future Continuous
24. Relative clauses
25. Mixed conditionals
26. Passive
27. Inversions and negative adverbials
28. Reported speech

### **Vocabulary topics to be covered**

.Homonyms

- Idiomatic expressions
- Sport and leisure
- Euphemisms
- Adverbs of manner and modifiers
- Geography and climate
- Participle adjectives
- Banks / money
- Colloquial expressions and slang

.Astrology and religions

- Nostalgia
- Coincidences and experiences
- Learning and educational systems
- Eccentricity and individuality
- Creativity
- Age and cultural differences
- Gender
- Current affairs

- Diet and health
- Types of communication
- Moral and personal dilemmas
- Road and home safety and risk
- Environmental issues
- Children's development
- Advertising
- Architecture

**Functional Objectives:**

- Guessing
- Order arguments
- Giving examples
- Contradicting
- Instructing
- Describing
- Advising
- Expressing opinions formally and informally
- Checking and clarifying information
- Paraphrasing
- Expanding and exemplifying
- Persuading and convincing
- Speculating
- Expressing annoyance
- Expressing regrets
- Comparing and contrasting