

ENGLISH III WINTER SEMESTER

COURSE OUTLINE:

Course description

This course aims to teach students to cope with more specific topics of agriculture with emphasis on reading and writing through selected passages and other materials of intermediate level.

Course objectives

After completion of this course students should be:

- able to develop more their comprehension skills through skimming and scanning (reading)
- able to listen to audio texts and find out specific details
- acquainted with more specific vocabulary of agricultural sciences
- able to use language structures in scientific and academic situations e.g. designing a simple questionnaire, describing methods
- able to compare and contrast – dealing with similarities and differences

TOPICS - VOCABULARY

Topics covered over the winter semester mainly include the following¹

GENERAL

Agriculture and business
Foundations of modern agriculture

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Fossils, minerals and rocks
Soil, land and the environment

AGRIBUSINESS

Agribusiness marketing
Rural economies and financial management
Technology and agribusiness

FOOD SCIENCE

Nutrition and Health
Food Safety

¹ Depending on the level of the students and the amount of class time available the instructor reserves the right to add or delete subjects according to class needs

GRAMMAR & STRUCTURES²

Review of Tenses (Active-Passive forms)
Modal Verbs – Possibility and certainty, obligation and necessity
Forming Questions & Negatives– Wh-questions

Adjectives / Adverbs

Degree (fairly, quite, rather, too, enough, so, such)

Connectives

Compare and Contrast

Intro to clauses

Simple and compound sentences
Subordinate Clauses

WRITING SKILLS

Introduction to Essay Writing (use of topic sentences and building supporting paragraphs)
Paragraphing
Designing a questionnaire

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Introduction to paraphrasing (use of synonyms and word building)
Exemplification
Comparison and Contrast

ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS

Reading texts & handouts
Listening & Speaking practice
Quizzes & assignments

² Grammar items may be deleted or added according to students needs