



UNIVERSIDAD MILITAR NUEVA GRANADA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
ENGLISH PROGRAM
TOEFL PREPARATION COURSE
Level 9 / Contents and Schedule
First Term – 2016

PROFILE

Students who finish level 9 at Universidad Militar Nueva Granada (UMNG) must communicate effectively in most everyday situations, showing good performance in the understanding (reading – listening) as well as in the production stages (writing – speaking). In addition to improving all necessary strategies in everyday communicative situations, students must be able to develop some TOEFL academic skills, especially in the productive processes as they are the most immediate context students have to deal with (Short presentations and writing articles).

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this specific program is, on the one hand, to improve the linguistic and communicative competence students already have so that they can achieve a better performance in different TOEFL contexts more confidently; on the other hand, it is necessary not only to reinforce the TOEFL strategies they already manage in the four skills, but also to develop the new ones required to achieve TOEFL expected higher profiles.

METHODOLOGY

According to the objectives and the philosophy of the Languages Department, we follow a communicative language syllabus, where the *communicative method* is the principal one. In this we have a warm up, a presentation, a language analysis, a practice, an expansion and a final productive step.

It is important to take into account various methods and theories which have added a set of important tools for the English language teacher: projects and task-based programs, multiple intelligence and learning styles, functional and lexical approach, self-assessment and autonomous learning, among others.

EVALUATION

Classes begin on January 30 and end on June 4.

EXAMS DATES

First Exam: March 5

Mid-Term Exam: April 23

Final Exam: June 4

GRADING SYSTEM

Exams – written and oral: 80%

Class work: 20%

RESOURCES

Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL Test – Second Edition

OTHER INTERNET LINKS

www.englishpage.com,

http://www.learn4good.com/languages/spec_english_toefl.htm,

http://www.examenglish.com/TOEFL/toefl_structure_1.htm,

<http://www.testden.com/challenge/free-toefl.asp>,

http://www.testmagic.com/classes/TOEFL/Practice_structure_01.htm,

<http://www.testpreppractice.net/TOEFL/Free-Online-TOEFL-Practice-Tests.aspx>



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WEEK & DATE	CONTENTS
1 January 30	Introduction: Course basics and class procedures General Review
2 February 6	Reading Diagnostic Pre-Test Listening Diagnostic Pre-Test Speaking Diagnostic Pre-Test Writing Diagnostic Pre-Test <i>Feedback & Course of Action</i>
3 February 13	Reading Skills Listening Skills Speaking Skills Grammar Quick Review
4 February 20	Listening Skills Speaking Skills Writing Skills Usage Quick Review
5 February 27	Reading Skills Listening Skills Speaking Skills Usage Quick Review
6 March 5	FIRST TERM EXAM
7 March 12	<i>First Term Exam Feedback and Self-Assessment</i> Reading Skills Listening Skills Writing Skills Grammar Quick Review
8 March 19	Listening Skills Speaking Skills Writing Skills Grammar Quick Review
9 April 2	Reading Skills Listening Skills Writing Skills Usage Quick Review
10 April 9	Listening Skills Speaking Skills Writing Skills Grammar Quick Review

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