



UNIVERSIDAD MILITAR NUEVA GRANADA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
ENGLISH PROGRAM
LEVEL 6 – TOEFL PREPARATION COURSE
FIRST TERM 2016
Rationale (Saturday courses)

PROFILE

Students who finish level 6 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.

CONTENTS

Unit 1: Advertising

Unit 2: Extreme Sports

Unit 3: Fraud

Unit 4: Storytelling

Unit 5: Language

Unit 6: Tourism

Unit 7: Humor

Unit 8: Fashion

Unit 9: Punishment

Unit 10: Marriage

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

North Star – Building Skills for the TOEFL \mathcal{B} T - Intermediate

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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Contents and Schedule

WEEK & DATE	CONTENTS
1 January 30	Introduction: Course basics and class procedures Diagnostic Test
2 February 6	UNIT 1: Advertising Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Radio Ads: Advertising on the Air Essay: Changing World Markets
3 February 13	Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Skimming and Scanning
4 February 20	UNIT 2: Extreme Sports Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Lecture: Sensation Seekers Newspaper Article: High School Star Hospitalized for Eating Disorder Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Inferences
5 February 27	UNIT 3: Fraud Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Interviews: Victims of Fraud An Advertisement: The Organic Health Center Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Using context clues
6 March 5	FIRST TERM EXAM
7 March 12	<i>First Term Exam Feedback and Self-Assessment</i> UNIT 4: Storytelling Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Interview: Jackie Torrence Review: Behind the Story of "The Metamorphosis"
8 March 19	Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Identifying and using rhetorical structure

<p>9 April 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 5: Language</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Interview: Speaking of Gender Magazine Article: Code Switching Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Identifying and using main ideas</p>
<p>10 April 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 6: Tourism</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Town Hall Meeting in Hyannis, Cape Cod Magazine Article: Transforming a Tradition Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Paraphrasing</p>
<p>11 April 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 7: Humor</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Lecture: The Story of I Love Lucy Magazine Article: Cosby: A Different Kind of Family Show Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Summarizing</p>
<p>12 April 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIDTERM EXAM</p>
<p>13 April 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Midterm Exam Feedback and Self-Assessment</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 8: Fashion</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Interview: Fashion in the Workplace Essay: Traditional Fashion for Today's Woman</p>
<p>14 May 7</p>	<p>Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Comparing and contrasting</p>
<p>15 May 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 9: Punishment</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Panel Discussion: Expert Opinions on Spanking Newspaper Article: To Spank or not to Spank? Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Using detailed examples</p>
<p>16 May 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT 10: Marriage</p> <p>Campus Conversation Academic Listening: Lecture: Finding a Spouse Letter to the Editor: What's Wrong with Tradition?</p>
<p>17 May 28</p>	<p>Integrated Task: Read, Listen, Speak Independent Task Cohesive devices</p>

18 June 4	FINAL EXAM
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N.B. * Programs are subject to minimum variations.

- * Final grades and feedback will ONLY be given according to the above schedule in the classroom at class time.**
- * Under no circumstances shall dates of exams be changed or modified without the express written consent of the Department Head.**
- * Coursebooks are compulsory. Photocopies are NOT allowed -**

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