

Communication Lab 2

Program in which it is offered: All Bachelor's degree programs

Course Category: Proficiency

Schedule of Offering: Semester III

Course Credit Structure: 1

Course Code: LL432

- **Lecture: 0**
- **Tutorial: 0**
- **Practical: 2**

Contact Hours per week: 2

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1. Introduction

This course complements the 'Communicating in English' course that the students have attended in the first semester. It is a writing lab course, and aims to make the students not only better writers, but also more motivated writers in English. It includes reading authentic English texts as a means of appreciating good writing, before moving on to a series of exercises where students hone their writing skills for narrative and non-narrative writing, and for use in a variety of situations.

2. Course Objectives

At the end of this course, learners should be able to:

- i. Appreciate various kinds of writing styles and text structures
- ii. Write different kinds of texts in English: narrative, argumentative, informative, and discursive
- iii. Write appropriate messages in different kinds of formal and informal situations

3. Pre-requisites

The student must have attended the 'Communicating in English' course in the first semester. This implies that a student desiring to attend this course must be familiar and proficient in using English to perform the general communicative functions of day-to-day life.

4. Readings

Primary Texts

1. Byatt, A.S. (2009). *The Oxford Book of English Short Stories*. Oxford University Press.
2. Wilson, P. and Glazier, T.F. (2018). *The Least You Should Know About English: Writing Skills, 13th edition*. Cengage Learning.

Subsidiary reading:

1. Online Writing Lab: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
2. English Reader: <http://english-e-reader.net/>

5. Module-wise topics**Module 1: An overview of writing in English** (10 hours, Text 1, pp.1-439)**Objectives:**

- To appreciate and recognise different writing styles through a reading of numerous stories and sample essays.

Topics:

- Narrative structure
- Development of narratives
- Non-narrative writing

Module 2: Improving writing skills (8 hours, Text 2, pp.62-178)**Objectives:**

- To improve writing skills by studying transition words, sentence structure and punctuation

Topics:

- Using words correctly
- Using punctuation correctly
- Improving sentence structure
- Improving paragraph structure

Module 3: Writing Lab (12 hours, Text 2, pp.232-266)**Objectives:**

- To practise different kinds of writing through a series of writing exercises

Topics:

- Free writing
- Identifying topics and thesis statements
- Using quotations
- Writing responses

6. Pedagogy

Since this is a lab course, the teaching methodology will be mostly practice-oriented. Students will read different texts in English to familiarize themselves with different kinds of writing styles and narrative/non-narrative structures. They will also spend a number of classes practising and improving their writing skills.

7. Evaluation Pattern

- Mid-semester exam (20%)
- Group writing tasks (2) (20%)
- Individual writing tasks (2) (20%)
- Final project (40%)