שם הקורס:

Course Name:

English for Mitkadmim B (Advanced B)

א. מטרות הקורס (מטרות על / מטרות ספציפיות):

Course purpose and overview:

The main objective of the Mitkadmim B course is to improve students' reading comprehension of academic texts. To this end, a variety of reading and language skills are taught and practiced throughout the course (see below). The texts range from 1000-3000 words, increasing in difficulty and length throughout the course. In addition, speaking, listening, and writing are integrated into the class sessions and assignments. In addition to intensive reading, global reading techniques are emphasized to enable students to deal efficiently with large quantities of academic material.

ב. תוכן הקורס: (רציונל, נושאים)

מהלך השיעורים: (שיטות ההוראה, שימוש בטכנולוגיה, מרצים אורחים)

Teaching techniques, technology use, guest speakers:

- ✓ Frontal lectures
- ✓ Pair/group work
- ✓ Class discussions
- ✓ Moodle assignments (e.g. forums, PoodLL, online quizzes, videos)
- ✓ Internet use: videos, supplementary material (in class/homework)
- ✓ Games and activities using cell phones

תכנית הוראה מפורטת לכל השיעורים: (רשימה או טבלה כדוגמת המצ"ב)

Reading strategies, language components, and related reading selections:

Below is a list of the reading and language skills and strategies practiced and taught in the course. The various components are taught and applied alone and in combination as needed (i.e. a skill/strategy may be taught in a focused lesson by itself, and then applied to various readings as appropriate).

- ✓ Identifying various types of academic articles
- ✓ Pre-reading / Surveying / Predicting
- ✓ Reading introductions and conclusions to extract main idea, purpose, question and/or conclusion of texts
- ✓ Skimming long texts to search for information and/or to get the gist
- ✓ Paragraph structure (identifying main ideas and supporting details)
- ✓ Empirical research articles: structure and contents
- ✓ Summary and response writing
- ✓ Drawing inferences based on textual information and background knowledge
- ✓ Distinguishing between facts and opinions
- ✓ Meta-cognitive awareness of reading strategies and processes
- ✓ Reading fluency and speed
- ✓ Academic vocabulary
- ✓ Speaking and listening practice
- ✓ Writing answers, responses, and summaries

In addition, relevant skills from Mitkadmim A are briefly reviewed and practiced throughout the course as needed. These may include:

- ✓ Vocabulary skills (e.g. guessing meanings from context, affixes)
- ✓ Sentence structure (nominal phrases, simple, compound, and complex sentences)

- ✓ References and ellipsis
- ✓ Transitions and organizational markers

Reading selections are chosen by individual teachers from a collection of authentic academic texts taken from a variety of sources (adapted as needed), including college textbooks and academic journals.

ג. תוצרי למידה:

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:
- ✓ Read and comprehend advanced authentic academic English texts of approximately 3000 words
- ✓ Skim a long text quickly to understand the general ideas and structure
- ✓ Understand the structure of various types of academic texts
- ✓ Navigate authentic empirical research articles to extract relevant information
- ✓ Utilize oral and aural skills to effectively participate in class sessions and activities
- ✓ Write short answers in English to demonstrate text comprehension
- ✓ Write short paragraphs in English summarizing or responding to texts

ד. חובות הקורס:

Course requirements:
- ✓ Attendance and active participation in class sessions
- ✓ Successful completion of class assignments and homework
- ✓ Final "unseen" exam

ה. מרכיבי הציון הסופי (ציון מספרי / ציון עובר):

Components of the course grade:

The course grade is composed of a class grade (60%) and a final exam grade (40%).

Class Grade: The class grade is awarded by each teacher based on a variety of assignments. The assignments may include tests and quizzes, classwork, homework, and online assignments.

The class grade includes:
- ✓ Reading comprehension (80%): quizzes on vocabulary and reading strategies, "seen" tests on the texts studied in class, sample "unseen" tests, homework, online assignments
- ✓ Listening and speaking (10%): answering questions based on a video, recording short oral responses to reading (e.g. on PoodLL).
- ✓ Writing (10%): writing assignments in response to reading

Final Exam: The final exam consists of an "unseen" text of about 3000 words. The text is accompanied by about 12 reading comprehension questions of various types (including open-ended, completion, and multiple choice questions). Students are allowed to use a dictionary during the test.

Students must achieve a grade of 60 to pass the course (with a minimum grade of 50 on the final exam).