

English as a second language  
ESL 501  
Syllabus Fall 2019

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**Class Page:** <http://elc.uobasrah.edu.iq/course/view.php?id=3995> or  
[http://un.uobasrah.edu.iq/display\\_staff\\_teaching.php?id=2882](http://un.uobasrah.edu.iq/display_staff_teaching.php?id=2882)

**Lectures**

1. **Monday:** Biology and Ecology 12:30-1:30 pm.
2. **Wednesday:** Chemistry and Geology 10:30-11:30 am.
3. **Thursday:** Physics and Mathematics. 12:30-1:30 pm.

**Course Description:** The purpose of ESL 501 is to improve the ability of students in reading scientific articles chosen from science magazines, and how to define the meaning of academic vocabularies that selected from the articles; as well as how to analyze the main idea of the article. The course also will cover some important grammar rules that would help graduate students to manage their academic dissertation.

**Lecture Notes:** Lecture notes will be posted on the class page every Sunday morning. You are expected to print out your own hard copy and to present it in the class. *If the Web doesn't work for some reasons, the article will be sent to the graduate office in your Department in order to forward it to you.*

- **Attendance:** *Attendance is mandatory.* You are expected to be present for all class meetings so that you can be informed about the class notes, exams and other matters relevant to the course. If you miss a substantial number of lectures without discussing the matter with your instructor and without a valid excuse, your final grade may be deducted or you will be dropped from the class according the university rule.
- **Reviewing Lecture Notes:** Reviewing the lecture notes is considered as a part of the homework assignments. It will be expected that you review the notes after each lecture in order to understand the material of the course in depth and it would help you to do well on your exams.

- **Midterm Exam 30%**

There will be one Midterm exam and it is worth 30% of your final grade; it will be on **Monday December 16th at 12:30-2:30 pm** . No notes, no dictionaries, no phones, and no tablets will be allowed in the exams. **If you missed the test without an authorized excuse, it will count as 0/30.** The exam questions usually come directly from lecture notes or their slight variations.

- **Final Exam 70%**: **You must take the final examination in order to pass the course.** All students are required to take the Common Final Exam which will be determined by the Dean's office.

- **Make-up Exams Policy**: Make-up for Midterm exam will only be given in case of a medical or emergency absence, and only with a written excuse from a doctor or other appropriate individual. In addition, such written document must be authorized by the associate dean's office.

- **Academic Discipline**: There are some academic rules that student must adhere to during the class. Briefly, we stated the common rules here:

1. You are NOT allowed to come late to the class at any circumstance. Coming late to the class, it will disturb the class at it will waste the short time that detected for this course. The class start at 12:30 pm and you shall show by time.
2. Keeping your cellphone in a MUTE mode and AWAY from your notes. It is inappropriate to use your cell phone for translating, texting , or calling during the class.
3. Talking during the class is improper conduct! You are NOT allowed to talk with your classmate during the class; and there is NO EXCUSE for this matter.

- **Academic Dishonesty**: Academic dishonesty is considered a serious offense at Basra University.

Students caught cheating may face failure in the course and an administrative sanction which may include suspension or expulsion from the university.

- **Course Grading**: Your course grades will be based on the the following scale;

1. 30% Midterm Exam.
2. 70% Final Exam.