



English Language Unit – HSC – Kuwait University

English 182 – Course Syllabus

Course Description:

English 182, which builds on skills learned in English 181, is designed to provide Health Sciences Centre students with intermediate-level skills in composition, listening, and reading. Paragraph organization is reviewed by means of writing summaries, and composition skills are further developed by writing five-paragraph essays. Since extended writing reflects thought processes, the cognitive skills of sequencing, generalizing, synthesizing, and making inferences and judgments about information are incorporated into the writing part of the course. This program is designed to include the broadly scientific rhetorical functions of process, definition, and comparison/contrast. Reading and listening, especially to extract information, are integral parts of the course. Academic and scientific/medical English vocabulary is developed through reading and listening exercises. Students will continue to review the fundamentals of English grammar.

Course Objectives:

- ★ To demonstrate the ability to write a thorough and accurate one-paragraph summary
- ★ To demonstrate the ability to write the following well-developed essays: process, definition, and comparison and contrast
- ★ To demonstrate a firm grasp of the fundamentals of English grammar
- ★ To demonstrate the acquisition of target medical terminology
- ★ To demonstrate the ability to comprehend and extract information from lectures and reading materials and to make inferences based upon that information

Required Texts:

1. Kamal, Ayesha M. *English 182 Essay Writing Skills: A Textbook for Students in the Health Sciences Centre* (4th ed.). 2006. Kuwait: Kuwait University Press.
2. Smith, Genevieve Love, and Davis, Phyllis E. *Medical Terminology* (4th ed.). 1981. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
3. English dictionary of student's choice (*not* a bilingual dictionary)

Recommended Texts (Optional):

4. Grammar reference book (same as English 181)
5. English/Arabic or Arabic/English dictionary of student's choice
6. Medical dictionary of student's choice (such as *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*)

On-line Independent Study:

Students may study independently by accessing the HSC/English Language Unit's Internet homepage where material relevant to English 182 is posted. Students can access the facility on Kuwait University computers or on their personal computers at home. Instructors will communicate the necessary details to students during the course of the semester.

Required Supplies:

- White, lined, A4 paper for in-class writing
- Black or blue ink pen
- Number 2 pencils for tests and examinations

Grading:

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| ◆ 3 Essays (10% each) | 30% |
| ◆ 2 Vocabulary tests (5% each) | 10% |
| ◆ Midterm | 20% |
| ◆ Final | 40% |

Grading Scale:

95 – 100	A	77 – 79	C+	
90 – 94	A-	73 – 76	C	
		70 – 72	C-	
87 – 89	B+			0 – 59
83 – 86	B	65 – 69	D+	
80 – 82	B-	60 – 64	D	

Grading Scheme for Writing Assessments:

Each essay is 10% of the total grade. The breakdown of points is as follows:

1. Content – 5%
 - ◆ Thesis statement – 0.5%
 - ◆ Idea development & Cohesion – 4.5% (0.2% off per error)
2. Mechanics – 5%
 - ◆ Major errors (0.2% off per error)
 - ◆ Minor errors (0.1% off per error)
 - ◆ Sub-minor errors (0.1% off per 2 errors)

Attendance Policy:

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class by students signing an attendance register. Students who are not present at the start of the class may attend class, but are considered absent for that hour. Students who are not present at the start of the second hour of the class period are also considered absent for that hour. If students are absent without an excuse for 10% of the total number of course hours, they will receive their first warning. If they are absent without an excuse for 15% of the total number of course hours, they will receive a final warning. If they are absent without an excuse for 20% of the total number of course hours, they will receive a grade of “F/A” and fail the course. To check on attendance, students should go to the Student Affairs Office, Health Sciences Centre (HSC), not their instructor or the departmental secretary. *It is not the responsibility of the English Language Unit to update students on their attendance status.* If students are ill, they can get a medical excuse form from the Student Affairs Office, HSC. This form must be handed in within three days of the students returning to class. Students should hand in the excuse to the course secretary of the English Language Unit.

Tests, Assessments, and Examinations:

Students must arrive 30 minutes before the start of the exams. Students who are ten or more minutes late to a test, assessment, or examination will not be allowed to sit for the examination without permission from the Vice President of HSC. Any students wishing to be excused from a test, assessment, or examination should, prior to the examination, submit a request in person to the Vice President of HSC, who will decide the validity of the request.

Students will be excused from an assessment (test, in-class writing, or exam) by the Vice President of HSC only for the following reasons:

- Admission of the student to hospital as a patient
- Death of an immediate family member of student
- Other extenuating circumstances approved by the Vice President of HSC

Pencil cases, bags, wallets, books, dictionaries, papers, highlighters, mobiles, pagers, and computers are not permitted inside the classrooms or lecture theatres during vocabulary tests, assessments, and examinations.

After the results are out, students may review their midterm and final examinations (within 72 hours/3 days) **only by appointment** (at a time designated by their teachers). Once this period has elapsed, the grades are considered final and will not be changed. The same rule applies to assessment grades. University regulations concerning re-sit examinations apply.

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