



GENERAL ENGLISH TOPICS (GET)

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COURSE DETAILS

- GET is a module aimed at students from all faculties.
- The entry requirement is an SLP (HMLS) of 3332.
- Successfully completing this course will get you 4 credit points towards your Bachelor, refresh your SLP, or simply improve your English.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Regular attendance and active participation
- Successful completion of a 15-minute oral exam at the end of class consisting of an oral presentation and discussion
 - Self-introduction
 - Topic presentation
 - Discussion
- Successful completion of a writing portfolio consisting of 12 written assignments
 - 6 written texts (argumentative essays)
 - 6 revisions

COURSE CONTENTS

At the core of the course will be global issues of the 21st century.

A focus will be placed on key developments and their positive and negative implications in areas such as climate change, technological developments, modern media, health & fitness, security, cities & transport, the way we work, and ethical business.

We will be discussing current security threats, media polarization, misinformation and fake news, the rise of automation and AI, current health challenges, remote work, electric vehicles, etc.



COURSE TOPICS

- Climate Change
- Technology
- Media
- Health & Fitness
- Security
- Future of Work
- Cities & Transport
- Ethical Business

COURSE GOALS

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- describe and explain verbally and in writing ideas concerning various current and future developments
- competently debate and discuss controversial events and developments
- present your thoughts clearly in form of a 15-minute oral presentation and argumentative texts
- improve your reading and listening skills
- improve your grammar
- develop an understanding of first-language interference (L1>L2)
- write well-structured & well-supported argumentative essays

COURSE METHODOLOGY

To achieve these goals, you will:

- Read, watch, and listen to relevant source material (American, Canadian, British)
- Write an ongoing portfolio (collection of essays) to improve your writing
- Learn to write strong argumentative essays with supporting evidence
- Take part in regular debates and discussions on current affairs
- Explain, describe, analyze, summarize, agree, disagree, create logical outlines and conclusions, and formulate coherent arguments
- Research various topics and subtopics and give class presentations

VARIETIES OF ENGLISH



COURSES 2024-2025

In 2024-25, we will be offering three GET courses:

- Tuesdays 9:45-11:15 am (Rm 1156a)
- Tuesdays 11:30-1:00 pm (Rm 1156a)
- Wednesdays 2:00-3:30 pm (Rm 1156b)

REGISTRATION INFO

- Register for one of the GET courses via CMS
 - Campus Management System
- For all questions regarding registration, contact
 - Dr. Maribel Novo in Rm 1124 or via email: novo@hsu-hh.de
 - Mrs. Melanie Henning in Rm 1155 or via email: melanie.henning@hsu-hh.de

COURSE CONTACT

If you have any questions about the course, please contact:

- Dagmara Dowbor
 - Rm 1125
 - or via *MS Teams*
 - or email: dowbord@hsu-hh.de



Looking forward to seeing
you in October!