

***YALOVA UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS***

Course Name/Code: *English for Academic Purposes / CIR 107*

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***Aim of The Course:***

Dear Students,

Today, English has become the major international language in almost all fields. The main objective of this course is to improve much needed English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills of IR students as well as to develop their IR terminology knowledge at the same time. In this course, we will study the basic ideas and concepts of International Relations through lectures and listening and speaking and other activities. We will also learn the English vocabulary related with IR. The goals of this course are as follows:

- 1) Having a good understanding of current issues of International Relations.
- 2) Learning English technical terms and their usage in this field.
- 3) Acquiring basic skills of expressing each students' own view on various International Relations subjects through discussions.
- 4) Developing students' own interests in chosen topics.

***Course Outcomes:***

This course aims to improve all language skills but especially two areas are of focus: Reading and writing. Students who complete this course should be able to better understand IR related texts in their courses, familiarize with IR terminology and also be able to better express themselves in their writings.

***Method:***

In the classroom, each week, the instructor will give students specific texts related to IR and ask them to use the target vocabulary of that specific chapter to fill in the missing parts of the texts while also carrying out reading and comprehension practices. Later the students will discuss the text and will express their opinion on the subject. Finally, written questions will be asked about the text and the students will be asked to give written replies in form of short essays through weekly homework.

***Textbooks:***

Course Book: Diane Schmitt and Norbert Schmitt, 2011, Focus on Vocabulary 2, Mastering the Academic Word List, Pearson Longman Publishing

***Attendance Procedure:***

Attendance for this class is mandatory. Please keep in mind that you will be responsible for all of the material covered in your absence. Students will be expected to attend online lessons on time and to remain in class until the end of the class session.

### **Evaluation Methods and Tools:**

Students will be evaluated according to below.

Mid-term exam (%30) + Homework (%20), Final exam (%50)

- Weekly homework will form an important part of your evaluation. Therefore, it is important for you to complete and upload your homework regularly and on time.

### **Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in any verifiable incident of academic dishonesty (copying, cheating, plagiarizing, etc.) will receive a grade of “F” for the class

### **Content of the Course:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Week 1	Unit 1 Our Changing Society
Week 2	Chapter 1, Technology and Society
Week 3	Chapter 2, Social Experience and Personal Development
Week 4	Chapter 3, The Changing Nature of the Family
Week 5	Unit 2, Influencing the Customer
Week 6	Chapter 6, Consumer Socialization
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Mid-Term</b>
Week 8	Unit 4, Abuse of Natural Resources
Week 9	Chapter 14, International Conflict over Natural Resources
Week 10	Chapter 15, The Aral Sea- An Environmental Disaster
Week 11	Chapter 17, Food Roots
Week 12	Chapter 19, Microorganisms: The Spice of Life
Week 13	Unit 7, Chapter 26, Endangered Elephants
Week 14	Chapter 27, Living Together: Advantage or Disadvantage?