

090 Course Description

(STUDENTS)

Course number: 9988090

Conditions: Not passing or not taking the Kuwait University English Placement Exam

Course Description

090 is a daily, fast-paced, labor-intensive, two-hour course that provides instruction and practice in the four main skills of **reading, writing, listening and speaking**, and the sub-skills of **vocabulary and grammar**.

All homework, quizzes, the midterm and final examination will be related to students' comprehension and production using the four skills and the outcome of what they have learnt.

All four skills will be taught and practiced throughout this course through collaboration, innovation, adaptation and accountability. Students will be encouraged to practice teamwork and use of technology.

Course Objectives

Reading: Make and confirm predictions; identify main ideas in a reading; identify different types of supporting details and examples; scan a text to locate specific information; predict content of a reading from visuals; recognize examples in a text; compare information from two readings; use a title and headings to predict content; analyze advantages and disadvantages; and take double-entry notes to interact with the text.

Writing: Write paragraphs in the *simple present*, *simple future* and *simple past*; plan before writing; revise, edit, and rewrite paragraphs using correction symbols; write topic, concluding and supporting sentences; and use transition words when necessary.

Listening: Make and confirm predictions; identify main ideas and details; connect statements to specific speakers; recognize connectors that compare and contrast ideas; connect information from two listening; analyze advantages and disadvantages; recognize phrases that identify reasons and examples; and support ideas from one listening with examples from a second listening.

Speaking: Prepare and deliver individual oral presentations using *PowerPoint* or similar media; give oral feedback; and participate in class discussions.

Grammar: Demonstrate productive and functional knowledge (through different writing styles) of the following grammar items: *the simple present*, *simple past*, future (using *will*) in statements and questions; future time clauses; the coordinating conjunctions and the subordinating conjunction *because*; subject-verb agreement; comparatives and article usage; Subordinators (*Time and Reason*); Gerunds & Infinitives; Relative Clauses (*Who, Which and That*).

Vocabulary: Demonstrate productive knowledge of assigned vocabulary both in spoken and written forms; understand meaning from context; and understand word families.

Textbooks and Materials

Students are required to bring the following materials to class:

- *NorthStar 2 GCC Fourth Edition (Reading & Writing)*
- *NorthStar 2 GCC Fourth Edition (Listening & Speaking)*
- *Effective Academic Writing 1 (The Paragraph)*

Assessment

Students' final grades will be based upon their **class participation, homework, written projects, oral presentations, quizzes, one Midterm and one Final exam.**

Grading

Class Participation	2%	
Homework	3%	
Quizzes (3)	10%	
Written Paragraphs (3)	14%	
Oral Presentations (2)	6%	
Midterm Exam (1)	25%	(Paper 1) Reading, Vocabulary, & Grammar (Paper 2) Writing Exam (in class)
Final Exam (1)	40%	Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar, & Writing

Absences

3 classes = 1st Warning
5 classes = Final Warning
7 classes = Administrative Failure (FA)

The attendance policy for Kuwait University is as follows:

1. A student must attend all technical or theoretical courses.
2. A first warning must be given by the course instructor after a student has missed **3** hours in any course.
3. A final warning must be given by the course instructor after a student has missed a total of **5** hours in any course.
4. An **FA** must be given after a student has missed a total of **7** hours in any course.
5. Excuses approved by *Committee of Students' Affairs* and can be used by students for appeal are:
 - Births
 - Participation in sport's activity (to submit a written letter from *Authority of Youth and Sports*)
 - Emergency cases (**Government Hospital admittance ONLY**)

In case the committee accepts the student's official documents and agrees on his appeal: The student has the right to retake any exam that he missed due to his officially approved absence.

Important Dates

Midterm Exam	Midterm Writing Exam	Final Exam (Including Writing)
Date: Monday March 19 th , 2018	Date: Thursday March 29 th , 2018	Date: Wednesday May 9 th , 2018
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Time: In Class	Time: 11:00 am. to 1:00 p.m.

Quiz 1	Quiz 2	Quiz 3
Northstar Units 1 & 2	Northstar Units 1, 2, & 5	Northstar Units 1, 2, 5, & 7

Midterm Exam	Midterm Writing	Final Exam
Vocabulary Grammar Reading	<u>Writing</u> Descriptive Paragraph	Vocabulary Grammar Reading
Northstar Units 1 & 2	Effective Academic Writing Units 1 & 2	Northstar Units 1, 2, 5 & 7
		<u>Writing</u> Descriptive/ Process Paragraph
		Effective Academic Writing Units 1, 2 & 4

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