

*EN303 General Conversation*

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Period Times

Due to the lateness of changing the course dates there will be no attendance score for this course, but students will be expected to achieve an attendance of at least 50%.

If you do not attend classes you will not score anything for class activities and will lack necessary knowledge for the final exam. There will be no make-up scores on the exam unless a valid medical note is produced or another official form of proof.

Course Evaluation

**Attendance 10%**

**Group Presentation 20%**

**2 x Group Quiz 20%**

**1 x Group folder 10%**

**Final Exam**  **40%**

Plagiarism

I have come across differing levels of plagiarism in my previous courses.

Cheating is a serious offence and is unfair on the students who genuinely work hard to get a good grade.

I have recorded the names of the people from my previous courses caught plagiarising, cheating or talking during exams and I have kept these on record. If any of these names come up again with regard to plagiarism or cheating, then the student in question will be given an instant fail.

If anyone is caught plagiarising or cheating who has not done so before then they will be given a 30% penalty deducted from their overall grade for this course and their name will be recorded for future reference.

Also, anyone who is caught cheating will have their name highlighted on the class register so that every other student will know it was.

The Director will also have access to this information during and after the course.

Acceptable forms of proof of absence

I am well aware that many of the students have a busy life and are sometimes unable to attend the class. I have made the attendance grade very small in order to accommodate people who may have to work during the day or who are unable to attend every class. However it is still compulsory to attend all classes and you will lose large parts of the overall score if you are absent for the quizzes, the final presentation or the final exam.

If you are absent for any of the days you will lose a part of your attendance score (up to 5% for class attendance, 10% for every quiz you miss and15% for the final presentation). You will be able to recover any of these grades with a valid absence note which can be one of the following;

*1. A medical note signed from a medical institution such as a hospital*

*2. A note of essential work (e.g. if you had to work in a school). You must get a signed letter from the employer to prove that you were working there.*

*3. Proof of travel (e.g. if you had to fly out of the country for a visa, business etc.). You must bring a copy of the travel document.*

I will not accept word of mouth; proof must be brought to class. If you bring fake proof then I will assume you are trying to cheat, which could result in an instant fail.

If I feel a student is missing too many classes then I may recommend switching them to a take home assignment instead or repeating the course at a later date.

*Please be respectful if you have a disagreement regarding the course.*

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Instructor: Gareth Finch

EN303 General Conversation is designed to help students whose native language is not English to learn about general conversation from the English language in a native academic setting.

Regular attendance and participation are essential and will lay a foundation for learning vocabulary and for communication, i.e. building fluency and clarity of expression, both in speaking and writing. Each student will have her/his own course book.

Some emphasis will also be placed on the correct pronunciation of target vocabulary.

**Student Outcomes**:

For successful completion of this course the student will be expected to:

1. Use initiative to analyse parts of general conversation
2. Learn and practice the correct pronunciation of vocabulary associated with general conversation
3. Participate in activities effectively, both in groups and individually
4. Self-monitor and self-correct problem areas alongside team members
5. Actively participate in classes
6. Build confidence in using the language both accurately and effectively
7. To develop the ability to be creative when having conversations
8. Work effectively in a group to complete a course presentation
9. Complete written exercises from the course book
10. Use the new material in class as part of daily life