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COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeș-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	The Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	The Department of Foreign Languages for Specific Purposes
1.4 Field of study	Language and Literature
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	BA
1.6 Study program/Qualification	BA

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title/Code		**LLU0052 Spanish for Specific Purposes -practical course**						
2.2 Course tutor								
2.3 Seminar tutor		Ada Baboi						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course status	Contents	DC
							Mandatory	DO

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	of which: 3.2 course	-	3.3 seminar/laboratory	2
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	of which: 3.5 course	-	3.6 seminar/laboratory	28
Time distribution					Hours
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					10
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					10
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					10
Tutoring					6
Assessment (examinations)					6
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study	42				
3.8 Total hours per semester	70				
3.9 Number of credits	3				

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	
4.2 Skills	

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	•
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	• Multimedia classroom / laboratory, audio amplification system, photocopies, electronic materials, projector, copy machine, laptop.

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6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	C1 1 Identifying and understanding the sociocultural contexts and roles, the verbal and written communication conventions specific to the foreign language, in terms of reception (reading/listening), production (written/oral) and linguistic strategies. C1 2 Identifying and understanding the contexts and roles, as well as the concepts, methods and the discourse/language that are specific to the different professional communication contexts within the academic environment, focusing on the rhetorical situation, written and oral communication, the stages of the writing process, academic writing production from within the field of social sciences/exact sciences/humanities, professional deontology and identifying plagiarism. C2 1 Interpreting the relation between an oral or written message and the context it belongs to, identifying argumentative and construction techniques of the scientific message in the foreign language, especially within the academic and the professional communication contexts. C2 2 Making use of basic knowledge to explain and interpret the various written communication methods in the field of social sciences/exact sciences/humanities (textbooks, specialized literature, scientific communications, research reports, forewords and introductions to specialized literature books, reviews of specialized literature books – written and electronic support), of the conventions writing these texts imply, as well as identifying plagiarism. C3 1 The transfer of acquired concepts/principles/methods in guided activities for written text reception (critical reading) and for production (writing) focusing on the stages of the writing process (planning, draft writing, reviewing and producing a final draft), presenting and developing text related ideas as well as textual structure (global and local), developing strategies to expand specialized vocabulary, efficient verbal communication (style of communication), building argumentation to the standards specific for the foreign language studied in the academic environment, making use of techniques to avoid plagiarism (using quotes, summarizing, paraphrasing). C4 1 Organizing debates, carrying out individual and group projects on topics from within the field of study. C4 2 Critical reception and production of verbal or written messages, specific to scientific communication at university level (project presentations, reports, reviews, communications, dissertations etc.) in the foreign language. Using information sources with discernment and scientific probity. C4 3 Using the standard criteria acknowledged by the academic/professional community, focusing on the ones practiced by the international scientific publications within the area of social sciences/exact sciences/humanities, with the purpose of evaluating the quality of the academic productions (oral and written) in the foreign language. C5 Elaborating written papers and original, oral presentations in the foreign language, with the purpose of applying the drafting principles and techniques which have been universally acknowledged within the academic environment, focusing on the main genres from within the specific field of study: essays (descriptive, comparative, argumentative etc.), research reports, scientific papers, book reviews/presentations, annotated bibliographies, conference presentations etc. This type of productions will be elaborated on the basis of the students' current needs from within their field of study.
Transversal competences	CT1 Completing individual tasks based on the writing models and with assistance from the teacher, materialized in the form of an individual portfolio. Applying the academic learning principles in the foreign language, fully governed by the principles of professional ethics. CT 2 Taking part in carrying out projects, as part of a pair or a team, focusing on becoming familiar with team roles in the academic working environment; the projects can take the form of presentations (conference presentations) on a topic specific to the field of study. CT3 Acknowledging the need for continuous development, focusing on consolidating and developing the basic knowledge related to the management of the individual learning process, regarding interindividual differences, specific to gender and culture, in processing information. The efficient use of certain intellectual operating tools and of learning resources/techniques/strategies: speed reading, reading sheets, taking notes, documentation, cognitive organizers.

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	CT4 Acknowledging the need for continuous development focusing on using ICT tools to assist with personal and professional development management, by joining social media and professional networks, that support the development of the communication skills, specific for the foreign language.

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of the course	• The students will be able to use the Spanish competently, at least at B1 level, in their academic activity and in their future professional activity.
7.2 Specific objectives	• 1. Knowing and understanding thoroughly the contexts and roles, as well as the concepts, methods, the language/discourse specific to the different professional communication contexts in the academic environment in Spanish, focusing on rhetoric, written and oral communication, the stages of the writing process and the products of academic writing, as well as on professional deontology. • 2. Using in-depth knowledge to explain and interpret the various types of written communication (types of scientific texts) and oral communication (scientific communications) as well as the conventions that govern the production of scientific texts in Spanish in the context of BA studies and the extended professional community (both national and international). • 3. Transferring learning concepts/principles/methods in written text reception and in production, focusing on the stages of the writing process, organizing and developing ideas, text structure and the oral and written communication strategies specific to Spanish language, specialized for the scientific discourse. • 4. Using the standard criteria acknowledged by the academic/professional community in order to assess the quality of academic productions both oral and written in Spanish. • 5. Elaborating written papers and original, oral presentations applying the principles and techniques which have been universally acknowledged within the academic environment, focusing on the main genres from within the specific field of study. • 6. Completing the individual tasks independently/autonomously. • 7. Taking part in carrying out projects, as part of a pair or a team, focusing on becoming familiar with team roles in the academic working environment. • 8. Managing the individual learning process, identifying the learning needs, monitoring and reflecting on using the intellectual work tools efficiently together with the traditional learning resources/techniques/strategies and the ICT tools.

8. Contents

8.1 Lectures	Teaching methods	Remarks
Bibliography		
8.2 Seminars	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Past tense (weeks 15-16) Expressing the past in Spanish *(imperfecto, preterito perfecto, preterito indefinido, pluscuamperfecto)* - contrastive study. Use of past tenses (indicative mode) - regular and irregular forms. Reporting facts and actions in the past. Ordinal number (100 +….)	Exposition, placement test	2h

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2. Useful information (week 17) Asking for and giving information. Asking for and giving permission. Understanding and maintaining a telephone conversation. Thematic lexicon: mobile phones, gadgets, etc. The affirmative and negative imperative. Using polite formulas. Contrast between *tú* and *usted*. Reading: Using mobile phones	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	2h
3. Future plans (week 18) Use of the future - regular and irregular shapes. Reporting future facts and actions. Expressing intention, condition, desire, impressions, expectations. Expressing agreement, disagreement. Use of conditional, SI conditional. Organizing your birthday. Verbal periphrases. Reading: Impressions of the course.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
4. Parties and celebrations (week 19) Thematic lexicon: customs, traditions, specific food. The adjective. Degrees of comparison. Expressing preferences, alternatives. Reading: Traditional Spanish food.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
5. Memories (week 20) Past tenses (contrastive approach). The adverb of time. The structure of the narrative. Reading, understanding and narrating a sequence of actions Singers. Musical styles. Dances. Travel, vacations. Reading: Holidays in Cancun (travel blog).	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
6. Pollution (week 21) Expressing moods, tastes, preferences, opinions, desire. Using the subjunctive. Expressing past, present, future facts. Logic connectors. The relative pronoun. Thematic lexicon: environment, pollution (causes, effects, solutions), preserving the environment. Reading: renewable energies.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
7. Communication (week 22) Thematic lexicon: language learning. Giving advice. Expressing an opinion. Motivation of options. Positive aspects / negative aspects. Reading: Non-verbal communication.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	

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8. Projects (week 23) Use of the future - regular and irregular forms. Reporting future facts and actions. To express probability, doubt, assumptions, conditions. Organizing a birthday party, a trip, an activity. Verbal periphrases.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
9. News (week 24) Thematic lexicon: newspapers, magazines, television, internet. Newspaper articles: impersonal wording. Expressing an opinion. Motivating options. Writing a news story. Reading: articles from Spanish newspapers.		
10. Free time (week 25) Thematic lexicon: leisure activities, hobbies, sports. Using the subjunctive to express tastes, desires, hypotheses, conditions. Cultural elements: cinematography.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
11. Indirect speech (week 26) Thematic lexicon: means of communication. Indirect speech. Indirect style. The sequence of tenses. Phone conversations. Cooking recipes.	Interactive practical course: pair work, group work, learning by cooperation/conversation/ debates/ role play/ solving exercises/ learning by researching and discovering/ mixed learning, problematization.	
12. Final revision (week 27) Presentation of the Spanish proficiency language exam for the BA program. Structure, model, bibliography. Accessing organizational information and details. Bibliography Common European Framework of Reference for Languages cvc.cervantes.es/ensenanza/biblioteca_ele/marco/cvc_mer.pdf. CEFR levels for self-assessment Reviewing the structures learned during the semester. Using vocabulary learned in different contexts.	Q&A session	
13. Proficiency language test (week 28)		

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9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

International and European language policies seek to address the growing needs of a labor and a scientifically internationalized research market, and as such, foreign languages for academic and specific purposes are represented throughout many university centers

- in the country (in vocational fields such as business, law, medicine, computer science, tourism, but also in the courses which make use of the scientific discourse in various fields – chemistry, physics, education sciences, social and communication sciences etc.). For reference, see the specific departments and the foreign language centers in Bucharest, Timişoara, Iaşi, Tîrgu-Mureş, Alba Iulia, Oradea etc.
- abroad (particularly regarding the academic learning competences and socio-professional communication), where all universities have centres that specialize in practical areas of the specialized discourse, playing an essential role in creating an instructional and academic culture. For instance, universities such as: Harvard, Washington, North Carolina, Southampton, Darmouth, Essex, Leeds, Graz, Central European University, etc.

The content of the teaching activity can develop those skills and competences that are specific to academic learning and research activities, in the context of higher education internationalization.

10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	✓		
10.5 Seminar	✓ attendance and active participation in class ✓ carrying out correctly and in time the given tasks ✓ acquiring specialized vocabulary ✓ task accuracy, fluency and suitability in spoken and written Spanish ✓ the ability to use Spanish effectively in specific academic and professional contexts	Language proficiency test: ✓ Listening comprehension ✓ Reading comprehension ✓ Writing ✓ Speaking	25% 25% 25% 25%
10.6 Basic performance standard			
Students will be able to: - use techniques and strategies of listening, speaking, reading, and writing on various subjects from the general specialized language. - use individual learning techniques and strategies for developing the reading skills for academic texts, for enriching their specialized vocabulary using printed and electronic resources. - write academic texts (articles, essays, research reports) and carry out a spoken production (seminar, debate). - communicate within the academic milieu through individual and group projects.			
Organizational details, exceptional situation management: •			

Date 20.03.2022	Course tutor's signature	Seminar / Practical course tutor's signature

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Date of Dean's endorsement	Signature of the vice-Dean in charge	Faculty stamp