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Lingua Inglese I
Programma del Lettorato

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The Study and Production of TEXTS

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During this second half of this *lettorato* course, emphasis will be placed on the development of **your academic writing** and the organisation of **academic discourse**, which are core elements in your training as a university student of foreign languages.

The main aims of this semester are:

- ✕ to continue the groundwork covered in semester 1
- ✕ to further extend your knowledge of both grammar and lexis
- ✕ to pave the way for the second year of your degree course.

We will be focussing on two text types: **data commentary** and the **discursive essay**. Input will consist of a considerable lexical load and those grammatical structures which equip you with the necessary linguistic tools to be able to analyse, elaborate and present data in the form of a commentary and also present a balanced argument of common discursive topics. Although new text types, it is important that you continue to bear in mind the basic characteristics of text studied in the first semester, for example, audience awareness, task type, layout, style and register, all of which are relevant to your work in the second part of this course.

The work we do is of a cyclical nature and we will be constantly revising material and adding new elements in preparation for the two Tests set this semester. It is clear that in order to successfully achieve the course aims you will have to be prepared to **participate actively during lesson time** and continue to do **a considerable amount of self-study**. Each week new material will be added to the Course Materials folder which you will need to download and prepare for lesson activities of the following week. At this stage in your first year at university a real **commitment** to the completion of homework tasks is required.

This semester is all about language extension and language development and you will soon understand that the level of English required to complete this second semester is noticeably higher than that of semester I. This is a **challenging yet rewarding** course and if you invest sufficient time and energy, then you will see positive results in the form of real progress in your **language skills**. As well as your two evaluated TEXTS tests, you will also be sitting the Grammar test this semester – either at the end of March or the beginning of June - so it is vital that you continue to **focus** on your grammar and **extend** your lexical knowledge through regular use of external websites. You are strongly advised to do regular extra individual study to reach the level needed to complete this course successfully and make reading in English - texts of all types - a daily exercise and you will soon begin to **enjoy** being able to access authentic English texts designed for native speakers. Factor in regular language study into your weekly timetable, setting aside blocks of your week for **personal language development**. Keep **motivation levels** high. Take time to **self-evaluate**. Ask yourself if you really are making **progress**.

May I also remind you that the level of this course is pitched at B2 of the Common European Framework for Languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/cadre1_en.asp). If you are having difficulty in following the lessons and feel your English does not reach the required linguistic level, you will need to develop learning strategies which will ensure you can move forward next year to Lingua Inglese 2.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy the material in this second semester *dispensa*, which has been designed with you in mind.

Good luck with the rest of your language courses this year.

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