



## Course Unit: TOEFL-Preparation

<b>Semester</b>	3
<b>Hours per week</b>	2
<b>Contact hours (total)</b>	32 h
<b>Individual study</b>	28 h

<b>Language of Tuition/Assessment</b>	English
<b>Group size (max)</b>	30
<b>ECTS credits</b>	2
<b>Lecturer</b>	Faulstich

### Objectives:

The course mainly focuses on the needs of students who need to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®). It aims to introduce students to the basic structure of the test and show them ways of preparing for this situation. Special emphasis will be placed on the grammatical skills required for the successful completion of the "Structure and Written Expression" section of the test.

### Contents of the Course:

The contents are adjusted to the students' individual needs. Integrated practice for the Listening and the Reading sections of the test is supplemented with skill-building exercises on specific problems tested in the TOEFL® – such as inversion, noun clauses, adjective clauses, prepositional phrases, tenses, conditional clauses, causatives, parallel structures, transitive and intransitive verbs, impersonal expressions of importance etc. This course is not suitable for students at beginner's level.

### Methods:

After an initial diagnostic test, which will indicate the specific needs of the individual members of the group, a learning programme will be arranged. Students will be encouraged to use our library resources and our language lab resources in order to deal with their individual problems. In-class activities will focus on test-taking and preparation strategies, selected fields of syntax, and comprehension skills. A number of useful skill-building exercises will be provided. Students are expected to do a good deal of individual work beyond the in-class activities.

### Recommendations / Prerequisites:

- Requires strong communicative skills in English.

### Assessment:

Course unit	Form of assessment	Exam dates		Grading scale
		Mid-term	Final	maximum score (out of 100)
TOEFL-Preparation	Multiple-Choice-Tests, TOEFL		x	50

### Literature:

Gear, Jolene and Richard Gear: *Cambridge Preparation for the TOEFL Test*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Cambridge: CUP, 2002 [via Klett: ISBN: 3-12-533363-6].