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Introduction

This is the course Anglès tècnic corresponding to the studies of the ‘CFGM Emergències sanitàries’. It is composed of two parts: the written material and the web material. The written material includes the basic grammatical and lexical contents that are necessary to use the English language correctly. As it is designed as a distance learning course, it also includes tips and suggestions to help you learn the language on your own. On the other hand, the web material is composed of online activities and exercises which may serve as practice of the theoretical knowledge included in the written material.

Now the question is: how do we justify the inclusion of an English course in the studies of ‘Emergències sanitàries’? First of all, our current education system, the ‘Ley Orgánica de Educación’ (LOE), includes an English course in the curriculums of all the vocational studies. Apart from this, we should remember that in our present globalized world, English has become the standard language of communication. For this reason, a good knowledge of the language may have a positive influence on your personal success, on your career training, on your chances of promotion and possibly on a successful job search.

This course has been specially designed for students who work in the field of emergencies, medical assistance and patient transport. The curriculums of the CFGMs assume a basic level of English (level A2). The contents should lead the student to level B1 (independent learner). In spite of everything, we are aware that many students have a lower level of the language or even no level at all. For these students, there are several extra resources in the course website, but they will have to make a greater effort to meet the course requirements.

Apart from grammar, the material includes information about the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing); a section called “Everyday language”, which explains different functions of the language, like greetings, making requests, making suggestions, etc., and a vocabulary section with a list of words and expressions frequently used in your professional field. You can practise the contents of the written material with a variety of interactive exercises and activities in the web material. However, you should be aware that the characteristics of a distance course make it very difficult to get enough practice of the oral skills (listening and speaking), so you will need some extra practice on your own.

The contents of the written material focus their attention on three main aspects: communication, people assistance and working conditions. The three units are called ‘Communication’, ‘People’ and ‘At work’, but these aspects are not concentrated in a single unit. The first section in each unit is devoted to the topic of communication, and includes information about some important aspects of language learning; the second section focus its attention on the topic of people as users of the emergency services; finally, the third section mostly deals with different aspects related to the job.

Each unit is composed of three separate sections. The first section is devoted

to an aspect related to the learning of a foreign language, whereas the other two sections deal with the specific content of the studies of 'Emergències sanitàries'. Each section starts with a reading text about a relevant topic; the text includes some language notes which explain relevant aspects of the language. Next, there is a vocabulary list with the words and expressions used in the text. You will also find a grammar reference which covers the most important grammatical points that you will need to use the language at an intermediate level. Finally, there is a sub-section devoted to the use of the language in different communicative situations.

It is very important to understand that the written material is conceived as an English manual. The course and the material are organized in units, but you do not need to read the first unit, and then go on to the second, and then to the third, as if you were reading a novel. You only need to look up the information that you need to do a specific task. Very often the exercise will tell you which section you need to check, and you won't probably need to read many of the sections.

Here are some tips about the best way of using this course:

- Check and write down the deadlines for submitting the activities (you will find the course schedule in the 'Pla de Treball' which you will find in your course website).
- Look at the contents page in the written material to see what the unit is about and which topics you will practise.
- Go to the course website and check the activities that you will have to submit. As a rule, you will find two oral activities (speaking and listening), an interactive grammar quizz and some written exercises in a text file, which you will have to download and submit for correction.
- Use all or some of the resources available for you: written material, web material, complementary material, websites, reference books, etc., and then do the exercises as well as you can. You can start doing the activities in the order that you prefer, but do not leave everything for the last day.
- Submit your activities before the deadline.

You can use a dictionary if you have problems with the language, but you should also make an effort to understand the main ideas of a text without knowing all the words. As for automatic translators, they are very useful to understand short written texts (like the instructions of an exercise), but do not use them to translate the whole material or to write a text in English. The idea of presenting the written material in English is that you can learn the language by using it, so it makes no sense to use an automatic translator to do the work for you. Remember also that you can ask your teacher or your classmates anytime you need their help.

Apart from all these technical resources, it is very important that you adopt a specific attitude to be successful in this course. We understand how difficult English is for many of you, but we can assure you that if you work hard, you do all the activities and you are patient, you will have no problems in passing this course. Good luck!

Learning objectives

By the end of this course, the student should:

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1. Understand oral messages in standard language, analyze the general meaning of a message and relate it to the corresponding language resources.
2. Understand and make a comprehensive analysis of simple written texts.
3. Produce clear, well-organized oral messages and take an active part in conversations frequently used in the professional field.
4. Fill in basic documents in standard language by using the appropriate register in each case.
5. Show the appropriate attitude and behaviour in communicative situations as established by international conventions.

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Communication

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2. Psychological assistance
3. Work procedures

Unit 3

At Work

1. Working abroad
2. International cooperation
3. Further learning