«Science and Society» Syllabus

Course Number: NANA1067

Course Name: Science and Society

Course Category: Compulsory Course

Credits/Contact Hours: 2 Credits: 36 hours

Evaluation Method: Short Presentation + Formal Presentation + Final Examination

Semester: 2nd semester

Prerequisites: NANA1046, NANA1048, NANA1054

Follow-Up: NANA2085

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Syllabus Reviewer: Alexander Brandt

Text Book: None

(1) Specific Goals for the Course

This course will focus on development of students' English speaking and listening skills for scientific purposes with the aim of achieving smooth, logically organized speech and quick, accurate listening comprehension. Tasks will include creating and delivering presentations with an academic style using classroom technology, describing and explaining trends in graphs and charts, and discussing the process of approaching and responding to complicated research questions. Major themes will include the impact of technology on the earth and on human society, the social roles and responsibilities of scientists and researchers, and communication of scientific ideas to non-scientific audiences.

- (i) Work in groups to organize and present scientific information orally to an audience. (Support Graduation Requirements Indicator 9-2).
- (ii) Use appropriate English vocabulary and grammar in discussing and presenting scientific ideas and their global impact. (Support Graduation Requirements Indicator 10-3)

(2) Topics for the Course

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- Engage with variety of scientific topics with appropriate academic language, fluency, and confidence.
- Illustrate the concepts presented in authentic audio and video with clear notes.
- Plan, organize, and deliver an academic presentation with effectively designed visual aids.
- Analyze new problems logically and work out a series of steps toward a solution.
- Debate and discuss in a group with proper academic etiquette.

(3) Assessments for the Course

- Course Score = Short Presentation (SP, 20%) + Formal Presentation (FP, 40%) + Final Examination (FE, 40%)
- Achievement of Course Goal = (SP Mean Score*SP Weight*0.2 + FP Mean Score*FP Weight*0.4 + FE Mean Score*FE Weight*0.4) / (100*SP Weight*0.2 + 100*FP Weight*0.4 + 100*FE Weight*0.4)

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Course Goal	Weight	Weight	Weight
(i) Work in groups to organize and present scientific information orally to an audience. (Support Graduation Requirements Indicator 9-2).	0.3	0.7	0
(ii) Use appropriate English vocabulary and grammar in discussing and presenting scientific ideas and their global impact. (Support Graduation Requirements Indicator 10-3)	0.7	0.3	1

Rubrics for the Course:

Course Goal	90-100 (Excellent)	75-89 (Good)	60-74 (Pass)	0-59 (Fail)
(i) Work in groups to organize and present scientific information orally to an audience. (Support Graduation Requirements Indicator 9-2).	Values, encourages, and acknowledges the work of other group members.	Respects differing points of view. Agree on group priorities, goals, and procedures.	Listens attentively to members of the group. Contributes some to end product of the group.	Acknowledges members of the group. Cooperates reluctantly or obstructs progress.
	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
	excellent	great	basic	insufficient
(ii) Use appropriate English	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of
vocabulary and grammar in	vocabulary	the vocabulary	vocabulary	the vocabulary
discussing and presenting	definitions and	definitions and	definitions, but	definitions and
scientific ideas and their	spelling, while	spelling, but are	fails to correctly	sound
global impact. (Support	managing to	somewhat	link and/or spell	application in
Graduation Requirements	produce sound	misplaced and	them within sound	sentences.
Indicator 10-3)	sentences.	not consistently	sentences.	Shows
	Shows excellent	structured in	Shows basic	insufficient
	understanding and	sound sentences.	understanding of	understanding of

а	application	of	Shows	great	gramma	ar concepts	, past, present,
g	grammar concep	ots.	understandi	ng of	but	fail to	and future tenses
			grammar		recogniz	ze and us	that conflict with
			concepts,	but	proper	tenses to	unit goal
			sentences	lack	form	sound	d expectations.
			full clarity	and	sentence	es.	
			mastery	of			
			tenses.				