

Anglais pour l'économie – L3

Level: *Licence* (Bachelor's) – second year – L3 / first semester

Cursus: *Anglais pour l'économie / Economics and Society: Insights and Essays*

Semester: 1

Teaching hours: 18 hours (TD)

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Abstract:

The course is designed to enhance students' English language skills with a focus on academic English, specifically synthesizing and analyzing non-fiction literature.

Learning objectives:

At the end of the class, students are expected to:

- improve their understanding of intermediate grammar structures, verb tenses and aspects
- be familiar with more complex vocabulary, specific to academic texts
- improve their oral and written communication,
- reflect on ethical questions surrounding artificial intelligence and the future of technology.

Course contents: The course is divided into 8 sessions of 2h lessons

1. Introduction

1.1/ Syllabus, Course Outline, Academic Honesty

1.2/ The Life and Works of Yuval Noah Harari

1.3/ *Sapiens & Homo Deus*

2. Adverbs and Gerunds in Nonfiction, *Homo Deus: The Great Decoupling*

2.1/ Overview of Gerunds and Subordinate Clauses

2.2/ Excerpts from *Homo Deus: The Great Decoupling*

2.3/ Synthesis vs. Analysis

3. Crafting a Strong Argument, *Homo Deus: The Great Decoupling*

3.1/ Supporting Evidence

3.2/ Crafting a Strong Argument

3.3/ Excerpts from *Homo Deus: The Great Decoupling*



4. The Passive Voice, Conjunctive Adverbs, Counterarguments

- 4.1/ Conjunctive Adverbs
- 4.2/ The Passive Voice
- 4.3/ Verb Tenses & Aspects: Overview
- 4.4/ Counterarguments

5. Figures, Graphs & Charts, *Homo Deus: The Modern Covenant*

- 5.1/ Charts vs. Graphs
- 5.2/ Key Vocabulary for Explaining Trends
- 5.3/ Excerpts from *Homo Deus: The Modern Covenant*

6. Yuval Harari & Steven Pinker in Conversation, moderated by Dr. Maksym Yakovlyev (2019)

- 6.1/ Active Listening
- 6.2/ Key Concepts from the Video

7. Paraphrasing Techniques, *Homo Deus: The Data Religion*

- 7.1/ Paraphrasing Techniques: Key Vocabulary
- 7.2/ Discussing Dataism and Artificial Intelligence
- 7.3/ Excerpts from *Homo Deus: The Data Religion*

8. Debate, *Homo Deus: The Data Religion*

- 8.1/ Discussing *Homo Deus: The Data Religion*
- 8.2/ Humanism vs. Dataism: Debate

Assessment:

- Written Exam (last session, 90 minutes, 50%)
- Classwork & Homework (30%)
- Participation & Attendance (20%)

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