SYLLABUS INGLESE TECNICO B2
LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN INFORMATICA - DISI (40 ORE)

Obiettivi Formativi:
The course aims to extend students’ knowledge of grammatical, lexical and textual features of written academic English in a scientific context from B1 to B2 level, and to develop students’ fluency in speaking English. An active approach is used, with students producing written texts and then correcting them individually and as a group.

Prerequisiti:
Students must have a minimum of B1 level English.

Contenuti del corso:

Text types: User guides, critical review, problem-solution text

Style in technical and academic writing:
Formal style
Writing concisely
Avoiding plagiarism
Use of metatext in theses

Grammar:
Relative clauses
Indirect questions
Participle clauses
Reduced relative clauses
Position of adverbs
Past tenses
Quantifiers
Abstract nouns
Inversion
Verb agreement
Conditionals
Articles
Gerund vs infinitive
Compound nouns
Nominalisation
Passives
Punctuation
Subjunctive
Countable/uncountable nouns

**Vocabulary:**
Collocations
Evaluative language
Reporting and referring verbs

**Text organisation and cohesion:**
‘This’ cohesion
Linkers and conjunctions
Information flow (topic/theme and stress position)
Paragraping
Pronoun reference
Lexical cohesion
Use of metatext in theses

**Metodo didattico:**
Lessons consisting of a mixture of teacher explanation, practice exercises, and conversation/discussion in pairs or groups. During the lessons students will work together to prepare for writing, and to discuss the texts that they have produced.

**Modalità di verifica dell’apprendimento:**
A minimum of 75% attendance is required to take the final test.

The course is assessed at B2 level on the CEFR.

80% Final test consisting of a grammar/vocabulary exercise (10 points) and the writing of a text (20 points. The test accounts for 80% of the final course score.

20% Coursework: 3 written texts are assigned and graded at B2 standard. Correction and resubmission of these texts is strongly encouraged. The average of the 3 grades is calculated as a score out of 20, and accounts for 20% of the final course score.

A minimum final course score of 60% is required to pass. The final grade is recorded as ‘Idoneo’ (60% or more) or ‘Non idoneo’ (59% or less).

Students who do not pass the course will be able to re-sit the test once, with the final test of the course taking place in the following semester.

**Testi di riferimento:**
Some use is made of the texts Academic Writing for Graduate Students, Swales & Feak (2004) and English Grammar and Technical Writing, Peter Master (2004). Students are not required to have a copy.

**Altri informazioni:**
Students who have taken Inglese Tecnico during the Laurea Triennale will find that the Technical Writing course offers the opportunity to have further feedback on their individual writing, in new text types. The course consolidates major language areas covered in Inglese Tecnico and deals with some new areas.