SYLLABUS INGLESE TECNICO B2
LAUREA TRIENNALE 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: classification, process description, data commentary

Style in technical and academic writing:
Formal style
Writing concisely
Hedging

Grammar:
Revision of question forms
Countable vs uncountable nouns
Relative clauses
Articles
Passives
Gerunds/infinitives
Indirect questions
Compound nouns
Parallelism
‘As’ clauses
Comparatives with modifying adverbs
It is ____ that…
Participle clauses of result
Futures
Present perfect vs simple past
That of / those of

Vocabulary:
Word families
Reporting statistics
Vocabulary to describe trends

**Text organisation and cohesion:**
‘This’ cohesion
Linkers of addition, contrast and consequence
Linkers of sequence
Linkers of purpose
Information flow (topic/theme and stress position)
Paragraphing

**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 resit 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 English Grammar and Technical Writing, Peter Master (2004) and Academic Writing for Graduate Students, Swales & Feak (2004). Students are not required to have a copy.