

### **BMNAT00200 Language development 1 (Reményi-Rónay)**

This four-class per week language development course for English language teaching students has two aims: on the one hand, to develop their language skills, vocabulary and grammar, in support of their development to a C1 level command of English, and on the other, to provide some preparation for the BMNAT00500 language exam. Monday classes will be devoted to grammar development, including students peer teaching some grammar points (tenses, the passive voice, reported speech, the conditional, unreal tenses and the subjunctive, auxiliaries, inversion, relative clauses, articles, *ing/to/bare* infinitive, linking words), plus vocabulary and speaking. 'Use of English' tests will be included in the exam preparation. Four written tests and the peer-teaching grade will be the basis of the final Monday grade.

Thursday classes will be partly devoted to course book work, partly to a project: students will work on a manuscript of a magazine that may be published by the university for incoming Erasmus students in the spring term. You will develop the structure of the magazine, contact present Erasmus students and discuss issues with them, and write and review one another's texts in cooperation. For Thursday classes, apart from e-mail, the course blog and Google docs will be the forums of out-of-class communication. You will form small teams at the first class and work together all along the course in the same team on the home texts, commenting on one another's manuscripts online. In mid-December an editorial conference will be held and the texts to be included in the magazine will be picked. The Thursday final grade will be based on class activity, written text commentary activity (grades end-Oct, mid-Dec), two self-nominated, finalised texts (early Nov, mid-Dec) and three vocab tests based on the coursebook. For a term grade five, please, write at least two posts (150-200 words) about your experiences related to the project and two substantial comments on another student's post. For a four, at least one post and two comments, all to be posted in the group's blog (limited access).

Monday and Thursday final grades will be averaged for the term grade. Only three absences (for whatever reason) are tolerated – altogether four absences from the Mon+Thur classes. Late written work will be penalised.