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LDDRT328: Oral English Semester 3

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DESCRIPTION GÉNÉRALE DU COURS

This course will focus on a series of current affairs topics with the aim of improving students' ability to understand and express themselves fluently in spoken English. The themes will all have a legal or political aspect to them, the latter five being issues likely to feature in next year's European parliamentary elections. Tasks will include engaging in discussions, making individual oral presentations and participating in formal debates.

OBJECTIFS VISÉS ET COMPÉTENCES ACQUISES

The course aims to develop students' skills in public speaking and debating. Assessment tasks are aimed at assessing students' capacity to persuade an audience in English, as well as their ability to interact fluently in English in informal discussions as well as in formal debates.

DÉROULE DES SÉANCES

Course outline Autumn 2023 (subject to modification):

Topic 1: Is feminism redundant in the 21st century?

Topic 2 The International Criminal Court (ICC). Is the ICC fit for purpose? Does it work? Should ecocide be added to the ICC's jurisdiction?

Topic 3: Environmental policy and law in the EU: too much too soon, or too little too late?

Topic 4: The EU's policies on immigration and asylum: is "fortress Europe" the right approach?

Topic 5: The EU, democracy and the rule of law: challenges and the need for reform

Topic 6: Security and defence at the European level: what should Europe's response be to the war in Ukraine?

Topic 7: Law and order across national boundaries – what role should the EU have in fighting organized crime and corruption?

Topic 8: Inequality in Europe – what can the EU institutions do about it?

MODE D'ÉVALUATION

Contrôle continu

Examen Terminal

Oral

Ecrit

As well as participating in class conversations and delivering individual speeches, students will take part in interactive debates as part of their assessment.

PRÉREQUIS

A level of at least B2 in English. A basic knowledge of the institutions would be an advantage.

BIBLIOGRAPHIE

Material for this course will be provided via e-campus or in class. Students should keep abreast of current affairs in the areas covered by the course by listening to broadcasts or podcasts and reading articles from reliable sources (e.g. the BBC, PBS, The Economist, The Guardian, Politico etc.)