

COURSE GUIDE

2025/26

Faculty

350 - Faculty of Engineering - Bilbao

Cycle

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Degree

GINMAR30 - Bachelor's Degree in Marine Studies

Year

First year

COURSE

27452 - English II

Credits, ECTS: 6

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course builds on English I and is organised around a selection of texts, exercises and listening and speaking activities aimed at helping students gain a command of the English language that enables them to communicate effectively in maritime contexts. It is a 'basic' course which helps students develop their analytical and communication skills and improve their independent learning strategies.

COMPETENCIES/LEARNING RESULTS FOR THE SUBJECT

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Theoretical and Practical Contents

Numerals and mathematical expressions  
The weather. Winds, waves, visibility. The Beaufort Scale  
Ship motions  
Distress, urgency and safety messages.  
Radio communications: Radio conventions  
Navigation: equipment. Handing over the watch.  
Emergencies: Boat drills, fire-fighting.  
Survival: First-aid, radio medical, severe-weather conditions  
Helicopter rescue  
Communications with the coast-guard; reporting an incident  
Engine parts. The engine room.

TEACHING METHODS

The course is structured into lectures, class sessions and computer sessions.

TYPES OF TEACHING

Types of teaching	M	S	GA	GL	GO	GCL	TA	TI	GCA
Hours of face-to-face teaching	15		15		30				
Horas de Actividad No Presencial del Alumno/a	10		24		56				

**Legend:** M: Lecture-based S: Seminar GA: Applied classroom-based groups  
GL: Applied laboratory-based groups GO: Applied computer-based groups GCL: Applied clinical-based groups  
TA: Workshop TI: Industrial workshop GCA: Applied fieldwork groups

Evaluation methods

- Continuous evaluation
- End-of-course evaluation

Evaluation tools and percentages of final mark

- Final official exam: 70%

Students must PASS the final exam in order for the marks from the continuous assessment tasks to be added to the final grade.

Continuous assessment tasks:  
Oral presentation (15%)  
Written assignment (15%)  
100%

ORDINARY EXAMINATION PERIOD: GUIDELINES AND OPTING OUT

Assessment will be based on two continuous assessment tasks and a final exam that will take place during the official exam period.

Weightings:

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Continuous assessment tasks:  
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The University's Code of Ethics for preventing and dealing with academic fraud applies.

Students who wish to appear as "No Presentado/Ez Aurkeztuta" must indicate so in writing to the lecturers within the deadline established in the UPV/EHU's regulations for assessment.

Students who wish to opt out of the continuous assessment, and hence be assessed solely on the basis of the final exam, must indicate so in writing to the lecturers within the deadline established in the UPV/EHU's regulations for assessment.

This course includes practical sessions used by the Directorate General of the Merchant Marine to attest the attainment of part of the competencies linked to the GMDSS General Operators Certificate (GOC), as indicated on the Bilbao School of Engineering webpage.

In order to pass the course, it is therefore an indispensable requirement for students to have attended, in person, to have completed, and to have successfully passed, at least 90% of the practical sessions linked to the aforementioned certificate (except for force majeure circumstances to be analysed on case-per-case basis), detailed dates throughout term being specified on the course planning.

Should such requirements not be met, the maximum possible grade the student may obtain is 4.5.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY EXAMINATION PERIOD: GUIDELINES AND OPTING OUT**

The extraordinary exam will consist in an exam that includes all the contents covered during the course.

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#### **MANDATORY MATERIALS**

Materials provided by the lecturers during the course  
MarEng and MarEng Plus  
IMLP

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- + [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)
- + [www.iala-aism.org](http://www.iala-aism.org)
- + The Nautical Institute; <http://www.nautinst.org>
- + Lloyd's List <http://www.lloydslist.com/>

Web sites of interest

- + Maritime Dictionary; <http://www.m-i-link.com/dictionary/default.asp>;
- + BBC News; <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>
- + [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)
- + [www.iala-aism.org](http://www.iala-aism.org)
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