

Dear Students Feb 22, 2016

First of all, I would like to congratulate those **who have obtained 70% or higher** on their midterm exams. This shows you are working hard to improve your English, which is a very important part of your studies at KEUKA and AUT. Well done!

On another note, I would like to inform students **who did not achieve 70%** that you are in danger of failing the course. This is a serious matter because both AUT and KEUKA are getting stricter about their regulations concerning the IELTS requirement.

I would like to remind AUT students that a band score of 6.0 on the IELTS is required before students can enter their 3rd year. I would also like to remind cycle 14 and 15 students in the KEUKA program that they must continue to study English (IELTS) in 3rd and 4th year if they do not submit their requirement before the beginning of the 3rd year. This shows how important it is to work hard on improving your English skills.

I would also like to remind students that you **are only permitted to miss 20%** of the classes, which is a total of 8 classes per term. If your number of absences is higher than this, you will fail automatically. Some of you are dangerously close to this number. Therefore, If you had more than 5 or 6 absences in the first part of this term, you must be very careful to attend all classes.

However, I hope that failing students do not get discouraged. There is still time to pull up your mark and pass this course! During the next weeks your progress will be monitored carefully and you will need to make a serious effort to improve your performance. If we see a significant improvement in your work, you will have a chance to pass, even if your mark may be slightly under 70% overall.

Therefore, please continue to work hard. Remember that the best way to get your grade up is to participate actively in class, complete all classwork carefully and make an effort to improve your English outside of class with the self-study methods recommended by your teachers.

I wish you the best of luck to be successful in this term.

Best Regards,

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