

**General Information:**

**Name of Course:** **ENGLISH FOR SPOKEN TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION II**

**Course Code:** PMSILNE 703  
**Semester:** spring  
**Number of Credits:** 2  
**Allotment of Hours per Week:** 2 Practical Lessons /Week  
**Evaluation:** Signature (with grade)  
**Prerequisites:** -  
**Language of instruction:** English  
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**General Course Description and Main Content:**

The course is designed for students with an intermediate knowledge of English. The aim of the course is to develop spoken (receptive, interactive and productive) and written (receptive and productive) language proficiency in the context of information technology with topics including new technologies, software evaluation, the Internet and the World Wide Web, computer security and networks. A selection of online resources, documentaries, videos and articles from the media is discussed. Students are required to give one presentations on a chosen topic relevant to the course material and their interest and will also be expected to evaluate the presentations of their peers. A selection of online resources, documentaries and articles from the written media is discussed. Students will improve their reading, writing vocabulary and grammar skills.

**Methodology:**

The course is based on individual and team work, taking part in discussions and completing home assignments.

**Schedule:**

Week	Topic
1.	Placement Tests
2.	Introduction – The Information Age
3.	The History of Computers
4.	Modern computers, technological advances in IT
5.	A PC System – Input and Output Devices

6.	A PC System – Storage Devices
7.	The Operating System
8.	Software
9.	Spring break
10.	The Internet and the World Wide Web
11.	Different websites
12.	Computer Security
13.	Networks
14.	Test
15.	Presentations

**Attendance:**

Attending is required all classes, and will impact the grade (max. 10%). Unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade, and in case of absence from more than 30% of the total number of lessons will be grounds for failing the class. To be in class at the beginning time and stay until the scheduled end of the lesson is required, tardiness of more than 20 minutes will be regarded as an absence. In case of an illness or family emergency, the student must present a valid excuse, such as a doctor's certificate.

**Evaluation + Grading**

Grading will follow the course structure with the following weight: Project Presentation - 40%, test – 40%, home assignments 20%. Please note that attendance will adversely affect one's grade.

**Grading Scale:**

Numeric Grade:	5	4	3	2	1
Evaluation in points:	89%-100%	77%-88%	66%-76%	55%-64%	0-54%

**Books and Reference Materials:**

Esteras, R.: Infotech, Cambridge, 2010

+ news, articles - handouts