

General Information:

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

Course Code: PMEILNE501
Semester: 1st
Number of Credits: 2
Allotment of Hours per Week: 2 Lessons /Week
Evaluation: Final grade (one test, one presentation, class participation)
Prerequisites: Completion of Placement test

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Introduction, Learning Outcomes:

The course is designed for engineering and architecture students with intermediate or higher knowledge of English. The aim of the course is to develop spoken (receptive, interactive and productive) language proficiency in the context of engineering and technology. Students will be expected to engage fully in the class through spoken contributions.

The purpose of the course is to enable students to use English efficiently and fluently in the course of their academic studies and later in their professional career. It develops spoken language skills through interaction and task-based work.

Students must have either a recognised intermediate level (B2) language certificate or have successfully passed a placement test to take this course.

General Course Description and Main Content:

Topics discussed in the course include energy resources, materials science, IT, telecommunications, environmental protection, architecture and construction. Students will study and practise effective presentation skills and give a presentation on a chosen topic relevant to their particular fields of study.

Methodology:

Articles and audio visual materials on current topics of technology are used to stimulate group work, discussions and debates. Presentation skills and techniques are covered to enable students to make and deliver their end of term presentations.

The end-of-term presentation requirements and instructions are set out in a separate document.

Schedule:

Week 1 Introduction

Week 2 Placement test, Renewable and non-renewable energy resources

Week 3 Developments of the automobile/ Transport

Week 4 Construction projects

Week 5 Traditional and modern materials

Week 6 Cities

Week 7 Public utilities

Week 8 Information Technology

Week 9 Telecommunications

Week 10 Midterm test

Week 11 Spring study break

Week 12 Environmental protection

Week 13 Architecture

Week 14 Student presentations

Week 15 Student 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 lesson 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, lateness of more than 20 minutes will be counted as an absence. In the case of an illness or family emergency, the student must present a valid excuse, such as a doctor's note.

Evaluation + Grading

Grading will follow the course structure with the following weight: Midterm test: 40%, Presentation: 40%. The remaining 20% will be assessed according to class attendance, participation, progress, effort and attitude.

Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade:	5	4	3	2	1
Evaluation in points:	89%-100%	77%-88%	66%-76%	55%-65%	0-54%

Readings and Reference Materials:

All the course materials and handouts are made available on Neptun MeetStreet.