# Introduction to English for Technical Studies - writing

Course Code: SZE020MN

**General Information:** 

Name of Course: INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES - WRITING

Course Code: SZE020MN
Semester: fall/spring

Number of Credits: 2

**Allotment of Hours per Week:** 2 Lessons / Week

**Evaluation:** Final grade (two tests, essay)

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# **General Course Description and Main Content:**

The course is designed for students with pre-intermediate - intermediate knowledge of English. The aim of the course is to introduce students of architecture, IT or other technical and engineering disciplines to the use of the conventions of academic English. The course develops reading and writing skills in a variety of academic registers through a range of authentic academic material within a university context.

# Methodology:

In class and outside of class reading and writing assignments, vocabulary and grammar activities. Both individual and team assignments will be given throughout the term.

#### 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.

# **Readings and Reference Materials:**

### **Required coursebook:**

Headway Academic Skills – Reading, Writing and Study Skills, Level 3 by Richard Harrison, OUP 2011 Additional handouts will be available on Neptun MeetStreet

Week	Introduction to English for Technical Studies - writing
1.	Introduction
	Education and learning
2.	Comparing and contrasting
3.	Innovations
	Rephrasing

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4.	Urban planning
5.	Text cohesion
6.	Water, food and energy
7.	Introductions and conclusions
	Giving examples
8.	Midterm test
9.	Spring break
10.	Free trade and fair trade
11.	Expressing certainty and uncertainty
	Expressing caution
12.	Wonders of the modern world
	Word-building
13.	Trends
	Language for describing graphs, charts and statistics
14.	Communication and technology
15.	Final test
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