

General Information:

Name of Course:	INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES SPEAKING
Course Code:	SZE022AN
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 pre-intermediate - intermediate knowledge of English. The aim of the course is to develop spoken (receptive, interactive and productive) language proficiency in the context of academic topics relevant to students in higher education, e.g. giving presentations, taking part in discussions, listening to lectures and taking notes. It includes strategies for undertaking research and dealing with unfamiliar academic vocabulary. The term-end grade will be awarded on the basis of the two grades obtained during the term (one grade will be awarded for the end-term test, and one grade for preparing and giving a presentation).

Methodology:

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

Schedule:

Week	Topic
1.	Placement test
2.	Listening for gist – evaluating different learning styles
3.	Critical thinking, the language of graphs, taking part in discussions
4.	Urbanisation: changing cities Evaluating evidence, identifying speakers' opinions
5.	Eco-cities – note-taking techniques, recognizing signposts Organising a presentation I.

6.	Describing processes, weighing benefits and drawbacks
7.	Global culture – recognizing what is important in a spoken text
8.	International companies – developing speaking skills
9.	Spring break
10.	World Heritage – detecting points of view Presentations II.
11.	Developments in architecture – making inferences
12.	Green skyscrapers – note-taking techniques Supporting a point of view
13.	Technological advances – listening comprehension Giving and supporting opinion
14..	Students' presentations
15.	End-term test

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 non-attendance will adversely affect the grade.

Grading Scale:

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

Books and Reference Materials:

Headway Academic Skills – Listening, Speaking and Study Skills, Level 3 by Richard Harrison, OUP 2011