# Course description and course requirements Academic year 2019/2020 semester 1

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| English for Engineering IV Writing | Monday 13.15 – 14.45 A216 |
| **Course Code** | **SZE015AN** |
| **Hours/Week** | **1 session (2x45 mins)** |
| **Credits** | **2** |
| **Degree Programme** | **All** |
| **Study Mode** | **Full time** |
| **Evaluation** | **Final course grade** |
| **Teaching Period** | **Autumn** |
| **Prerequisites** | **Placement test** |
| **Department** | **Centre for Foreign Languages for Technical Purposes** |
| **Teaching Staff** | **Julia Török** |
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## Aims and objectives

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

The purpose of the course is to enable students to develop strategies to read and write technical English texts in the course of their academic studies and later in their professional career. The course develops reading and writing language skills through 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.

## Content

*Overview*:

Developing reading skills: skimming, reading for detail, scanning. Developing writing skills: skills and strategies for writing academic written assignments, reports, summaries and proposals.

The course material comes from various fields of engineering, technology and architecture. Articles and online materials on current topics of technology are used to develop reading strategies and comprehension. Vocabulary and skills development. In class reading and writing assignments, vocabulary and grammar activities. Homework and home assignments.

***Syllabus:***

Week 1 Orientation

Week 2 Reading: Solar energy

Writing: Academic Summary

Week 3 Reading: the future of transport

Writing: Problems and Solutions

Week 4 Reading: How paper is made

Writing: Description: Process and Procedure

Week 5 Reading: Mars Curiosity, Tesla giga-factory

Writing: Description: Physical

Week 6 Reading: Gotthard Base Tunnel

Writing: Narrative

Week 7 Reading: Modern materials in engineering and construction

Writing: Comparison

Week 8 Midterm test

Week 9 Autumn break

Week 10 Reading: Cities, urban development

Writing: Argument and Discussion

Week 11 Reading: Public utilities

Writing: Visual Information

Week 12 Reading: Information technology

Writing: Plagiarism

Week 13 Reading: Climate change

Writing: Cause and Effect

Week 14 Reading: Architecture

Writing: Proposals

Week 15 Final test

## requirements and assessment

*Attendance:*

Attendance is required for all classes and will impact the grade. Unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade, and absences from more than 30% of the total number of lessons will be grounds for failing the class. Punctual attendance for the whole lesson is required and arriving more than 20 minutes late 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.

*Minimum Course Requirements, Assessment and Grading Policy*:

For passing the course students are required to pass the midterm test and the final test.

Students can retake a missed or failed test only once. They can also re-sit the tests if they want to improve their mark. In the latter case the result of the re-sit will be taken into consideration when the final course grade is calculated.

*Grading Scale*:

85 – 100%    5 (Excellent)

76 – 84%      4 (Good)

61 – 75%      3 (Average)

50 – 60%      2 (Poor)

0 – 49%        1 (Fail)

Final course grade calculation: 40% midterm test, 40% final test, 20% attendance and home assignments

## Coursebooks and Recommended reading

1. Stephen Bailey: Academic Writing – A Handbook for International Students
2. Course material and handouts can be downloaded from the Neptun MeetStreet folder