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

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| Introduction to English for Technical Studies -  | Speaking |
| **Course Code** | **SZE022AN** |
| **Hours/Week** | **2 seminars** |
| **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****Time and venue** | **Julia Török****Wednesday 11.15 A218** |
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## Aims and objectives

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) language proficiency in the context of academic topics relevant to students studying engineering and architecture.

## Content

*Overview*:

The course will focus on:

* listening to lectures, presentations, interviews and dialogues
* preparing and giving presentations
* learning and using academic vocabulary in a wide range of fields including urbanisation, globalisation, built heritage, architecture and technological advances

The course will involve individual work as well as frequent group work. Students are expected to keep up to date with the homework and home assignments.

*Syllabus:*

1. Orientation
2. Changing cities: listening comprehension: London

Green cities: discussion,

1. Changing cities: listening comprehension: Masdar City

Presentations - practising signposting: speaking

1. Changing cities: listening comprehension: quality of life

Expressing opinion: speaking

Organising content in a presentation Building elements and structures

1. Discussing pros and cons – biofuels: listening and speaking

Water crisis: listening and discussion

1. Globalisation, global companies: listening to a lecture, note taking, discussion
2. Midterm test
3. National holiday
4. Autumn break
5. Built heritage- Discussion

Conserving historical sites

Developments in architecture – airports

1. Presentations
2. Presentations
3. Developments in architecture - green skyscrapers

Speaking: supporting your argument

1. Technological advances

Technology of the future: listening and discussion

1. Final interview

## 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 submit their PPTs and deliver their mid-semester presentations and to pass the final test.

Students can retake a missed or failed final interview only once. They can also re-take the midterm test if they want to improve their mark. In the latter case the result of the re-take will be taken into consideration when the final course grade is calculated (weighing: 20% midterm test, 30% presentation, 30% final interview, 20% class attendance and participation).

*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: 35% mid-semester presentation, 35% final interview, 30% attendance and participation. Final interview topics will cover the topics discussed in class during the semester.

## Coursebooks and Recommended reading

Course materials and handouts are available in the Neptun MeetStreet folder