

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022 AUTUMN

Introduction to English for Technical Studies - Speaking

<i>Course Code</i>	SZE022AN
<i>Hours/Week</i>	2 seminars
<i>Credits</i>	2
<i>Degree Programme</i>	All
<i>Study Mode</i>	Full time
<i>Evaluation</i>	Final course grade
<i>Teaching Period</i>	Autumn
<i>Prerequisites</i>	Placement test
<i>Department</i>	Centre for Foreign Languages for Technical Purposes
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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

The course will focus on:

- listening to reports, interviews and dialogues
- preparing and giving presentations
- learning and using academic vocabulary in a wide range of fields including urbanisation, globalisation, architecture, robot technology and technological advances. The course will involve individual work as well as frequent group work. Students are expected to keep up to date with homework and home assignments.

Syllabus:

1. Orientation
2. Changing cities: green cities (listening comprehension, note taking, discussion)
3. Changing cities: smart cities (reading, listening, note taking, discussion)
4. Presentations: topics, research, slides
5. Autonomous vehicles (understanding and explaining how things work)
6. The latest developments in car manufacturing infographic

7. Biofuels (discussing pros and cons)
8. Autumn break
9. Cyber security (addressing problems, advising)
10. Biomedical Engineering
 Robotic prosthetics (developing research skills, finding information online)
11. Cutting edge buildings: engineering and architecture (developing teamworking skills)
12. Energy storage solutions (explaining how things work, comparing and contrasting, arguing)
13. Presentations
14. Presentations
15. Technological advances
 Technology of the future

REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

Attendance:

Attendance is required 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 of the lessons is required and arriving/joining the class 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, deliver their presentations and complete the assignments throughout the semester. Late submissions will result in a deduction of 10% of the maximum mark available (except in the case of an illness or other serious or significant event which does not make it possible for students to complete an assignment).

Final course grade calculation: 30% presentation, 30% class attendance and participation, 40% assignments

Grading Scale:

85 – 100%	5 (Excellent)
76 – 84%	4 (Good)
61 – 75%	3 (Average)
50 – 60%	2 (Poor)
0 – 49%	1 (Fail)

COURSEBOOKS AND RECOMMENDED READING

Course materials and handouts are available in the Neptun MeetStreet folder