

COURSE SYLLABUS AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023 SEMESTER 2

<i>Course title</i>	<i>Introduction to English for Technical Studies - Writing</i>
<i>Course Code</i>	SZE020AN
<i>Hours/Week: le/pr/lab</i>	2
<i>Credits</i>	2
<i>Degree Programme</i>	all
<i>Study Mode</i>	full time
<i>Requirements</i>	course grade
<i>Teaching Period</i>	autumn /spring
<i>Prerequisites</i>	Placement test
<i>Department</i>	Department of Foreign Languages for Technical Purposes
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed for students attending engineering higher education. It requires a lower-intermediate knowledge of English. This course bridges the gap between general and academic English and introduces students to the principles of effective written communication and critical reading. The selection of materials focuses on the needs of students in engineering higher education. The course features thought-provoking topics with several articles and texts on the latest developments in technology and engineering. These texts are used as resources for academic and technical vocabulary and models for the passages to be written by students. Students practise note taking, paraphrasing, writing technical descriptions, summaries, reviews, posters and learn the skills of developing an argument and analysing visual information. The course develops students' understanding of how they can avoid plagiarism. Students will have individual tasks but they will also work in pairs or teams.

SYLLABUS

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the course is to help students understand the conventions of academic writing in English and develop their ability to write in an academic and professional manner.

2. COURSE CONTENT

TOPICS

PRACTICE	TOPICS
1	Placement test
2	Video: 5G Writing: giving a definition, developing an argument
3	Reading: 3D printing Writing: crediting sources, avoiding plagiarism
4	Reading: robots Writing: note taking, comparing and contrasting
5	Reading: waste management technologies Writing: proposals
6	Reading: Dyson electronics Writing: summary
7	Reading: subterranean hotel Writing: collecting information from sources, referencing
8	Midterm test
9	Spring holiday
10	Pollack Expo (no class)
11	Reading: BIM Writing: technical description
12	Reading: 50 things that made the modern economy Writing: Finding key pieces of information and giving a brief summary
13	Reading: engineering feats Writing: supporting views with arguments
14	Reading and writing: understanding and writing about visual information
15	Final test

DETAILED SYLLABUS AND COURSE SCHEDULE

PRACTICE

week	Topic	Compulsory reading; page	Required tasks	Deadline
1.	Placement test		https://forms.gle/vuy3wZQsAsWkuUKz5	16 February
2.	Introduction to the course Video: 5G Writing: giving a definition, developing an argument	How 5G will change the farming industry (video) https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=oZDM-Ojls-s	In-class assignment: answering questions, gap-fill In-class assignment: the most interesting current developments in engineering, technology or architecture Teams assignment: definitions	16 February 16 February 23 February
3.	Video: 3D printing Writing: crediting sources, avoiding plagiarism	3D printing (video) Plagiarism quiz Paraphrasing (handout)	In class: Comprehension questions Teams assignment: writing a summary avoiding plagiarism (paraphrasing)	23 February 2 March
4.	Reading: robots Writing: note taking, comparing and contrasting	Fully autonomous warehouse robots (article) Robot Dog Spot: What Futuristic Things Can it ACTUALLY Do? (Boston Dynamics) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqDncPrTl2w	In-class assignment: gap-fill and comprehension questions Teams assignment: comparing and contrasting	2 March 9 March
5.	Reading: waste management technologies Writing: proposals	Waste management in Pécs in 2018 Waste management data: municipal waste in EU countries Hazardous waste (video) Envac's automated waste management system (video) https://vimeo.com/121141402 How to write a proposal	Teams assignment: engineering proposal	16 March
6.	Reading: Dyson electronics Writing: summary	Sir James Dyson: from barrows to billions (article) The spectacular growth of Dyson (charts) Providing information about an innovative product/invention: the main points of a summary (handout)	In-class reading comprehension questions Teams assignment: The James Dyson Award – winning projects (summary)	16 March 23 March

7.	Reading: subterranean hotel Writing: collecting information from sources, referencing	This is how China was able to build the world's first subterranean hotel https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/china-build-worlds-first-subterranean-hotel Referencing, citational styles	In-class assignment: comprehension questions and vocabulary quiz Teams assignment: An interesting building in your country (finding reliable professional sources)	23 March 30 March
8.	Midterm test			30 March
9.	Spring holiday			
10.	Pollack Expo			13 April
11.	Reading: BIM Writing: technical description	What is BIM? https://www.pbctoday.co.uk/news/digital-construction/bim-news/what-is-bim/40457/ Giving a technical description (handout)	In-class assignment: comprehension questions Teams assignment: technical description	20 April 27 April
12.	Reading: 50 things that made the modern economy Writing: finding key pieces of information in a long text and giving a brief summary	50 Things That Made the Modern Economy (BBC podcast episodes/ articles related to engineering, technology and architecture) – list with links provided in Teams folder	In-class task: Writing the outline of the article summary Teams assignment: 50 Things (article summary)	27 April 4 May
13.	Reading: engineering feats Writing: supporting views with arguments	National Academy of Engineering: The Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20 th century http://www.greatachievements.org/ The language of arguments (handout)	In-class task (in groups): drawing up the list of the greatest engineering achievements of the first decades of the 21 st century Teams assignment: the greatest engineering achievements of the first decades of the 21 st century (with reasons)	4 May 11 May
14.	Reading and writing: understanding and writing about visual information	Graphs and charts quiz Useful vocabulary to write about charts and graphs (handout)	Teams assignment: charts, graphs and diagrams	18 May
15.	Final test	Final test		18 May

3. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the Code of Studies and Examinations of the University of Pécs, Article 45 (2) and Annex 9. (Article 3) a student may be refused a grade or qualification in a full-time course if the number of class absences exceeds 30% of the contact hours stipulated in the course description.

Method for monitoring attendance

attendance sheet

ASSESSMENT

Course resulting in mid-term grade

Mid-term assessments, performance evaluation and their ratio in the final grade

Type	Assessment	Ratio in the final grade
midterm test		30 %
final test		30 %
assignments		20 %
class attendance and participation		20 %

Re-take exam and late assignment submission procedure and assessment

Students can retake a missed or failed test only once. They can also re-sit a test 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. A maximum of two missed assignments can be submitted in the last two weeks of the semester through the Assignment set up on Teams for late submissions.

Grade calculation as a percentage

Course grade	Performance in %
excellent (5)	85 % ...
good (4)	71 % ... 84 %
satisfactory (3)	55 % ... 70 %
pass (2)	40 % ... 54 %
fail (1)	below 40 %

4. SPECIFIED LITERATURE

COMPULSORY READING

Articles and videos specified in the detailed syllabus (all materials to be found in the Teams folder by week)