

English for Academic Purposes

Objective

A nine-week course to build on participants' English listening, speaking and writing skills. The objective is to improve fluency and accuracy for effective and confident communication using more formal and academic English.

Description

The course is interactive and practical, offering plenty of opportunity for participants to engage in in-depth conversation on topics beyond their field of research.

We will differentiate between formal and informal English and when to employ the appropriate register, as well as practise other speaking skills such as initiating and steering the conversation.

Grammar and writing skills will underpin our activities and you will be able to apply your learning in both speaking and writing. Our conversations and exercises will be based on a variety of topics relevant to all but taken from different disciplines to widen your use of vocabulary and expression.

Methodology

- No textbook required and course material will be provided each week in class.
- Two to three weeks will be spent on each topic to allow time to speak in more depth.
- Authentic material from articles, podcasts and short videos will be used to feed conversation and as the basis for some of the exercises

Conditions

- Participants must complete an online language proficiency test issued by GRADE and achieve a CEFR B2 level in English.
- Preparation for class can be expected: most grammar and writing exercises should be completed before coming to class to enable time in class for conversation, feedback and questions.

Trainer



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- BA Business Administration & Dipl. Travel & Tourism
- Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- Commercial background in marketing and corporate services in Australia, UK and Germany
- English language teacher at Goethe University since 2013 in: International Study Centre (Sprachenzentrum), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Wirtschaftssprachen)
- Private language coaching

Organizational Information

Language /Format	English / On campus
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Weekly, Wednesdays from 8 November 2023 - 24 January 2024, 12:30 – 14:00 (incl holiday break from 20 December - 3 January)
Registration	For registration click here