English for Academic Purposes

**Objective**

An eight-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 participants the opportunity 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, both in the spoken and written form. Grammar and writing tips will underpin our activities; and there is flexibility in the workshop to address specific needs of the group. 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.
- Preparation for class can be expected; and most grammar and writing exercises should be completed before coming to class to enable time in class for conversation, feedback and questions.

**Conditions**

- Participants must complete an online language proficiency test issued by GRADE and achieve a CEFR B2 level in English.

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**Organizational Information**

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**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