

SYLLABUS
The course “Modern English language”
(English Language Enhancement Courses, Module 3)

Learning objectives: The course “Modern English language” (English Language Enhancement Courses, Module 3) aims to develop a foreign language competence which allows students to solve academic tasks at B1-B2 levels of language proficiency according to “The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.”

Target audience: English for content teachers majoring in technical disciplines, university employees

Duration: 52 hrs. per semester, 2 hrs. per week

Learning outcomes: successful students are able to:

- understand differences between spoken and written varieties of English
- understand the signposting language
- understand difference between weak and strong forms in English and listen to examples of unstressed forms in use taken from a variety of different spoken contexts
- demonstrate the knowledge of different aspects of the communication skills needed for cross-cultural communication in academic settings
- demonstrate the ability to communicating in social situations
- demonstrate the knowledge of useful techniques for an effective oral presentation
- distinguish academic written register from business register
- make practical use of the kind of language that can be useful for discussing in seminars
- understand the differences between spoken and written English
- understand the factors that influence use of grammar and vocabulary in speech and writing

The course outline:

MODULE 1. Varieties of English. Contrasting spoken and written language

MODULE 2. Contrasting spoken and written language

MODULE 3. Oral presentation

MODULE 4. Communicating online

MODULE 5. Communicating politely across cultures

MODULE 6. Cultural stereotypes and generalisations in communication

MODULE 7. Formal and informal speaking