

English – Online course Fall 2023

About the course	<p>Even after years of studying English, do you feel that you cannot express yourself appropriately enough, fluently enough, or accurately enough? To put it simply, express yourself in a way you would be happy with?</p> <p>Are you worried your communication partner won't understand you because of the mistakes you might make? That you won't be able to present yourself the way you would in your native language? In our course, we will teach you some immediately-applicable strategies that can help you solve these problems and, at the same time, introduce you to long-term strategies, through which you can work systematically on developing your communicative competence.</p>
Course content	<p>At the beginning of the course, students will be introduced to strategies through which they will be able to improve their fluency and accuracy in oral communication in English. They will practise these skills through spontaneous, semi-planned, and planned communication events in work or study contexts that are relevant to them. In the next phase of the course, students will learn to express themselves at different levels of formality, reflecting on the appropriateness of expression in various situations.</p>
Learning Outcomes	<p>After this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be familiarized with immediately-applicable strategies that can help them improve their fluency in spoken English; b) be familiarized with long-term strategies to help them improve their fluency and their communicative competence in general; c) be able to use strategies to develop accuracy in speaking; d) be able to use linguistic devices in conversations at different levels of formality, reflecting on the appropriateness of expression in various situations within the study and work contexts.
Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes me me? • Strategies for improving fluency in spoken language - immediately applicable I. • Strategies for improving fluency in spoken language - immediately applicable II. • Strategies for improving fluency in spoken language - long-term perspective. • My professional path (Use of semi-planned discussions on topics related to students' career paths with the aim of developing accuracy in speaking and pronunciation.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-planned discussions according to students' career paths • Short presentations I. • Short presentations II. • 'Self' in different contexts (Communication at different levels of formality with the aim of ensuring appropriateness of expression in different social contexts.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal and informal 'small talk' • Conferences and planned work meetings • Spoken communication through online platforms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written communication through online platforms • Communicating good and bad news • Expressing agreement and disagreement, complaints • Providing advice and suggestions
Assessment	<p>a) A short presentation on a topic related to the student's career path, focusing on fluency and accuracy in speaking and pronunciation: 6th – 7th week: 30%</p> <p>b) Group discussions in contexts characterised by different levels of formality: 9th – 10th week: 30%</p> <p>c) Test on the material covered: credit week: 30%</p> <p>d) Active participation in class: 10 %</p> <p>The exact date and topics of the midterm assessments will be announced at the beginning of the semester.</p> <p>Grading scale: 100% – 91% - A, 90% – 81% - B, 80% – 73% - C, 72% – 66% - D, 65%– 60% - E, 59% and below - FX (student has not met the credit requirements) Value of the midterm/final grade: 100% continuous</p>
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Focus area	English language
Study field	Humanities, All fields
Type	course
Format	virtual
Host	Comenius University, Bratislava
Course dates	18 September 2023 – 15 December 2023
Apply by	4 th of September
ECTS	3 ECTS
Nr of places available	2 to 3 per partner
Funding	not applicable (virtual)
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