

# Communicating in English: Oral Proficiency

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During the spring term of 2016, the Language Workshop will offer an English oral proficiency course, held in the evening and with no academic credits. The course is primarily intended for students who are free movers, and will focus on basic skills in oral communication in English, primarily English pronunciation and presentation techniques.

**Course aims:** This course aims to provide students with basic oral proficiency skills in English, with an emphasis on using English in an academic context. There will be practical pronunciation exercises, but the focus will be on exercises in conversation, discussion, and oral presentations in an academic environment.

**Target group:** This course is primarily intended for international students who are so-called free movers. Students must be registered at Uppsala University in order to take the course.

There are no language prerequisites apart from those necessary to be admitted to the university. Students who find it very difficult to understand spoken English are advised to contact the teacher before the course starts.

**Course literature:** Handouts, which will be distributed during the course.

**Examination:** Each student who fulfills the course requirements will receive a certificate. Please note that no academic credits will be given for this course.

**Course format:** This course consists of 8 meetings (every Monday at 6.15pm, 90 minutes).

Attendance is mandatory and students must inform the teacher of any absence in advance. Students who miss more than two meetings, regardless of reason, will not be able to complete the course.

The first meeting will be on Monday, 8 February. All meetings will be on Mondays. The course will run for eight weeks, with a break for Easter, and end on 4 April.

During the course, each student will make a short oral presentation in English. The oral presentation is mandatory, and required to complete the course.

The focus throughout the course will be on practical uses of English and students will be given practical, individual advice on how to improve their spoken English.

**Registration:** In order to sign up for this course, send an email to the following address: [Linnea.Anglemark@nordiska.uu.se](mailto:Linnea.Anglemark@nordiska.uu.se). Please note that participants are signed up on a first come first served basis and that the number of participants is limited. Students who take this course cannot take the course Communicating in English: Academic Writing during the same semester.

When signing up for a course, please submit the following information:

- Name of the course you want to sign up for.
- Your own full name and personal number.
- Your main field of study and what degree you are studying for.
- Your native language.
- If you are an exchange student or a free mover.

**Fee:** There is no fee for this course, but students must be registered at another course at Uppsala University in order to be eligible.

**Teacher:** Linnéa Anglemark, [Linnea.Anglemark@nordiska.uu.se](mailto:Linnea.Anglemark@nordiska.uu.se)

## Preliminary schedule, Spring 2016

Please note that this schedule is subject to adjustments.

Meeting	Date	Activity
1	<b>Date:</b> Feb 8	<b>Course Introduction:</b> * Overview of the course and introduction of the participants * Diagnostic pronunciation test
2	<b>Date:</b> Feb 15	<b>Pronunciation:</b> * Exercises in the language lab
3	<b>Date:</b> Feb 22	<b>Discussion:</b> * Discussion exercise * Academic vocabulary
4	<b>Date:</b> Feb 29	<b>Lecture:</b> * How to give an oral presentation
5	<b>Date:</b> Mar 7	<b>Oral presentation:</b> * Students will give an oral presentation, individually, of approximately 5 minutes each
6	<b>Date:</b> Mar 14	<b>Lecture:</b> * Social factors in English communication
7	<b>Date:</b> Mar 21	<b>Conversation:</b> * Conversation exercise (Opportunity for students who did not present at the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting to give their oral presentation)
	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Easter Monday is a public holiday in Sweden: no seminar</b>
8	<b>Date:</b> April 4	<b>Conversation/Discussion:</b> * Conversation exercise * Academic vocabulary (Opportunity for students who did not present at the 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting to give their oral presentation)

All course meetings take place at the English Park Campus, which is located at Thunbergsvägen 3L. Students who register for the course will receive information about the rooms for the seminars.