

Communicating in English: Oral Proficiency

During the spring term of 2018, the Language Workshop will offer an English oral proficiency course for international students. The course is free of charge and does not give any academic credits.

Course aims: This course aims to provide students with basic oral proficiency skills in English, with an emphasis on using English in an academic environment. The focus will be on exercises in conversation, discussion, and oral presentations in an academic environment, and on academic vocabulary training.

Target group: This course is primarily intended for international Masters students who are so-called free movers, and for international PhD students. Students must be registered at Uppsala University in order to take the course. Exchange students may apply for the course but will be placed on a waiting list, and offered a place on the course if there are places vacant at the end of the registration period.

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 7 meetings (on Thursdays, in the evening, 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 Thursday, March 1. All meetings will be on Thursday evenings.

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: Johanna.Mcelwee@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 Swedish personal ID number.
- Your main field of study and what degree you are studying for.
- Your native language.
- For Masters students: If you are an exchange student or a free mover.

Fee: There is no fee for this course, but only students at Uppsala University are eligible.

Teacher: Sarah Schwarz

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Please note that this schedule is subject to adjustments.

Meeting	Activity
1	Course introduction and diagnostic test
2	Group discussion exercise; academic vocabulary
3	Lecture on communicating in a foreign language; academic conversation exercise
4	Lecture on oral presentation skills; academic vocabulary
5	Individual oral presentations by students
6	Academic discussion exercise; individual feedback sessions
7	Academic conversation/discussion exercise

All course meetings take place at the English Park Campus. Students who register for the course will receive information about the dates and rooms for the seminars.