



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
English

Syllabus

English for professional purposes: Oral communication

Course Code:	ENGPS1
Course Title:	English for professional purposes: Oral communication <i>Engelska i arbetslivet: tal</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:
ENA (English)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-21, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements and upper secondary school level English 6 or B (field-specific eligibility A2 or 2) or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- communicate orally in English for different professional situations and purposes,
- give an account of the important features of spoken English communication,
- choose the appropriate words and expressions for different situations.

Content

The aim of this course is that students develop their abilities to communicate orally in a professional environment where English is used as the principle means of communication. For production skills, it focuses on the kind of proficiency and conversational strategies needed to ensure intelligibility and successful presentation in different professional contexts. It also focuses on necessary receptive skills.

Instruction is in the form of:

- formal and informal presentations individually and in groups,
- analysis of distinctive discourse, structural and linguistic features of these types of presentations,
- exercises in mastering different aspects of oral communication in English such as turn-taking, interrupting, soft and strong disagreement, and dealing with questions, pronunciation and fluency, and
- exercises involving listening to spoken texts from speakers using English as a lingua franca.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is individual and based on oral presentations.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.