



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 2025-09-01, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements and upper secondary level English 6 or English level 2, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. communicate orally in English for different professional situations and purposes,
2. give an account of important features of spoken English communication in professional contexts, and
3. choose appropriate words and expressions for different work-related situations.

Content

The aim of this course is for students to develop their ability to communicate orally in various professional environments where English is used as a working language. There is a focus on the kind of proficiency and the conversational strategies needed to ensure intelligibility and successful oral presentation in different professional contexts. The course also highlights necessary receptive skills.

Instruction is in the form of:

- formal and informal presentations individually and in groups,
- analysis of discursive, structural, and linguistic features that are distinctive of these types of presentations,
- exercises in mastering different aspects of oral communication in English, such as conversational strategies (turn-taking, interrupting, soft and strong disagreement, and dealing with questions), pronunciation, fluency, and
- listening comprehension exercises involving texts read by speakers using English as a lingua franca.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual oral presentations.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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.