

TECHNICAL ENGLISH

Code: 342018

Main Scientific Area: Applied Languages

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Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S1

Contact Hours: 60h Total Workload: 108h

ECTS: 6,0

Objectives

Communicate in English in a fast and efficient way;

Acquire and develop communication skills autonomously, allowing them to participate in several communication situations;

Develop students' reading, interpretation (listening and reading) and oral and written skills adapting them to the professional context;

Develop the students linguistic culture through the revision and consolidation of the English Language main structures in the lexical, grammatical and thematic levels;

Read and translate technical vocabulary, technical orientations, rules and other technical documents in the professional context.

Learning Outcomes

Speak fluently, spontaneously and effectively;

Write and translate clear, detailed and well-structured texts related to his/her learning area; Demonstrate fundamental basics of language, that is, grammar, in order to achieve a more correct domain of it;

Demonstrate ability to use with clarity and correction the English Language in different contexts;

Present clear and detailed descriptions on subjects related to SS learning field.

Course Contents

1. Technical vocabulary, in the English Language, in a professional context;

2. The world of work

- The new technologies;

- Professional presentations;

- Job interview;

- Curriculum Vitae;

- Cover letter / Application letter

3. Grammar

- Verb tenses (form and use);

- Building clear and correct sentences.

Recommended Bibliography

EASTWOOD, John (1999): Oxford Practice Grammar. UK: Oxford University Press.

MURPHY, Raymond (2007): Essential Grammar in Use (3rd edition). UK: Cambridge University Press.

BRIEGER, Nick POHL, Alison: Technical English, Vocabulary and Grammar. Summertown Publishing.

LAMBERT, Valerie MURRAY, Elaine: Everyday Technical English. Longman

Learning and Teaching Methods

Nowadays, the knowledge of the English language is an added value in any area, so the syllabus aims to prepare students for its correct and current use in their professional routine. The syllabus was designed to address the use of the English Language in order to efficiently communicate, namely in reading, writing and speaking. The topics chosen show the diversity of topics which the students will face on their professional life.

Assessment Methods

The evaluation is continuous and results from the sum of all activities, which are ALL mandatory. Throughout the semester, the knowledge acquired will be evaluated through:

Regular Students

A written test worth 35%;

A written assignment worth 25%;

A Presentation / Oral assessment valued at 20%;

A mini oral presentation worth 10%;

Class work, qualitative participation and attendance worth 10%.

Working Students Status

One written test (40%)

One written assignment (30%)

2 Oral Presentations (30%) [1^a OP (10%); 2^a OP (20%)