

Communicating in English: Oral Proficiency

During the spring term of 2020, 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: In this course, you will be given tools and feedback aimed at helping you improve your spoken English. Among other things, the course will focus on oral presentation technique, academic discussions, and fluency strategies. You will receive detailed individual feedback on an oral presentation assignment.

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 10 meetings (on Tuesdays, in the evening, 90 minutes).

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

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th. All meetings will be on Tuesday evenings.

During the course, each student will receive individual feedback on a short oral presentation in English. The oral presentation is mandatory, and is 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: sarah.schwarz@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

Preliminary overview, Spring 2020

Please note that this schedule is subject to adjustments.

Meeting	Activity
Feb 18	Course introduction and communicative activity
Feb 25	Fluency: extemporaneous speaking
March 3	Survey activity
March 10	How to give an oral presentation + group activities
March 17	Group presentations
March 24	Teaching activity
March 31	Communicative activity/individual oral presentations
April 7	Communicative activity/individual oral presentations
April 14	Communicative activity/individual oral presentations
April 21	Course wrap-up/individual oral presentations

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