



DS1300 Technical English, Lower Intermediate Level 6.0 credits

Teknisk engelska, lägre mellannivå

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment

Course syllabus for DS1300 valid from Autumn 2009

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

First cycle

Main field of study

Technology

Specific prerequisites

General entrance requirements for university studies, i.e. completed upper secondary schooling incl. documented proficiency in English) and a **compulsory placement test before applying**. See our website for the test and more information.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

EU language portfolio levels A2/B1, <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

Listening comprehension

- understand the content of clear standard speech on general subject areas/events (level B1)

Reading comprehension

- Understand and give an accurate account of authentic texts on topical issues dealing with technical subjects and working life. (level B1)

Speaking

- converse and discuss informally on topics of personal interest or related to studies, work and topical events. (level A2)
- orally summarise texts of a general and/or specialist nature (level A2/B1)
- give an individual oral presentation of a specialised nature (level A2/B1)

Writing

- summarise texts of a general and/or specialised nature (level A2/B1)
- write a factual report or an argumentation text (level A2/B1).

Course contents

- English grammar
- Academic/technical vocabulary for engineers and scientists
- Reading of short texts of a technical nature
- Speaking English in small groups as well as to a larger audience
- Technical writing: short technical report, summary, technical description. formal letter
- Listening comprehension (using podcasts)

Disposition

56 lessons divided into 14 sessions x 4 lessons

Course literature

Compendium

English Grammar in Use, Raymond Murphy

Examination

- ANN1 - Written Work, 1.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- ANN2 - Oral Work, 1.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- TEN1 - Language Proficiency, 3.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Three in-class quizzes give bonus points to improve the examination grade.

Other requirements for final grade

75% attendance. Examination based on written and oral performance during the course (ANN1; 1,5 credits, ANN2; 1,5 credits), and a final examination (TEN1; 3 credits)

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.