DS1301 Technical English, Intermediate Level 9.0 credits

Teknisk engelska, mellannivå

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

Establishment

Course syllabus for DS1301 valid from Autumn 2012

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. **A pass on the compulsory placement test before applying** or a pass in Technical English, Lower Intermediate Level (DS1300 or DS1308) or in Technical English, B1 (DS1309 or DS1312). See our website for the test and more information, www.kth.se/language

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 B1/C1, http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/

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

- identify the differences in style between everyday and formal English and adapt his/her written and spoken language accordingly.

Listening comprehension

- understand advanced-level English oral presentations of some length (level C1)
- follow an argumentation given in specialised language provided that the topic is more or less familiar. (level C1)

Reading comprehension

- understand relatively long texts from specialised areas (level C1)

Speaking

- take active part in discussions and be able to explain and defend his/her opinions on well-known topics. (level B2)
- using correct, varied and appropriate language, give an individually prepared oral presentation on a specialised subject (level B2/C1)

Writing

- write reports, e-mails and letters, and essays of a specialised nature (level B2/C1).

Course contents

- Grammar review
- Technical/Academic vocabulary
- Presentation skills
- Listening comprehension (using podcasts)
- Writing technical reports
- Writing summaries, formal letters, job applications and memo/e-mail
- Oral summaries of general and specialized texts
- Debating and describing technical processes

Course literature

Kompendium

Technical English Vocabulary and Grammar, Nick Brieger and Alison Pohl

Examination

- ANN1 - Oral Presentation, 3.0 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
- ANN2 - Written Production, 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.

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

During the course, the students also take two minor midterm tests/quizzes. The combines result of the two tests is converted to a point score which is added to the student's score on the TEN1 exam.

Other requirements for final grade

75% attendance. Continuous assessment of classroom work. Written and oral examinations (ANN1; 3 credits, ANN2; 3 credits, 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.