



# DS1309 Technical English B1 7.5 credits

## Teknisk engelska B1

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 DS1309 valid from Spring 2011

## 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.language.lib.kth.se](http://www.language.lib.kth.se)

# Language of instruction

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

## Intended learning outcomes

The overall aim of the course is to prepare students to interact in an international engineering environment. Upon completion, the student should have reached a level B1+ (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

### Listening comprehension

- Understand the content of clear standard speech on topics in the student's field of study or personal interest.
- Understand straightforward factual information.

### Reading comprehension

- Understand and give an accurate account of authentic texts of a scientific nature and provide main conclusions.

### Speaking

- Interact with others and get across what the student wants, following the main points of extended discussions.
- Communicate accumulated factual information on topics of personal interest or within the student's field of study, work and topical events.
- Orally summarise texts of a general and/or specialised nature.
- Give a formal individual oral presentation.

### Writing

- Understand the difference between informal and formal language.
- Write a factual or argumentative report of a technical nature.
- Summarise texts of a general and/or specialised nature.
- Write a short description of a technical implement.

## Course contents

### Main content

- English grammar
- Vocabulary for engineers and scientists

- Reading and discussion of short texts of a scientific nature.
- Speaking English in small groups as well as to a larger audience.
- Preparation and delivery of a formal individual presentation.
- Technical writing: technical report of a factual/an argumentative nature, summary of a scientific text, description of a technical device, formal letter.
- Listening comprehension followed by discussion of audio material.

## Disposition

56 lessons divided into 14 sessions x 4 lessons

## Course literature

English Grammar in Use, Raymond Murphy

Compendium

## Examination

- ANN1 - Written Work, 3.0 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 bonuspoints to improve the examination grade.

## Other requirements for final grade

75% attendance. Written work (ANN1; 3 credits), oral work (ANN2; 1,5 credits) and final exam (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.