# 4.03 English for Specific Purposes

**ECTS:** 1.3 (6 synchronous hours + 7 coursework hours)

NOTE: This course is part of the Postgraduate Diploma in English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI & ESP), Multimodal Communication and Technologies for the ERUA ALLIANCE teaching staff.

#### Summary:

This 13-hour module is designed to enhance university teaching staff's ability to teach and communicate effectively in English, tailored to their discipline-specific contexts (English for Specific Purposes). Through targeted activities and practical examples, the course will build participants' confidence and competence in key academic language skills.

The module will focus on:

- **Academic writing:** Conventions of citation styles, correct referencing, paraphrasing, and writing abstracts.
- **Academic speaking:** Presentation skills, effective use of visual aids, and managing audience questions.
- Academic reading: Efficient strategies for reading academic papers and evaluating information critically from a range of sources.
- **Listening and note-taking:** Techniques to support academic understanding and effective engagement in lectures and discussions.

**For**: University teaching staff with English level B2 (entry level) **Mode**: Online **Places:** 35

#### Goals:

- 1. Identify key strategies to develop subject-specific language skills for effective EMI/ESP instruction.
- 2. Practice and refine academic writing, focusing on citation styles, paraphrasing, and abstract writing.
- 3. Strengthen speaking techniques, listening and note-taking strategies to improve comprehension and teaching outcomes, and managing audience interaction confidently.

### **Contents:**

- 1. Academic writing: Principles of clear, concise academic writing.
- 2. Academic speaking: Techniques for confident public speaking, using visual aids, and handling
- 3. **Academic reading:** Strategies for efficient reading and critical evaluation of academic papers.
- 4. Listening and note-taking: Effective listening techniques for lectures and discussions.

## Methodology:

The course will adopt a hands-on and interactive approach, blending theory with practical applications. Participants will engage in:

- Collaborative activities to explore language-specific challenges.
- Guided practice in academic writing, speaking, reading, and listening.
- Peer feedback on tasks, including presentations and written outputs.
- Reflection sessions to share experiences and identify areas for continued development.

By the end of the course, participants will have a toolkit of strategies and resources for enhancing their language skills in their specific academic contexts.

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## **Teaching Staff:**

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