



English for Studying Applied Economics:

Academic English Skills for Master and Advanced Bachelor Students

The Language Center (Sprachenzentrum) offers this introduction to Academic English for students in Economics – in particular those in the Master programs "Applied Economics", "Business Administration", and "Information Systems". It is, however, also open for all other interested Master and advanced Bachelor students. The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive overview of what it means to write and speak academically in English and of how to develop the language, writing, and presentation skills needed in your studies – especially when writing a term paper or thesis and when preparing an oral presentation or poster.

Main Learning Outcomes

- understanding the specifics of Academic English
- using English effectively in academic contexts
- avoiding typical language errors/pitfalls
- constructing well-formed and stylistically appropriate academic sentences
- being clear, concise, and rhetorically convincing in writing and public speaking
- organizing the writing process, esp. when getting started
- developing a clear focus in a writing or presentation assignment
- planning and structuring a coherent, well-organized (written or spoken) text
- drafting proper paragraphs
- understanding the forms and functions of research papers
- applying critical thinking skills when expressing yourself
- working with ideas and data from the research literature
- using slides and voice effectively in oral presentations

Course Organization

Throughout the course, we will both analyze different types of texts and actively practice the use of Academic English in writing and speaking/presenting. For this, the course will alternate between lectures (with input and discussions) and tutorials (with group work and small individual projects). While the lectures address the issues listed above in a more general, interdisciplinary way and are integrating student groups from various disciplines, the tutorials will consider specific topics from applied economics and related fields to ensure that the guidelines and skills discussed can be applied to your course of studies. Thus, your specific requirements and your previous knowledge of English will be taken into consideration here.

Time and Place

- **9x Tue, from 17.10.2023 to 19.12.2023, 14:30-18:00** (including a half-hour break)
- Room will be posted on Stud.IP.
- You will receive further information before the start of the course.

Requirements

You do **not** need a placement test or similar proof of a language level. However, you should have a reasonable language proficiency (CEFR level of at least B1+) in order to be able to follow the course and make the best of it.

ECTS

You have different choices to complete the course: with 2 ECTS and no grade; with 3 ECTS and a grade; with 3 ECTS and no grade; or with 4 ECTS and a grade. The corresponding requirements are explained in more detail on Stud.IP. Please note that, in any case, you need to attend at least 80% of the course meetings. Your ECTS and, if applicable, your grade will show in your EXA-transcript. An additional certificate can be obtained upon request.

Registration

Please register by **13.10.2023 (23:59pm)** through Stud.IP (Course no. SPZ 1.570). You need to add your bank information during the registration process. The course fee of 20€ will then be automatically deducted from your account.

Contact and Further Information

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