



English for the Energy Industry

Course Ref: EEI

Entry Level:

Minimum Level CEFR B1+ except by special arrangement.

Language of tuition: English

Course Duration

According to each client's requirements.

Minimum age for entry 18

30 lessons (22.5 hours) per week

Maximum class size:

Morning General English 14*
Afternoon EEI 6

*General English maximum class size is 14. However, where classrooms permit and are suitably equipped, lit, heated and ventilated, we reserve the right to use these rooms to their maximum capacity. No classes will exceed 18 students

Course information & enrolment:

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This course is of significant benefit to:

- Those working as designers, engineers, production managers, branding specialists and specialist journalists, whether they are involved in energy technology development, energy production, energy distribution, environmental protection, sales and global promotions, PR, business policy and strategy or related sectors.
- Students of fuel engineering / energy production and distribution.

Aims of the Full Course

Four start dates per year for full courses, flexible dates for short courses. Those choosing shorter stays will follow that part of the full programme delivered during the weeks chosen. Please ask for details of any optional external examinations/certificates.

- To enable clients to communicate effectively in a range of situations in the Energy Industry and to give clients the skills necessary for them to perform effectively in English in their specific context.
- Clients are encouraged to apply their own knowledge/ experience as they work through the course material.

We are a 'Specialised Language College' and as such, specialise in 'language'. We fully appreciate that you are experts in your own field, as we are experts in ours and expect to work together in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

Preparation

- Needs Analysis and educative background profile
- Online resources for pre-course, arrival and cultural information
- Online language level assessment.

Practical Arrangements

- Course tutor
- Pedagogic learning materials
- Setting of learning objectives
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- Accommodation service and pastoral care: 24hr emergency contact
- Optional additional language workshop every day
- City orientation tour and welcome activity
- Access to school study and media centre.

Follow up provided

- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- End of course test and programme evaluation
- Post-course forum.

General English

The 4 skills of reading, writing speaking and listening are all developed systematically through activities games, roleplays and more. This approach integrates both receptive and productive skills practice.

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Introduction to the Energy

Business:

Fuels and energy sources. Types of power plant.
Supplying the customer.
Profile: an energy company.
Regulation of the market.
The future of the gas market.

Markets and Customers:

Residential, business and industrial customers.
Supplying an industrial customer.
Breakdown in supply.
Customer choice.
Consumer watchdogs.
Describing trends, developments and consequences.

Protecting the environment:

Energy saving.
The image of the industry.
Measures to reduce pollution.
The cost of protecting the environment.
Emissions trading.
The Kyoto Protocol.

The Nuclear Issue:

Nuclear production.
Safety and security issues.
Reprocessing/waste disposal.
Arguments for and against nuclear power.
Nuclear fusion.

Investment plans:

Mergers and takeovers.
SWOT analyses.
Financial documents.
Assets, equity and liabilities.
Coal power plants.
Disinvestment.

The future of energy:

Future production, demand and supply.
Departments and functions.
The fuel cell.
The hydrogen economy.
Lack of vision in the industry.

Course Structure (Mon to Fri)

General English 20 lessons (15 hours)

English for the Energy Industry 10 lessons (7.5 hours)

Course Content and Strategies

General English

Language classes are communicative with students encouraged and facilitated to use the language learned on the course. This covers all aspects of English language skills. Class work includes individual, pair and group work, discussions, debates, roleplays, presentations, writing exercises.

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The course teaches participants the relevant expressions and vocabulary they need to communicate effectively in their chosen specialist field. Certain course modules are designed to be independent of each other so that students can choose the subject areas and related language items that are most relevant to their desired field of expertise. Working through all of the modules will give a global understanding of the subject area and a provide an introduction to and practice of a broad range of associated target language.

The English for the Energy Industry course focuses on the specialist target language that is unique to the variety of English routinely used in this field. It should appeal to students currently planning to go on to further study or training in the energy industry, as well as those looking for career progression in this field. The course covers a wide range of topics and related target language in the modern context that will enable the course participant to study or work effectively in this important specialist area.

Specialised vocabulary related to key areas of the Energy Industry

Key grammatical and syntactic structures, as related to important functional areas.

Role play and task-based learning exercises (individual, pairs and group)

Communication skills.

Telephoning for information.

Formal presentations and simulations.

Expressing opinions and agreement/disagreement.

Introduction, practice/of key vocabulary, abbreviations & acronyms.

Dealing with complaints. Replying to letters of complaint.

Replying to invitations.

Describing a process.

Discussion in a meeting: Chairing a meeting.

Writing reports.

Outcomes

- Improved General English: all language skills, fluency and accuracy
- More effective communication in a range of Energy Industry situations.
- Increased accuracy and clarity in common work-related topics
- Use of appropriate communicative strategies
- increased ability to recognise and resolve misunderstandings
- Improved handling of the linguistic challenges presented by a complication or unexpected turn of events that occurs within the context of a routine work situation or communicative task with which they are otherwise familiar.