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VIA Summer School

English Language
Communication Skills

Course Description
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Code: ENG IS1
Language: English
ECTS: 5 ECTS (3 weeks)
Organizer: VIA Business

Prerequisites: Participants should already have a basic foundation and familiarity with reading and writing in English. Although this class covers some selected grammar, the main focus is on discussion of texts, group activities, debate, and presentations. Many students take this class as it offers them the chance to gain confidence and verbally practice their English language skills. The required Common European Frame of Reference level is B1.

Introduction: In this course you will not learn many grammar rules or theories of English language. Instead, this course focuses more on the practical aspects, like communication usage of the language especially during the group activities, debates and presentations. Many students take this class as it offers them the chance to gain confidence and verbally practice their English language skills. We strive to provide a native English speaker as a teacher of this course.

Main Purpose: To consolidate and develop communication skills in English through practical activities. To assist students to use the language effectively in various situations, to converse and to conduct oral presentations in English. Role playing, group work and discussions will have a strong focus to ensure a high quantity of speaking activities. In addition, vocabulary and grammar exercises will be included as required. This course will encourage and motivate students to communicate orally in English with confidence, using active class participation.

Topics:
- Selected topics for discussion are based on current events, global trends and social interest

Literature: Selected by the teacher

Having completed this course, students should be able to:
- See a marked improvement in their: spoken English, reading and listening comprehension, vocabulary, conversation, pronunciation and grammar.
- Comprehend, summarize and discuss the main points of authentic texts about general or academic subjects.
- Converse freely and make short oral presentations in English.
- Succeed in communicating and comprehending the general message in most situations.

Teaching:
- Discussion, brainstorming and debates
- Group work and tasks
- Communication exercises
- Reading and listening comprehension
- Vocabulary and written exercises
- Role playing
- Selected grammar where required
- Conversation techniques
- Company visit and/or guest speaker
- Individual and group presentations

Course Evaluation: The student can choose either to be graded according to the Danish grading standards or to receive the approved/failed grade.

To approve the course student needs to comply the following:
- all necessary assignments must be approved by the teacher
- the Course Project needs to be handed in before the deadline and presented in front of the class, a short written description of the project needs to be prepared as well
- full attendance during the course

Everyday attendance is compulsory. In case of illness documentation from a doctor is required, and only one day off could be accepted.

To receive a specific grade, in addition to the above-mentioned, the student has to attend an official oral examination.

Grading Criteria:
Mark 12: Awarded to students who have shown excellent comprehension of the above-mentioned competences. A few minor errors and shortfalls are acceptable.

Mark 02: Awarded to students for a just acceptable level of comprehension of the required competences.

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