

Academic English: Research and Presentation

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study

Joint Bachelor in Sustainability

Speciality

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Organizational unit

Faculty of Law and Administration

Study level

first cycle (joint degree programme)

Study form

full-time degree programme

Education profile

General academic

Mandatory

obligatory

Education cycle

2025/26

Subject code

UJ.WPAJBSS.820.06206.25

Lecture languages

english

Subject related to scientific research

Yes

Disciplines

Linguistics, Political science and administration

ISCED classification

0231 Language acquisition

USOS code

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| Lecturer | Christopher Reeves |

| Period Semester 2 | | Examination assessment | Number of ECTS points 4.0 |
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| | | Activities and hours Lecture with elements of a discussion class: 30 | |

Goals

The aim of the course is to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills in Academic English, research and presentation so that they can successfully continue on with the programme and further studies.

Subject's learning outcomes

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| Code | Outcomes in terms of | Effects | Examination methods |
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| Knowled | dge - Student knows and understands: | | |
| W1 | The process of preparing for the presentation will allow the student to explain the axiological background of sustainability and summarize key stages of development of the concept. | JBS_K1_W01 | credit |
| W2 | The process of preparing and delivering the presentation will demonstrate that the student is capable of identifying sustainability-related problems specific to selected cultural, geographical, and political contexts. | JBS_K1_W04 | credit |
| W3 | The process of preparing and delivering the presentation will demonstrate that the student is capable of identifying sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property. | JBS_K1_W07 | credit |
| Skills - 9 | Student can: | | |
| U1 | find and critically analyse academic literature and formulate his/her research questions and deliver the results in the form of a verbal presentation. | JBS_K1_U01 | credit |
| U2 | deliver a spoken academic presentation that can summarise these concepts, as well as present a clear thesis. | JBS_K1_U02 | credit |
| U3 | use IT tools as a way of presenting and analysing the data that they have collected for their academic presentation. | JBS_K1_U03 | credit |
| Social co | ompetences - Student is ready for: | | · |
| K1 | to formulate their own research project, be able to present a detailed outline of how they are going to proceed, and ultimately deliver their results in the form of a spoken presentation. | JBS_K1_K02 | credit |
| K2 | to demonstrate that they can consider these different visions and present their evidence-based opinions in their class presentation. | JBS_K1_K03 | credit |
| K3 | to demonstrate their ability to verbalise their competences in the form of a class presentation. | JBS_K1_K04 | credit |

Calculation of ECTS points

| Activity form | Activity hours* | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lecture with elements of a discussion class | 30 |) |
| preparation for classes | 30 |) |
| preparation of a multimedia presentation | 40 | |
| Student workload | Hours 100 | ECTS 4.0 |

^{*} hour means 45 minutes

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Study content

| No. | Course content | Subject's learning outcomes |
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| 1. | Introduction: Academic Research and Presentation Skills | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 2. | Research design: factors to consider when planning a project | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 3. | Data collection and analysis | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 4. | Online tools and resources to assist in preparing academic work | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 5. | Plagiarism – and how to avoid it in a spoken presentation | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 6. | Structuring an academic presentation – what to include and what to skip over | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 7. | Spoken academic language – the differences between speaking and writing | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 8. | Spoken presentations – the obvious pitfalls | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 9. | Knowing your audience - tailoring your presentation | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 10. | Body language, improving confidence, and delivery | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 11. | Death by PowerPoint – and how to avoid it! | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |
| 12. | The Big Day! How to plan and deliver the presentation on the day itself | W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1, K2, K3 |

Course advanced

Teaching methods:

text analysis, brainstorming, discussion, peer review

| Activities | Examination methods | Credit conditions |
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| Lecture with elements of a discussion class | | Providing a satisfactory review of academic literature related to the presentation topic. Providing a satisfactory presentation proposal. The student provides a satisfactory spoken presentation related to the student's area of study. |

Entry requirements

None

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Literature

Obligatory

1. Kathleen McMillan and Jonathan Weyers, How to Write Dissertations and Project Reports (Harlow: Pearson Education Ltd, 2008) Alice Oshima and Ann Hogue, Writing Academic English (4th ed., White Plains: Longman, 2006)

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Effects

| Code | Content | |
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| JBS_K1_K02 | The graduate can demonstrate considerable entrepreneurial initiative, autonomy, and readiness to act in complex and changing environments, especially in the context of supporting, undertaking, and coorganising activities beneficial for a sustainable society. | |
| JBS_K1_K03 | The graduate can consider different visions of the future and develop own evidence-based opinions in reference to the balance of values linked to economic development, social welfare, and environmental protection. | |
| JBS_K1_K04 | The graduate can critically assess and verbalize own competencies and skills related to different aspects of sustainability as well as their need for development. | |
| JBS_K1_U01 | The graduate can critically analyse academic literature, formulate research questions and conduct research under supervision. | |
| JBS_K1_U02 | The graduate can present and report knowledge, methodologies, ideas, problems and solutions, clearly and comprehensively, in different forms destined for different audiences – including discussions and debates which require defending a substantiated opinion, as well as conversations in a foreign language at the CEFR B2 level. | |
| JBS_K1_U03 | The graduate can apply adequate methods and tools, including selected IT tools, to solve problems related to data collection, analysis, and management in the context of sustainability. | |
| JBS_K1_W01 | The graduate can describe the concept of sustainability and recognize the differences in relevant definitions, models and approaches. | |
| JBS_K1_W04 | The graduate can identify sustainability-related problems specific to selected cultural, geographical, and political contexts. | |
| JBS_K1_W07 | The graduate can apply the theory and methodology of disciplines included in the selected specialisation track to sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property. | |

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