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Proposal for English for Academics at TUL, Liberec

English for Academics is for Lecturers, Researchers and PhD students at Upper Intermediate and Advanced level (B2 / C1) who need to improve their written and spoken English skills in an academic context.

The programme will increase your understanding of lectures and conference talks and help you develop well-prepared, coherent arguments and skills for directing and influencing decisions. Realistic communicative activities will help you participate in seminars, group discussions and debates and deliver effective presentations with clarity, precision and fluency. You will learn how to plan, organise and write clear, well-structured and accurate texts, such as conference papers and abstracts.

Course Programme: The programme will be run as a closed course, at your institution; as 6 x 3-hour Wednesday sessions between October and December 2019, with a focus on writing, and then as 6 x 3-hour Wednesday sessions between January and March 2020, with a focus on presenting/speaking.

The course will cover:

Writing abstracts, paragraphs, topic sentences, structuring a text, the flow of information, data commentary, discussing and interpreting data, expressing stance, citations, annotations, etc.

Academic Presentations – planning and presenting effectively

Listening Skills – taking notes and lectures.

METHODOLOGY

Our methodology is communicative and, therefore, the training sessions are highly interactive and based on discussion groups. Real life examples are used for case studies and role-plays, with the trainer working as a facilitator. The participants will get regular feedback and the chance to submit both written work and to deliver a presentation.

TRAINER

The training is designed to encourage personal and professional development through the discussion of work-related issues. Our trainer is highly qualified and experienced and has been teaching in the Czech Republic since 2005. Jason holds an MA in Education (Applied Linguists- 2014), the Cambridge Delta (2010), and a TEFL certificate (2005). He also obtained degrees in Biochemistry/Cell Biology and Theatre from the University of California, San Diego. He has taught the Universities of Sheffield and Bristol and currently at Charles university.

PROPOSED DATES AND TIMES

Wednesdays:

Session 1: 12.30 – 14.00

(15 minutes tea/coffee break)

Session 2: 14.15 – 16.45

Part 1: Writing focus – October to December 2019

October: 9th and 23rd

November: 6th and 20th

December: 4th and 11th

Part 2: Presenting focus – January to March 2020

January: 15th and 29th

February: 12th and 26th

March: 11th and 18th