



IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS AT AUBG

An online course by the English Language Institute and the Erasmus+ Office at AUBG

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our one-week 'IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS' courses aim at helping non-native speakers of English who work in the field of education improve their oral and written communication skills in the English language. Using modern, interactive teaching methods, our instructors will assist learners in enhancing their communicative fluency and accuracy by providing communicative training in a context close to their own in view of the English proficiency level of the course participants at the respective course level.

At the beginning of each of the courses, learners will get the opportunity to set their own educational learning outcomes. Apart from actively participating in all online class sessions and carrying out communicative class assignments, learners will be expected to work on an individual (mini-)project of their own interest. This could be an oral presentation or a written document, which the learners would like to create/improve within the framework of the course and with the help of our instructors.

On the last day of the course, participants will get the chance to present their progress on their individual project in front of the group and receive oral feedback from the course participants and written feedback from the instructor.

TARGET GROUP:

High school or higher education professionals in an administrative or teaching position who would like to improve their English to suit the needs of a globalized workplace.

FIVE DIFFERENT PROFICIENCY LEVELS:

A2, B1, B2, C1, C2. Proficiency certificates may be attached to the application form.

If necessary, proficiency levels may be determined by means of an online English language placement test. Course participants will be contacted individually via email ahead of time, and will be given instructions on how to take the placement test.

TIME AND DURATION:

May 31-June 4, 2021

Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 16:30 (incl. AUBG tours & workshops, and self-study time)

FORMAT:

Online via Zoom.



INSTRUCTORS:

Course participants will have the opportunity to learn from the qualified and experienced English language instructors of the English Language Institute at AUBG. Our instructors are part of a higher education institution whose instructional and workplace language is English. They are, thus, equipped not only with excellent teaching expertise but also with knowledge about institutional communication in an English-speaking educational environment.

Half of the classes will be taught by native speakers of English from the UK and the USA. The other half will be taught by instructors who prepare non-native speaking students for English language college admission exams.

CERTIFICATES:

Course participants will receive certificates of attendance issued by the American University in Bulgaria.

CAPACITY:

6 to 12 people.

ENGLISH CLASSES:

10 academic contact hours. One AUBG academic hour lasts 75 minutes.

ENGLISH CLASSES SCHEDULE:

MON:

11:15-12:30
(1 academic hour)

TUE-THUR:

9:30-10:45, 11:15-12:30
(3x2 academic hours)

FRI:

9:30-10:45, 11:15-12:30,
13:30-14:45
(3 academic hours)

ENGLISH CLASSES CONTENT:

Day 1: Introduction & Warm-up, Educational Learning Outcomes Setting;

Day 2-5: Learner-centered, proficiency-relevant oral and written communication skills training;

Day 5: Individual Project Presentation and Feedback.

ENGLISH CLASSES SYLLABUS & MATERIALS:

To be provided on the first day of the course.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

Two virtual tours – of the AUBG Campus and the AUBG Library, two online workshops – about civic engagement and sustainability, and a Zoom culture show will complement the English classes. These additional events will not only let course participants experience the vibrant AUBG community life (even though, this year, only online), but will also provide them with extra opportunities to train their communicative skills in an English-speaking environment.

COST:

195 EUR (covers 10 academic contact hours, including materials).