

EGID 290: English for Engineers (ME)

The purposes of English instruction in EGID 290 are:

- ◆ to increase vocabulary (if you do not know a word, write it down);
- ◆ to improve speaking and listening abilities;
- ◆ to improve reading abilities (speed and comprehension);
- ◆ to increase writing skills

Students will examine a wide range of information (not wholly related to Engineering) to give a broader access to types of English. Students will also complete a number of tasks that will help improve writing skills.

Listening and Speaking

There is no sound lab. Classes will have time for students to talk. Students will also make presentations. There will also be a media project (MP4/MOV).

Reading

Classes will use a variety of texts to help students better understand English. The purpose is to increase your exposure to *real* English. This will help you absorb grammar and vocabulary.

Writing

It is essential for Engineers to be able to communicate ideas effectively. To improve writing skills there will be several tasks: résumé and letter-writing; description; explaining a process. As part of the writing task, all students will complete a group project at the end of semester.

Attendance

As English is interactive and communicative, students should attend all classes. To encourage this, students who do not come to 80% of classes will not be able to sit the Final Examination. This includes being *in* class for the whole session.

Access to e-mail

Some communication may be by e-mail. If you do not have proper e-mail access, arrange this now and give me the information. Ensure that your mailbox is not full: you may miss a communication.

I will also use my Twitter account - **@extensions_th**

I am on Facebook: **Graham K. Rogers**

There is a LINE group - **EGID**

Marks

Following is the planned allocation of marks:

- Résumés p/f 75 marks
- Application letter p/f 75
- Presentations (1) 150 marks
- Movie 150 marks
- Presentations (2) 200 marks
- Writing Project (1) 100 marks
- Writing Project (2) 250 marks

Equipment

Students will need the following items:

- A dictionary (not translation)
- A small notebook (to fit in the pocket)
- A folder with rings
- An e-mail account
- Bodies
- Brains