English Communication & IT for Academic Purposes

Vienna, 16.02-20.02.2026 Training Program

Duration: 5 days

• Participants: University staff and doctoral students

Focus: Practical English for academic/workplace contexts + Digital tools for academia

• Requirements: own laptop, English at A2 level or higher

Block 1 - Foundations

English Communication

- Introduction: Needs and expectations
- Polite professional communication (emails, requests, telephone/Zoom etiquette)
- Role-plays: Writing & replying to work-related emails

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- Digital literacy in academia: essential platforms (MS Office, Teams)
- File organization & cloud storage (Google Drive)
- Practical: Creating a shared document & collaborating online

Block 2 – Academic Workplace Communication

English Communication

- Vocabulary & phrases for meetings, discussions, and decision-making
- Practicing small talk in academic/professional contexts
- Simulation: Conducting & participating in a staff meeting

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- Effective use of presentation tools (PowerPoint, Canva, Prezi)
- Designing clear presentations
- Practical: Create & present a 3-slide mini-presentation

Block 3 – Writing & Data Skills

English Communication

- Writing academic reports & summaries (formal style, connectors, clarity)
- Common mistakes in academic English
- Group task: Summarize an article/report in clear English

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- Effective use of presentation tools (PowerPoint, Canva, Prezi_part 2)
- Practical: Analyze a simple dataset & visualize results in Excel

Block 4 - Research & Professional Interaction

English Communication

- English for research purposes: abstracts, keywords, short academic texts
- Describing graphs and research results in English
- · Peer feedback on research-related writing

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 Practical: Search for an article & create a short summary and searching for appropriate literature

Block 5 – Integration & Practice

English Communication

- Public speaking & delivering presentations with confidence
- Handling Q&A sessions in English
- Final task: Individual/group academic presentation

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- Academic integrity: plagiarism check tools (such as Grammarly)
- Final task: Delivering a presentation supported by IT tools

Final Outcomes

- Improved confidence in English communication for meetings, emails, and presentations
- Knowledge of creating academic texts (summaries, abstracts, reports in English)
- Competence in **digital academic tools** (presentations, collaboration platforms)
- Integrated practice: English + IT in real academic tasks

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Registration for training: Registration link

