

Tekniska och vetenskapliga presentationer på engelska, 3 poäng, GEM030F

Spoken Technical Communication

Examinator:

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Språk:

Kursen ges på engelska.

Behörighet:

Antagen till forskarutbildning vid LTH.

Urval vid eventuell platsbegränsning:

I urvalet prioriteras 1) de som tidigare sökt och vid det tillfället också varit behöriga till kursen, 2) hur långt doktoranden har kommit i sin forskarutbildning, där de som kommit längst ges företräde.

Antagningsförfarande:

Kursen annonseras på LTH:s hemsida samt i utskick till institutionerna. Ansökan skall göras på särskild blankett som finns på LTH:s hemsida, där handledare har intygat att kursen ingår i doktorandens forskarutbildning. Styrelsen för LTH fattar beslut om antagning. LTH:s kansli informerar snarast möjligt de som sökt.

Mål:

This course is intended to assist graduate students in developing skills in speaking effectively about complex technical information.

Innehåll:

The majority of the class will be taken up with students' practicing spoken English and getting feedback on the effectiveness and correctness of their language skills:

- In the first weeks, students will give short impromptu and prepared talks in pairs and small groups.
- In the final weeks, students will deliver formal talks in front of 5 or 6 members of the class

If students wish, they may use the practice talks to prepare for actual speaking tasks such as:

- discussing their research with foreign colleagues
- presenting their research program
- defending their dissertation
- delivering a paper at a conference
- teaching a technical course

In each class there will be brief lecture-discussion periods about communication theory and speaking strategies.

Work on vocabulary, style and grammar will be taken up during the entire course whenever it is relevant for the particular communicative task being practiced.

Practice in class is intended to help students develop a strong communicative basis for:

- selecting and organizing technical information

- forming sentences and choosing vocabulary that convey the intended meaning and give the desired emphasis

Examination:

In order to pass the course the student must attend 80 % of all scheduled lectures and complete the following assignments:

- Prepare and deliver a 3-minute talk on a technical problem and its solution
- Prepare and deliver a 3-minute talk based on a definition of a technical term or a description of a technical process
- Prepare and deliver a 10-to15-minute talk on an aspect of their research

In certain circumstances, the examiner can allow the student to fulfill the requirements differently.

Kurslitteratur:

”Technically Speaking, Developing Skill in Speaking about Technical Information”, Margaret Newman-Nowicka, Studentlitteratur AB, 2003