LANG 5030 English Communication for Postgraduate Engineering Students

1. Course Information

Competence in communication is critical to both academic and professional success. LANG 5030 is specifically designed to enhance postgraduate engineering students' spoken English communication skills. The course focuses on cultivating effective spoken English skills for participating in academic seminar discussions, giving presentations, and communicating in academic and professional contexts. LANG 5030 aims to increase students' confidence and develop competence in communication through small group discussions, presentations, seminars, and simulated language activities.

2. Pre-requisites

Students enrolled in an MSc program with the School of Engineering

3. Aims of the course

Intended learning Outcomes (ILOs)

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

a. lead and participate confidently in seminar discussions by expressing their ideas clearly and asking appropriate questions
b. deliver engaging presentations and be able to evaluate their own and their fellow classmates' communication skills
c. develop effective listening and speaking skills
d. apply appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication strategies in academic and professional contexts

4. Course assessment

LANG 5030 is a pass/fail course, in order to pass, students are expected to satisfactorily complete two course assignments.

Assignments	Weighting	ILOs
Seminar facilitation	50%	a, b, c, d,
Research presentation	50%	b, c, d,

5. Course content

- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Persuasive messages
- Group communication
- Seminar facilitation
- Intercultural communication
- Effective visuals in presentations
- Q&A
- Impromptu speaking
- Research presentations