ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS (EBE)
ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMY STUDENTS

What is an EBE course?

The course English for Business and Economics is specialized to develop your academic and professional language skills in the fields of business and economics. On the course students practice scientific reading strategies, business and economics vocabulary in English, Business English reading comprehension as an aid to studying more effectively as well as complete various written and oral tasks and activities, including oral presentations.

Am I eligible for exemption?

If you believe you already have the ability and level of skills required for critical academic reading and communication in the field of business and economics, you may apply for exemption from this course by taking the Exemption Test. Normally this would mean that you have experience of e.g. a period of work or study in an English-speaking academic or professional environment relevant to your field, or possibly discipline-related study on an English-medium school or college programme in this country. Otherwise it is unlikely that your performance in the test will reach the required level for exemption.

Self-evaluation questionnaire

It is strongly recommended that before making a decision you consider the following questions carefully:

- Do you have previous experience of studying and/or using Business English in an academic or professional context?
- Can you analyze the structure of an academic article and define the functions of its building blocks?
- Are you able to locate and extract the main information of a lengthy domain-specific text?
- Are you able to draw inferences from the directly-stated content of a text, determine the logical assumptions underlying the text and determine the author’s attitude towards the material discussed?
- Can you use English effectively to summarize and report the main points of a complex text related to your subject area?
- Are you able to synthesize information from two or more sources and report it in English?
- Do you have a fluent command of both academic English and Business English vocabulary?
- Can you discuss topics from your academic field fluently and accurately, with correct grammar and pronunciation?
- Can you make a presentation to an audience on a topic from your field which is clear, logical and uses correct and appropriate language?

If you can answer these questions in the affirmative, you can enrol to take the Exemption Test.