Advanced English Academic and Professional Communication (AEAPC, 2 ECTS)

What are AEAPC courses?
The AEAPC courses are tailor-made and therefore offer a unique opportunity to learn and practice English for specific purposes, i.e. English related to your own academic discipline in the Master’s level. During the course, you will practice critical reading and critical thinking, analysing your source texts, speaking in English in pairs and small groups, and taking part in class discussions and debates. Furthermore, you will develop your academic English by writing an academic essay based on your own field-specific interests. In addition, in the course you will give an academic presentation on your research interests, and receive and provide feedback to others. The course also deals with issues and situations related to communication, socially appropriate language use, and intercultural communication. The emphasis lies on the active use of academic and professional English. The course assumes a good knowledge of English, including fluency and accuracy in speaking English, accuracy in writing, and a wide general and subject-specific vocabulary.

Am I eligible for exemption?
If you believe you already have the ability and level of skills required for critical academic writing and communication, you may take the exemption exam. 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 in an English-medium school or college programme in Finland. Otherwise it is unlikely that your performance in the test will reach the required level for exemption.

Self-evaluation questionnaire
It is strongly suggested that before making your decision you consider the following questions carefully:

- Do you have previous experience of studying or working in an English-speaking academic or professional environment?
- Are you able to follow current scientific research in your field of study in English?
- Are you able to write an appropriately structured, academic response paper, essay, or report, using the required transitional devices and transitional methods?
- Are you able to give a subject-specific, academic presentation using the appropriate structure and structuring methods in the English language specific style?
- Are you able to communicate fluently in English so that you get your message across in a socially appropriate manner?

If you can answer these questions in the affirmative, then you can sign up to the AEAPC exemption examination.