

POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name

English [S1Inf1>JANG4]

Course

Field of study Year/Semester

Computing 2/4

Area of study (specialization) Profile of study

general academic

Level of study Course offered in

first-cycle Polish

Form of study Requirements full-time compulsory

Number of hours

Lecture Laboratory classes Other 0

0

Tutorials Projects/seminars

30

Number of credit points

2.00

Coordinators Lecturers

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Prerequisites

Students should demonstrate language skills at the B1 level, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This includes knowledge of grammatical structures and the general vocabulary required for the basic 'matura' exam (upper secondary school leaving examination) in English, covering both productive and receptive skills. In terms of skills, they are expected to effectively use various information sources, work well in a team, and engage in self-directed learning. Furthermore, regarding social competencies, students should exemplify honesty, responsibility, empathy, perseverance, intellectual curiosity, appropriate personal conduct, respect for others, and an openness to cultural diversity.

Course objective

The course objectives are to: 1. Elevate students' language proficiency to a minimum of B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). 2. Develop the ability to effectively use both general academic language and specialised terminology pertinent to computer science, encompassing all four language skills. 3. Enhance skills in working with specialised technical texts. 4. Refine the ability to navigate the international job market and everyday situations, including honing presentation and academic writing skills.

Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge

Students:

- 1. Have a general vocabulary in English at the B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and specialised terminology related to selected areas of computer science and artificial intelligence.
- 2. Know the essential grammatical structures required for describing and translating phenomena and processes associated with these fields.

Skills

Students:

- 1. Can search, analyse, and integrate information from various sources in English, critically assess it, and effectively formulate and justify their opinions on the subject [K1st U1].
- 2. Can deliver a presentation in English on a specialised computer science topic or a popular science subject, and speak on general and technical topics using specialised terminology and an appropriate range of general vocabulary and grammatical structures [K1st U16, K1st U15].
- 3. Can express basic mathematical operations in English and interpret data presented in a diagram or graph [K1st U15].
- 4. Can compose a text in English explaining or describing a selected specialised topic from the field of computer science [K1st_U16].
- 5. Demonstrate language skills in English that meet the criteria for the B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) [K1st_U17].

Social competences

Students:

- 1. Recognise the importance of proficiency in English communication for effectively sharing knowledge and opinions about engineering, technological achievements, and the computer science profession with the wider society [K1st K4].
- 2. Notice and adapt to cultural differences in behaviour and both professional and private communication in English within diverse cultural contexts [K1st K4].

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Formative Assessment:

- 1. Short control tests (e.g., assessing vocabulary or grammar)
- 2. Short written assignments
- 3. Presentations or oral statements on topics related to specialist English
- 4. Self-assessment or peer assessment in pairs or small groups

Summative Assessment:

- 1. Final tests (written or oral)
- 2. Final project or presentation on a selected topic from the field
- 3. Assessment of class participation and contribution to group tasks

General Assessment Criteria:

- 1. Linguistic accuracy, including the use of specialist vocabulary and terminology
- 2. Ability to present and logically convey information and arguments
- 3. Analysis and interpretation of source materials
- 4. Active participation in classes and interaction with other participants

Programme content

- 1. Artificial intelligence
- 2. Robotics
- 3. The digital divide
- 4. The future of IT and AI
- 5. Academic writing
- 6. Student projects
- 7. Exam practice

Course topics

- 1. Machine learning and deep learning
- 2. The impact of Al on society, the economy and the environment
- 3. Evolution and types of robotics
- 4. Autonomous robots and control strategies.
- 5. Research directions and ethical considerations in robotics
- 6. Causes of the digital divide
- 7. The effects of the digital divide
- 8. Groups affected by the digital divide
- 9. Current and expected developments in IT and AI and their impact on different aspects of our lives
- 10. Writing a graph description
- 11. Writing an argumentative essay (optional)

Teaching methods

- 1. Communicative exercises, i.e., discussions, debates, simulations, role-plays
- 2. Listening comprehension, written exercises, and lexical and grammatical exercises
- 3. Exercises using multimedia technology, language games
- 4. Presentation of materials and text analysis
- 5. Individual work, pair work, small group activities and projects

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Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	57	2,00
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	32	1,00
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation)	25	1,00