# English For Computer Science

*Introductory class*
*2021/2022*

# Welcome to our class!

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# About this course

What is this course about?

And what will you learn?

This is a **specialised English language** course aimed at giving you more confidence when you use English in an **academic** or **work** environment.

At the same time, it helps you prepare for the **competency-based language exam** that will take place at the end of the **2nd semester** and helps you acquire the necessary skills to **use English** confidently and competency in your field of study / work.

# Course content & Materials

- topics related to computer science & technology + professional and academic skills

- **first semester:**
  - topics related to **_Hardware_** + a general revision of English grammar

- **second semester**:
  - topics related to **_Software_** + more focus on developing specific language skills in all 4 areas of proficiency (*reading, speaking, writing, listening*)

- materials will be uploaded weekly in our MS Teams group in either everyone's notebook or in the 'Files' section of the General channel

# How will we work?

- synchronous / asynchronous mix throughout the semester
  - we will meet each week using Microsoft Teams' in-built conferencing system (make sure to check the calendar in MS Teams)
  - our synchronous meetings will be complemented by additional exercises and assignments to practice grammar, reading, listening and more

- once again, the team code for our MS Teams is:

# qlndvgj

# Norms and expectations

- our success as an online class depends on the same commitment we all bring to the physical classroom, therefore:

  - Make sure you join meetings on time and wear appropriate clothing.

  - Join the course in a quiet place whenever possible.

  - Turn on your video whenever possible, especially when you are speaking.

  - Mute your microphone unless you are speaking.

  - Clear browser tabs not required for participating in class.

# Exam Information - First Semester

- everyone participating in this class will have to sit an exam at the end of the term (*Week 14 in January, 2022*)

- exam structure: written exam containing 4 main parts:

  - *Listening*

  - *Reading*

  - *Vocabulary*

  - *Writing*

  - *Grammar*

- students participating actively in class (*i.e. being active during our online classes while attending classes regularly (min. 70%), submitting assignments regularly*) will receive an extra point at the exam

# Reminder

If you haven't seen it already, please remember to **complete the placement test** posted as an assignment last week. Thank you!

# Any questions so far?

*You can type your answers using Pear Deck or the chat in our meeting.*

*P.S.: Your answers will be posted anonymously!*

# Expectations, Fears & Current Knowledge

*What are your expectations regarding this course?*

*What are your language goals and what would you like to be able to do by the end of this course?*
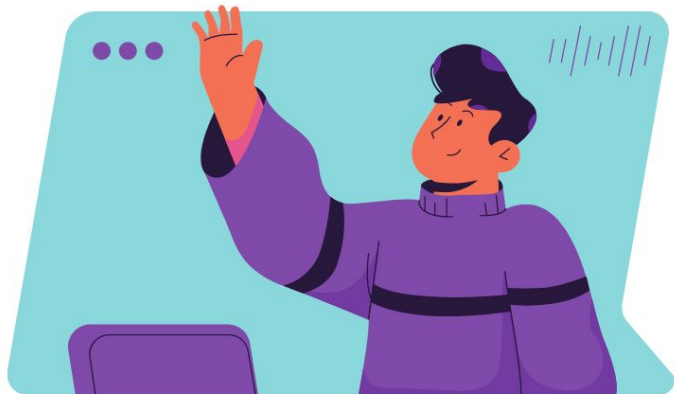
*How would you describe your current level of English?*

*What are your concerns or fears regarding this course? What do you find difficult to do in English as of now?*

# What is the best way to learn English in your view?

# In class you like working ...

*Choose the most suitable option for you!*

# What would you like to learn (more about)?

*Think about:*
- *topics you'd be interested in*
- *academic / professional skills you'd like to develop*
- *grammar points you'd like us to review*
- *etc.*

# What are your language priorities?

*Choose the one you consider to be the most important for you as of now!*

Let's get to know each other!

# Any other suggestions, requests or questions?

# "I feel ready for English classes this semester."

# Thank you for your attention! See you all next week!

How would you rate today's lesson?