

Professional & (pre-) Master Skills in English MC-PROFEN-20

Are you *the* motivated student who wants to make the most of your future (international) career, or do you have your heart set on getting your master's degree? If so, this challenging and activating minor course will be a major step in that direction. It will not only increase your practical skills in advanced English but also how to apply these in a professional and academic setting. See the reviews.

Entry requirements

The minor course can be taken by all students from HU and other universities of applied sciences proficient in English and holding a propaedeutic year certificate. The minor course is great for students who have already achieved the B2, C1 or C2 proficiency level (through a Cambridge certificate course, for instance). You do need a zest for work and a curious attitude, though, for this minor is mostly about learning by doing, so you will have to pull out all the stops.

Content

The minor course comprises six modules. You will further improve your proficiency and knowledge of English and apply them in numerous practical professional or academic situations. You will not only learn to read and write texts at a high level, but - for instance - also take an extensive job application training in English. Moreover, this minor course aims to give you a fantastic boost in your general and personal development.

Learning objectives

The minor course's goal is twofold. Firstly, it aims to enable you to participate in an English-language working environment and to work and think in English at the level of a beginning academic. Secondly, practical assignments and reading will teach you to think critically and formulate your opinion and help you gain sufficient self-confidence to take the next step in your career.

Courses

A. *Advanced English 1*

Advanced Grammar, Advanced Vocabulary, error correction, Collocations, C1 CEFR

B. *Advanced English 2*

Advanced reading and listening, transcriptions, idioms etc. advanced vocab, pronunciation C2 CEFR

C. *The English Speaking World*

UK and USA Civilization, International affairs, influence on the world, politics, economy, social affairs, justice systems and other topics, Plus difference in language and accents/dialects

D. *Skills 1*

Argumentative essay writing, discussions of professional and academic articles, Corporate Communication and Marketing communication, Public Affairs, press releases and Public Relations.

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E. *Skills 2*

Giving and preparing Presentations on international affairs, Extensive application training, Organising - preparing – chairing – and participating in meetings, discussions, debates.

F. *The Final*

An individual academic or professional paper needs to be produced, presented and defended. Critical thinking and reading, Research, Use of sources, APA, style of writing. Preparing and writing of peer reviews.

Assessment

Modules A, B and C are concluded with an examination. For modules D, E and F, we will test your practical, professional and academic skills. Given the nature of the assignments, attendance is required, and an 80% attendance requirement applies for each module.

Literature

The teachers will provide you with all the course materials.

Schedule

The minor course is scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Additional costs

If possible (Corona) we shall go on a (voluntary) field trip to an Irish university. This trip will cost approximately €400. Students who do not wish to take part in this field trip can do an alternative programme.

Student feedback

Thom: "The English minor is much more than just getting better at the language. See this as an opportunity to broaden your horizon when it comes to political and economic issues, and how to form an opinion about them. You will be challenged and the minor is hard work, but at the end of the road you have an amazing experience and something great to add to your CV (which Edo & Nienke will help you make!) I got pushed to my limits in a positive way, and am glad to have taken this minor!"

Evelien: "This minor is an excellent way to improve your English professionally. It is a challenge, but they make sure to help and guide you where needed. It is a valuable minor if you want to prepare yourself for either an international working environment or University."

Hoi Wai: This minor is for the ones that would like to master the English language as well as for those who would like to develop themselves as a person. Nienke and Edo are two of the kindest teachers that try to get the best out of every single student they have. It would be nice to be taught this way more frequently. They don't just look at your grade, but they take your personal growth into account. I know it might sound crazy but for real, you actually learn something here and not forget about it right after. So if you want to tickle your brain and expand your view on the world too, this minor is most definitely for you.

Mohammad: "Personally, I did not feel like a regular English class in this minor. I gather because of 2 experienced and well-educated individuals who were acting as mentors rather than regular teachers for their students. Despite online schooling, we had loads of interactions and activities together in order to improve our English language, which was quite fun and helpful. I highly recommend this minor to every student who is interested in taking one step further in the way of critical thinking as well as learning English."

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Luca: The minor focused on different subjects and this makes it for me very interesting. It is not just grammar, but it also focused on British and American politics and history. I experienced this as very insightful and it gave me a broader view on the English speaking world. Besides that, thanks to this minor I feel more confident about my skills and how I can still improve myself. Overall, this minor will prepare you for your professional internationally focused career.