

## 28751 - Technical English

### Información del Plan Docente

<b>Academic Year</b>	2016/17
<b>Academic center</b>	175 - Escuela Universitaria Politécnica de La Almunia
<b>Degree</b>	423 - Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering
<b>ECTS</b>	5.0
<b>Course</b>	4
<b>Period</b>	Second semester
<b>Subject Type</b>	Optional
<b>Module</b>	---

### **1.Basic info**

#### **1.1.Recommendations to take this course**

#### **1.2.Activities and key dates for the course**

### **2.Initiation**

#### **2.1.Learning outcomes that define the subject**

#### **2.2.Introduction**

### **3.Context and competences**

#### **3.1.Goals**

#### **3.2.Context and meaning of the subject in the degree**

#### **3.3.Competences**

#### **3.4.Importance of learning outcomes**

### **4.Evaluation**

### **5.Activities and resources**

#### **5.1.General methodological presentation**

**The learning process that has been designed for this subject is based on the following:**

In the learning process, the student's role will be mainly active in either group work (by working in pairs or small groups, in which they should solve a problem, make a report, comment on a text or listen to specific or general information, etc.) or

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individually, all that under supervision of the teacher and using online resources.

### 5.2.Learning activities

The program that the student is offered to help him achieve the target results includes the following activities...

#### Face-to-face generic activities:

• **Theoretical and practical classes** : Theoretical concepts of the subject will be explained and practical examples to support the theory developed

• **Conversation Practices** : Students will be divided into pairs or small groups and will be supervised by the teacher.

#### Non-class generic activities:

• Study and assimilation of the theory presented in the lectures.

• Organization of seminars, solving suggested problems, etc.

• Scheduling written continuous assessment tests and final examinations.

**Supervised autonomous activities:** Targeted mainly to seminars and tutorials under the supervision of the teacher.

**Support activities:** Mainly, through a virtual learning portal (Moodle) different activities that reinforce the basic contents of the subject will be made. These activities can be customized or not, being monitored through the above mentioned virtual portal.

### 5.3.Program

#### Contents

**Essential Contents of the subject to achieve the target learning outcomes.**

**1. Civil Engineering Degrees: Vocabulary** : Branches in engineering. The timetable. Course descriptions. **Theory** : Present simple v Present continuous. Definite and indefinite article. **Writing** : Describing university courses and their contents. Writing an application letter. Webquest: Civil Engineering degrees worldwide. **Oral Practice** : The university interview.

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**2. Building materials: Vocabulary** : Materials. Properties of Materials. **Theory**: Comparative and superlative adjectives. Active v Passive. **Writing** : Writing a recommendation text. Explaining laws of nature. **Oral Practice** : Explaining the difference between materials. Comparing and contrasting.

**3. Building tools and machinery: Vocabulary** : Construction Tools. **Theory**: Expressing purpose: *used for -ing, used to, can, enable, in order to, so that* . **Writing** : Writing a description of construction tools. **Oral Practice** : Defining new words. Explaining how something works. Classifying.

**4. The working site: Vocabulary**: Measurements, quantities and numbers (dates, fractions, dimensions). Forces. **Theory**: Quantifiers, Countable/Uncountable nouns. Prepositions of time. Perfect tenses. **Writing** : Writing emails to arrange a visit. **Oral Practice** : Welcoming visitors and showing them around the site.

**5. Rules and Regulations: Vocabulary** : Hazards and safety precautions. Security threats. **Theory**: Modal verbs used to express rules: *can/can't, should/shouldn't, must/mustn't, ought* . Noun phrases. **Writing** : Writing safety signs. Warning expressions. **Oral Practice** : Giving instructions. Giving directions. Explaining rules. Making suggestions. Making recommendations.

**6. Aging Bridges: Vocabulary** : Bridge types and structure. Identifying faults. Troubleshooting and repairs. **Theory**: Time clauses. Cause and effect. Prefixes. Past simple/Past continuous. **Writing** : Writing a report. Reporting defects and accidents. Using the problem-solution pattern. **Oral Practice** : Explaining what happened.

**7. Company Communication: Vocabulary** : Charts, reports, memos, schedules. **Theory**: Modal verbs to express degrees of certainty: *may, could, might, will, won't* . Prepositions of place and movement. **Writing** : Writing reports on projects. **Oral Practice** : Holding a meeting. Explaining a diagram. Interpreting charts, graphs, diagrams and tables.

**8. The future of engineering: Vocabulary** : Future developments. **Theory** : Tenses used to express future time. Multi-part verbs (phrasal verbs). **Writing** : Making predictions. Presenting a schedule. **Oral Practice** : Presenting a Project.

**9. Green Engineering: Vocabulary** : Green building technologies. Waste management. Recycling. **Theory**: Review of tense. Stative verbs. Relative clauses. **Writing**: Expressing professional opinion about environmental issues. **Oral Practice**:

**10. Civil engineering jobs and careers: Vocabulary** :Job and work. Careers in Civil Engineering. Internet resources for job search. **Theory**: Conditional sentences. **Writing** : Writing a cv. Writing a cover letter. **Oral Practice** : Talking about jobs and the labour market. Talking about requirements. The job interview.

### 5.4.Planning and scheduling

#### Face-to-face Sessions Schedule and presentation of tasks

The classes are held according to the schedule established by the Institution, which is published prior to the start date of the course. A more specific calendar with the activities of the subject may be scheduled and published in the ADD of the University of Zaragoza.

The teacher will inform the students of the tutorials schedule also through the ADD or other means of communication set

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up by the Institution.

### 5.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

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Resources

INTERNET

<http://www.everydayenglish.com> <http://www.quia.com>

<http://www.freeenglish.com>

<http://www.yellowallet.com>

<http://www.englishclub.com>

<http://www.tefl.net>

<http://www.esl-images.com>

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<http://www.esl-lab.com>

<http://www.esl-lounge.com>

<http://www.english-to-go.com>

<http://www.eslflow.com>

<http://www.a4esl.org>

<http://www.babelfish.altavista.com>

<http://www.learnenglish.org.uk>

<http://www.longman.com>

<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk>

<http://www.eslcafe.com>

<http://www.englishlearner.com>

### **online dictionaries**

<http://www.open-dictionary.com>

<http://www.onelook.com>

[http:// www.babylon.com](http://www.babylon.com)

<http://www.wordreference.com>