Module: Academic Skills (5 ECTS) Studiengang: Mechatronic

Slides for Kick-Off

(English Version)
Abbott / Slawney

CampUAS Online Course for Academic Skills Program in Mechatronic

- Course Title:

 Friedrich/Slawney:
 Academic Skills
 Mechatronics WS 25
- Located in the CampUAS section for Fachsprachenzentrum---FSZ.
- Password: Skills
- Please feel free to sign in right away.



Today's Orientation Session

- Information about the Course Program
- Time for you to do the Online Electronic Entrance Exam in English

Brief Overview: Academic Skills Course Program

- Focus on Technical English & Academic Skills
- Script: PDF (on campUAS): free of charge.
- Prerequisites: B2 School English
- Deadline for Registration for Academic Skills Module: 31.10.2025
- Entrance Exam: Done on campUAS First Week of Semester – See campUAS Platform. In-class time first week is reserved for doing the Entrance Exam.

Brief Overview: Academic Skills Course Program

- Portfolio Exam: 1. written exam, 60 minutes (50%, during exam period, in exam room); 2. exercise-based presentation, min. 5, max. 10 minutes (25%, from CW 2 in 2025, appointments via campUAS); 3. written scientific report (25%, assigned on campUAS mid semester, uploaded on campUAS)
- Time frame: You need to do all three of these tasks in the same semester to get a grade. You cannot get credit for work from previous semester this semester.
- Attendance Requirement: you must regularly attend this class—be here at least 70% of the semester.

Learning Outcomes and Skills

The students know the requirements for writing scientific papers and reports. They are able to work with different scientific sources and to handle the intellectual property rights. The students enhance their communication skills in English language, especially in a professional engineering context. They know the basic professional vocabulary. The students are able to present their results and solutions in English in both written and spoken form.

(Quelle: Modulhandbuch)

Module Contents

- Technical English (2.5 SWS)
- Scientific writing, communication and presentation technique (1.5 SWS)

Type of Exam

- "Prüfungsleistung" (PL).
- You can take this exam only a limited number of times (3x) before nation-wide exmatriculation from the Study Program.

Art und Form des Leistungsnachweise

Technical English: Klausur, 60 Minuten (50%), English

Scientific writing, communication and presentation technique:

Presentation in English, 5-10 minutes (25%), and written report (25%)

Date and Place of Exam

Date & Place assigned through Exam Office You will be seated every second seat for the exam.

Please register for the exam on time.

Exam Aids

- None
- Dictionaries are not allowed
- Notes are not allowed
- Mobile phones are not allowed
- Vocabulary lists are not allowed

Reason:

Equality of Opportunity (Chancengleichheit.)

Registration

There are two registration time periods.

- 1 Please register for the course "Academic Skills" already right now.
- 2 Registration for the final exam will be possible once the Exam Office completes the input of the Preliminary Exam (*Vorleistung*) results, i.e. after the successful completion of the Presentation has been recorded.

Exam Preparation

- The best way to prepare for the exam is to review the exercises we did in the script.
- The exam is strongly based on these exercises and participation in the classes helped you prepare for the exam already.

Pass Grade

 You must get at least 50 points out of a 100 to pass the Final Exam.

Structure of Exam

Structure:

Part 1: Listening.

You hear a recording two times and have to answer some questions about it.

Part 2: Language Review and Vocabulary

You have to do some of the exercises (from script or very similar to script) we did in class.

Part 3 Reading

You have to read an article about a similar theme to one of the Units we covered in class and answer questions about it.

Prerequisites for Written Exam

Presentation in English, 5-10 minutes

Grading

According to points (1,0-5,0).

$$1,3 = 94-90$$
, etc.

Pass grade is 50 and above out of 100.

Basis - Literature

"Technical English In-Class Materials Academic Skills EIT MT" PDF: Free of charge.

"Glossary for Technical English Academic Skills EIT MT" PDF: Free of charge

"Scientific Writing Academic Skills EIT MT" PDF: Free of charge,

Language of the Unit

English

The language of the module is English. Please use English when in class.

Teaching Form

"Seminaristic teaching"

Exercises in four different language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking).

Multi-media based input (You Tube videos, audio recordings).

Group work: focussed on case studies.

Study Tips

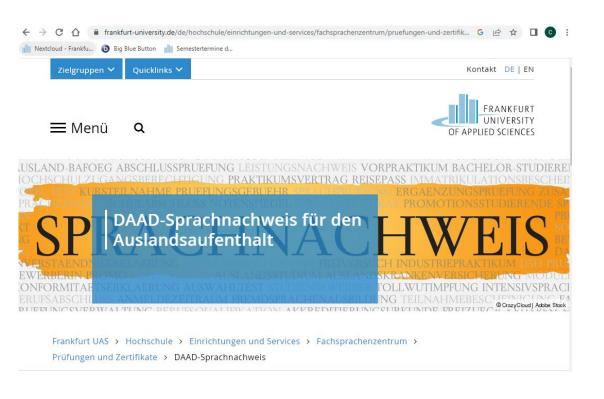
- Do not simply read through the script. Instead you should actively do the exercises every week and then check your answers step-by-step the next week to see what you got correct and what you got wrong.
- Set aside a regular time of the week to do your asynchronous English homework.
- Record new words, new rules, etc. in a notebook or separate computer file called "Academic Skills" to document your work and look back at when studying for the final exam.

campUAS Course

What is on the campUAS Course?

- Instructor Announcements
- "Sprachtest" (Entrance Exam)
- Power Point Slides for Lessons
- Presentation Sign-Up Portal
- Report Upload Portal
- Assignment Descriptions
- Learning Materials
- Access to SPEEXX Online Self-Learn Software

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FSZ Language courses





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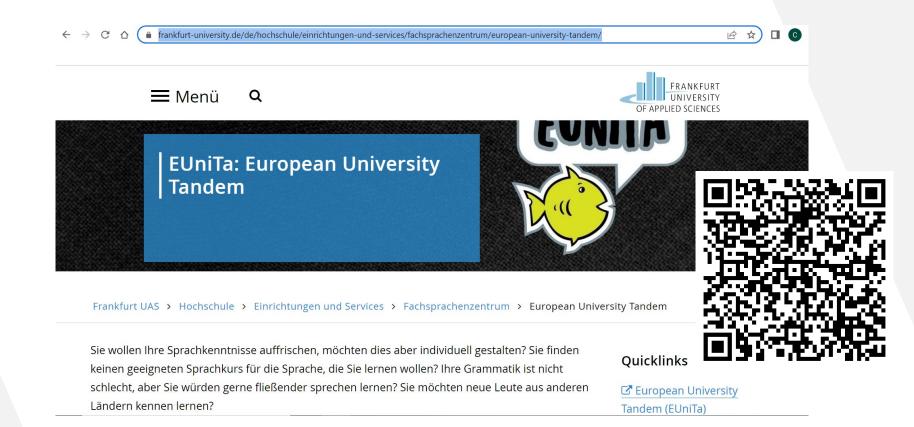




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What You Need to Do This Week

- Register for the course. After the deadline it is impossible to register and to get a grade for the module.
- Take Entrance Exam Online. Deadline to take Sprachtest: 31. Oktober 2025, 23:59
- Get a Script (pdf dowloand on campUAS)
- Get A Dictionary or Upload a Dictionary App from a Publisher

What You Need to Do This Week

- Decide If You Want to Take Other Language Courses at University Language Center
- Start working through the Exercises in the Script for Unit 1 pages 6 to 9. (the first of Unit 1 has two Sections: "Describing Technical Functions and Applications" and "Explaining How Technology Works").

Online Placement Test

The online placement test is used to determine where your strengths and weaknesses are. It will also help you to decide if you want to take additional English courses. You should complete the test the first week of the semester. Take it alone and without outside help so that we have an accurate idea of your skills.

Online Placement Test

The online test is available in your campUAS course room. In order to access the online placement exam, you must have a campUAS account. You can access the test via the FRA-UAS campUAS platform:

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Time is given to you in the first lesson to do this exam. If you have less than 50 points correct on the Online Placement Test you will need to strengthen your English throughout the semester.

Any questions???



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Thank You

See you in class next week.

Use remaining time to do the Entrance Exam on campUAS.