



VRIJE
UNIVERSITEIT
AMSTERDAM



CENTRE FOR
GLOBAL ENGLISH

1. Scope and programme

This course is intended for study advisors and support staff who need to communicate with international students and colleagues in English. We focus on the conversations you have in in your study advisor practice.

By the end of the course, you will have increased your English speaking and listening skills, you will be able to better handle variation in English, you will have expanded your English vocabulary, you will be able to apply conversation discourse strategies for handling difficulties in English conversation (e.g. understanding, cultural), and (where applicable), you will have gained more confidence in speaking English.

You will have opportunity to practise in small groups of 5 participants.

Scope

The course consists of four in-class sessions of two hours and four weeks of self-study in an online course (asynchronous). The group size is 5 participants.

Programme

Each week you will be introduced to key concepts in/central features of English speaking and listening and you will conduct exercises to develop your skills. In the in-class sessions we may also carry out role plays to practise concrete situations. We will pay attention to the following topics:

- * Week 1 (in-class, 2 hours): Understanding English in international communication
 - The concept of comprehensibility
 - Variation/diversity in English
 - Ear training; the linguistic features of different English accents, including our own accents
 - Attitudes to English accents
- * Week 2 (in-class, 2 hours): Speaking English in international communication
 - The concepts of intelligibility and credibility
 - Pronunciation, intonation
- * Week 3 (in-class, 2 hours): Working with words
 - English vocabulary expansion
 - Conversational discourse strategies
- * Weeks 4-7 (online, asynchronous, 3 hours per week): Self-study in the online course MOOC English Pronunciation in a Global World and preparation of a presentation
 - Opportunity to ask questions
- * Week 8 (in-class, 2 hours): Giving a presentation
 - Tips & Tricks

After the course: how to proceed?

You will be given advice how to further develop your English language skills after the end of the course.

2. Fees

Course:	Fees
Successful Communication in English	
- 4 in-class sessions of 2 hours - 4 weeks self-study in the online course MOOC English Pronunciation in a Global World - assessment of learner progress	<i>per person: € 350,-</i>
- group size: max 5 participants - course materials included - certification upon completion of the course (course attendance and course work)	

3. Dates

November/December 2023.

The course dates/times will be scheduled in consultation with the participants.

4. Location

The in-class sessions will be taught at VU campus; the location is to be announced.

5. Instructor

The course is taught by the Centre for Global English, Faculty of Humanities, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam <https://vu.nl/en/about-vu/research-institutes/centre-for-global-english>

6. Registration and contact information

For registration, please complete the registration form: <https://forms.gle/DttrcWuAfkbcUGtC6>

- Registration deadline: 2 October 2023

For any queries, please send an e-mail to the Centre of Global English course administration: cge@vu.nl, citing the course title: **Successful Communication in English**.

Before the start of the course, you will receive notification of the course location and you will be sent other information.