

# ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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- The ESP course is intended for students with at least **B1 – B2 level of English (intermediate – upper intermediate) \***
- Number of students per group is limited to **14**

Students are also recommended to take an online standardized test to find out what their level of English is.

In English, the EF SET (<https://www.efset.org/>) is the best choice because it is free and the first standardized test to be fully aligned to the CEFR. You will need to set aside 50 minutes to complete the test and find out your CEFR level.

*\*as based on CEFR (see the link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>)*

# Topics

## Winter Semester

- Planet Earth
  - Sustainable development
  - Environmental activists and organizations
  - Weather and climate
  - Climate variability and change
  - Biodiversity
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- The topics may be subject to change.

## Summer Semester

- Endangered species
- Water pollution
- Food and environment
- Air pollution
- Throw-away society
- Renewable energy

# Winter Semester

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## Planet Earth

- *history of our planet*
- *extinction events*

## Sustainable development

- *sustainability*
- *present simple and continuous*

## Environmental activists and organizations

- *past perfect and past simple*

## Weather and climate

- *weather, space weather*
- *climate regions*

## Climate variability and change

- *history of climate variability*
- *expressing future in English*

## Biodiversity

- *biodiversity hotspots*
- *conditionals*

# Summer Semester

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## Endangered species

- *IUCN Red List*

## Water pollution

- *water pollution and water shortage*
- *articles*

## Food and environment

- *food crisis, the world food supply*
- *verb patterns*

## Air pollution

- *air pollutants, ozone*
- *passive voice*

## Throw-away society

- *waste and recycling*

## Renewable energy

- *wind, solar and geothermal energy*

# Requirements

## Winter Semester

- Midterm test (45%)
- Listening Journal (*from a TEDtalk*) (10%)
- Final test (45%)

## Summer Semester

- Test (70%)
- Oral presentation (30%, *maximum 10 minutes*)

*Attendance: two absences allowed*

