

# ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

## SYSTEMATIC BIOLOGY

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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

- Vitamins
- Extinction of the Giants
- Mother of Man
- Choose a Living Earth
- Biodiversity
- Cloning

## Summer Semester

- Animal Cognition
- Epidemics and Pandemics
- Genetic Engineering
- Charles Darwin
- The Galapagos Islands

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# Winter Semester

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## Vitamins

- *water-soluble, fat-soluble vitamins*
- *relative clauses*

## Extinction of the Giants

- *extinction events*
- *irregular and foreign plurals*

## Mother of Man

- *human evolution*

## Choose a Living Earth

- *healthy eating habits, expressing opinion*
- *passive voice*
- *reported speech*

## Biodiversity

- *biodiversity, hotspots*

## Cloning

- *DNA structure*
- *Present perfect*

# Summer Semester

## Animal Cognition

- *cognition and animal behaviour*

## Frozen

- *Arctic fish and human tissues vs. freezing*

## Epidemics and pandemics

- *flu, symptoms and treatment, pandemic vs. epidemic*
- *conditional sentences*

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## Genetic Engineering

- *GM food*
- *prepositions*

## Charles Darwin

- *biography, Theory of Evolution*
- *tentative statements*

## The Galapagos Islands

- *endemic species*
- *invasive species*

# 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*

