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Language Department



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INFORMÁCIE PRE DOKTORANDOV / INFORMATION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Slovak Language for Foreign Doctoral Students - Summer Semester 2025/2026 (429 kB)

See the Presentation below providing all important information on the Professional English Course!

[Information for Doctoral Students—Presentation](#) (8.36 MB)

2026-2027 WINTER SEMESTER

Dear PhD students,

An Excel spreadsheet with concrete time slots, lecture rooms and face to face or online options (**only to external students**) are attached to this notification.

The spreadsheet needs to be signed no later than 14 September 2026.

Be assured all of you will be catered for and have a spot to participate at a course.

With regards,

Aneta Barnes and Mariana Hyžná

[PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH 1 2026-2027](#)

INFORMATION ON A NON-COMPULSORY TESTING:

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Aneta Barnes, MA
Mgr. Mariana Hyžná, PhD

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH I

Compulsory course

Form of Study: *seminar*

Number of Contact Hours (per week): 2

Method of Study:

face-to-face lessons (all faculty and SAV students)

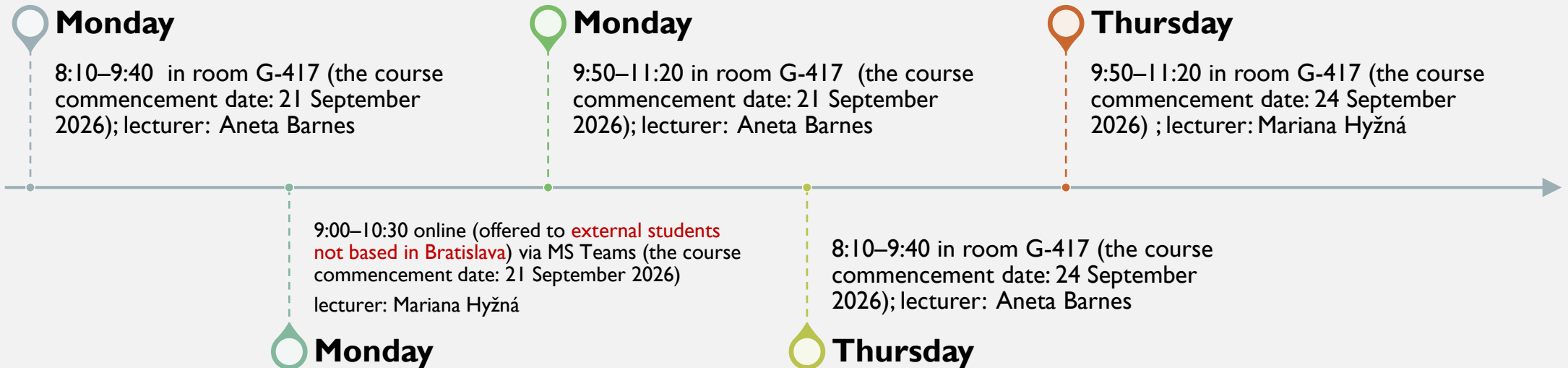
online lessons (for external students not based in Bratislava!)

Number of credits: 5

Semester: /st

- Theoretical and practical skills in professional **written communication** include appropriate structure of formal written texts (**emails, application forms, personal statements, cover letters, abstracts, scientific articles, paraphrasing, using citations, citing sources, etc.**). The course also focuses on theoretical explanation of correct delivery of oral texts, **professional presentations and discussions**. The course primary target is to facilitate PhD students with proficient usage of all the aspects of written and oral communication in various settings.
- **B2** level in English based on CEFR is required in order to pass this course.
- Seminars are only held in the **winter semester**.
- The number of students in one time slot is limited to **twenty**.
- Students can choose from **four or five offered time slots**.
- **The official start of the course is in the week starting 21st September 2026.**

TIME SLOTS OFFERED:



EXCEL SPREADSHEET

- Sign in no later than 14th September 2026
- a link to the spreadsheet on our web page
- tatiana.slovakova@uniba.sk

Materials to be printed out and brought to the first lesson:

[Academic vocabulary](#) (112 kB)

[Synonyms](#) (42 kB)

[Conventions to Writing a Scientific Article](#)

	PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH 1				
	WINTER SEMESTER				
	2026/2027				
			external students		
	face to face lessons		on-line lesson	face to face lessons	
	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
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EXEMPTIONS

All doctoral students who have earned a **C2** certificate, UNICERT certificate or have at least **C1** proficiency in English need to exclusively contact RNDr. Tatiana Slovákova, Ph.D. prior to signing up to the course. Please, do not contact the lecturers in this matter.

IELTS test results with a band score of at least **6.5** and corresponding **TOEFL** test results (higher than **79**) are also accepted.

After further consideration, these students might be exempt from attending this course.

IELTS[®] Band scores

- Band 9 - Expert User
- Band 8 - Very Good User
- Band 7 - Good User
- Band 6 - Competent User
- Band 5 - Modest User
- Band 4 - Limited User
- Band 3 - Extremely Limited User
- Band 2 - Intermittent User
- Band 1 - Non User

IELTS Score	TOEFL Score
9	118-120
8.5	115-117
8	110-114
7.5	102-109
7	94-101
6.5	79-93
6	60-78
5.5	46-59
5	35-45
4.5	32-34
0-4	0-31

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH I

*Information for foreign PhD
students*

LATE ARRIVALS

- Foreign PhD students who arrive in Slovakia later than three weeks after the official start of the winter semester are only allowed to join the course no later than **12 October 2026**.
- Doctoral students arriving in Slovakia later than 12 October are recommended to take the **Professional English I** course in the second year of their PhD studies.
- However, these students may attend the summer semester course **Professional English 2**, which is an **elective course**, starting February 2027.

Lecturer:
Aneta Barnes, MA
Mgr. Mariana Hyžná, PhD

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH 2

Elective course

Form of Study: *seminar*

Number of Contact Hours (per week): 2

Method of Study:

face-to-face lessons (all faculty and SAV students)

online (external students only)

Number of credits: 5

Semester: 2nd

- Theoretical and practical skills in professional writing communication in the English language as a follow up to prior gained knowledge in the previous semester encompass **writing professional résumés, summaries, lay summaries, responses to job interview questions, professional CVs, comparing and contrasting in scientific articles, etc.** Professional oral communication focusses on research-based scientific presentations and effectively led discussions.
- **BI** level in English is required in order to pass this course.
- Seminars are held in **summer semester**.
- Number of students in one time slot is limited to **twenty**.
- Students can choose from **three offered time slots**.
- **Prerequisites:** Professional English 1
- Please note! The **exemptions based on certificates cannot be applied** since the Professional English 2 course is elective, i.e., students are not required to enrol in it.

TEST

Voluntary testing – the decision to take the test is left entirely to the doctoral student.

It is advised the test to be taken by the course's participants during the month of *January/February* with the purpose of reference letters.

The *final mark* for the course will *not be* affected by the test results.

Information on how to *sign up* for the test can be found on the website.

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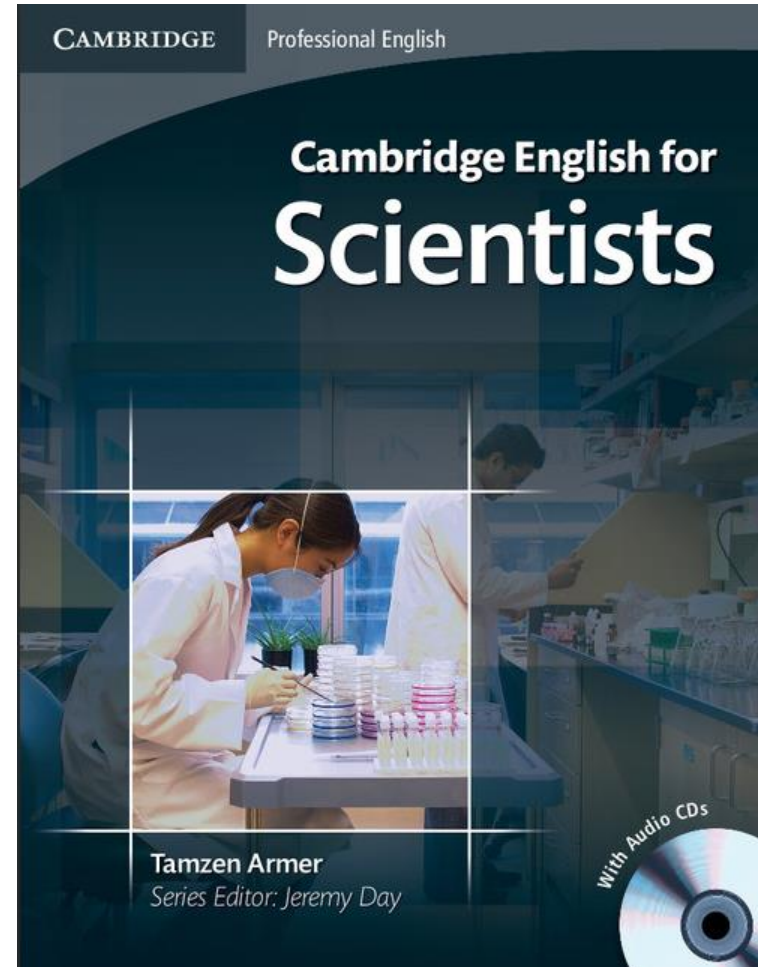
- **Diagnostic test / B2 level:** based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- **Academic writing vocabulary:** material provided at the beginning of the 1st semester
- **Reading test:** reading comprehension (20 minutes)
- **Listening test:** listening comprehension (15 minutes)
- Material for each part of the tests is carefully chosen and customised for the PhD students every school year.

Outcome:

- the test results will allow the Language department to provide a **reference letter** in the likely event of doctoral and postdoctoral students requiring confirmation of their language proficiency;
- at the test conclusion, students will obtain appropriate information on their level of English proficiency.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Cambridge English for Scientists



ELECTIVE COURSE

SLOVAK FOR FOREIGN DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Lecturer: Karin Rózsová Wolfová

karin.rozsova(at)uniba.sk

Slovak for Foreign Doctoral Students 1

number of credits: 3; 2 60 minute sessions per week

Slovak for Foreign Doctoral Students 2

number of credits: 2; 2 60 minute sessions per week

Slovak for Foreign Doctoral Students 3

number of credits: 2; 2 60 minute sessions per week

Slovak for Foreign Doctoral Students 4

number of credits: 2; 2 60 minute sessions per week

<https://fns.uniba.sk/index.php?id=25517>



The poster is for a 'Slovak course for doctoral students' at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava. It features a blue header with a map of Slovakia and the university logo. The main title is in large white letters. Below the title, it specifies the 'Winter term 2026/2027'. The poster is divided into sections for 'SCHEDULE:', 'DURATION:', and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION:'. The schedule lists four groups (A1.1, A1.2, A2.1, A2.2) with their respective days and times. The duration section lists two dates: 21 September 2026 and 18 December 2026. The information section provides the location (Room C 211A) and the lecturer's contact information (karin.rozsova@uniba.sk). A small icon of two speech bubbles is also present.

Slovak course for doctoral students

Winter term 2026/2027

SCHEDULE:

- Group A1.1 (Slovak 1) Wednesday (13.10-14.40)
- Group A1.2 (Slovak 2) Monday (13.10-14.40)
- Group A2.1 (Slovak 3) Monday (11.30-13.00)
- Group A2.2 (Slovak 4) Monday (11.30-13.00)

DURATION:

21 September 2026

18 December 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Room C 211A
Department of Languages

Faculty of Natural Sciences
of Comenius University
Ilkovičova 6, Mlynská dolina,
Bratislava

@ karin.rozsova@uniba.sk
Mgr. Karin Rózsová Wolfová

You will learn the basics of Slovak language necessary for standard everyday communication, basic vocabulary and grammar.

<https://fns.uniba.sk/index.php?id=25517>

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Lecturer: Karin Rózsová Wolfová

[karin.rozsova\(at\)uniba.sk](mailto:karin.rozsova(at)uniba.sk)

Doctoral students are also encouraged to enroll on a **German language course** that is part of the master's studies curriculum.

This course is catered for students who did not take this course during their master's studies.

Number of credits: 2



CLIL

Lecturer: Mgr. Barbara Kordíková, PhD.
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Doctoral students are also encouraged to enroll on a **CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)** course that is part of the master's studies curriculum. Participants may acquire new linguistic and didactic skills aimed at effective and innovative teaching methods.

1st meeting: date: 29 September 2026, time: 1:10 pm, venue: B201

Number of credits: 2

- Máš okrem štúdia prírodovedných predmetov záľubu v cudzích jazykoch?
- Je pre teba interkultúrne prostredie atraktívnu výzvou?
- Si typ človeka, ktorý nerád stagnuje a rád sa učí niečo nové?
- Máš ambície učiť v cudzom jazyku na CLIL, medzinárodnej škole alebo bilingválnom gymnázii?
- Chceš sa dozvedieť viac o vyučovaní metódou CLIL?

CLIL

Integrované vyučovanie prírodovedného predmetu a jazyka

2-semestrálny predmet určený pre študentov 1. roč. Mgr. štúdia

UČITEĽSTVA

vhodný pre študentov všetkých učiteľských kombinácií vyučovaný interaktívne, slovensko-anglicky

- metódy orientované na žiaka
- aktivizácia žiaka
- dôraz na tímovú prácu
- rozvoj vyšších kognitívnych funkcií
- interkultúrne povedomie, tolerancia, flexibilita kritické a kreatívne myslenie
- motivujúci prístup (použitie cudzieho jazyka v zmysluplných situáciách)
- max. 30 - 50 % obsahu predmetu v cudzom jazyku

výberový predmet

So záujmom alebo otázkami kontaktuj: barbara.kordikova@uniba.sk

<https://fns.uniba.sk/clil/>