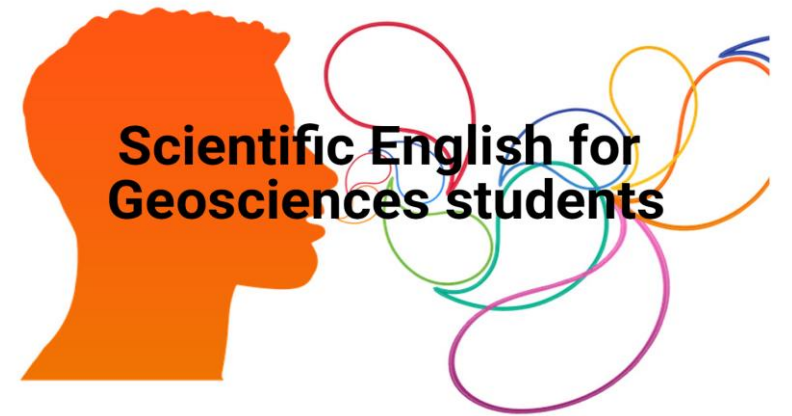MANDATORY

Prof. Monica Borg (University of Birmingham)

Scientific English for Geosciences students

75% ATTENDANCE MINIMUM

Scientific English for Geosciences students

(Lecturer: Prof. Monica Borg)

Course Description
This course in Scientific English is specifically designed for PhD students who need to develop and consolidate their communicative skills in order to be able to present both in the oral and written forms their projects and research findings to academic audiences.

Although linguistic and grammatical proficiency will be targeted as we progress, the course will predominantly consist of practice-based activities such as: writing and delivering presentations; writing abstracts and presenting posters.   The articles discussed and presented in class will deal with recent discoveries in the field in areas such as: air pollution, earthquake technology; environmental pollution; environmental bacteria; plant genes; mineral deposits; Climactic changes. Time will also be dedicated to identifying good practice such as the presentation skills of expert scientists. In line with the recent academic emphasis on knowledge transfer and research impact, students will be encouraged to reflect on ways in which presentations can be pitched to suit specialist as well as non-specialist audiences.

Course Objectives
By the end of this course students will be able to:
•Understand the principles of abstracts and presentations; •Read abstracts from scientific journals and present them in class
•Write abstracts of scientific articles and present them in class; •Plan and write research papers; •Prepare an abstract and a power-point for their annual presentation.

Assessment Students will be assessed through a short (15-20 minute) power-point presentation at the end of the course. Any administrative queries about this are to be addressed to Prof. C. Agnini.

Attendance
This course is compulsory for all PhD students reading for a Doctoral Degree in the Department of Geosciences, The University of Padova. Therefore:
•an attendance record will be kept; •when unable to attend for a good reason, (fieldwork; work abroad etc.) students will be expected to present a letter written by their supervisor to justify their absence. This can either be handed to me or emailed to borgmg@bham.ac.uk;
•Individual absences due to illness can also be communicated to me by email. More prolonged absences will need to be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.

SCHEDULE: May 27/June 27- see SCHEDULE for details
LOCATION: telematic due to COVID-19 emergency

Scientific English for Geosciences students
Schedule II semester 2019-2020

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