LANG2082 Communication for Environmental Management and Technology I

1. Course Information
   LANG2082 is a two-credit, one semester core course offered to students from the Interdisciplinary Programs Office. The course aims to develop students’ competence in discipline-related English, specifically communicating topics in the field of Environmental Management and Technology (EVMT) to a general public audience. Students attend two hours of class per week. The course is offered in the Fall semester. The course focuses on three areas:

   Communicating Environmental Management and Technology
   Students will explore the importance of the field of EVMT and learn how to communicate its impact to a general public audience. Speaking skills, particularly with use of voice, will also be examined.

   Journalistic-style writing
   By examining and discussing topics in EVMT, students learn the writing skills required to produce a journalistic-style article.

   TED-style talks
   Students will learn how to present in the style of a TED talk through video samples and practice. Presentation and delivery skills will be examined.

2. Pre-requisites: LANG1002 and LANG1003.

3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes
   a. be able to articulate a variety of environmental positions on different issues and evaluate these different perspectives.
   b. identify specific strategies used to engage readers and convey information in different reading genres relevant to the fields of environmental management and technology.
   c. apply these specific features used to engage readers and convey information in a set of oral and written assignments on environmental management and technology.
   d. identify characteristics of effective presentations, and develop the necessary communication skills of articulation, pace and voice projection.
   e. collaborate with peers to discuss environmental management issues and present collective findings.

4. Course Assessment
5. Course Content

**Part 1 Communicating EVMT**
- Talking about the impact of EVMT
- Communicating EVMT to different audience types
- Examining presentation skills: use of voice

**Part 2 Journalistic style-writing**
- Examining journalistic-style writing through written samples
- Discussing a variety of EVMT topics: logging, climate change, water management, plastic

**Part 3 TED-style talks**
- Examining features of TED talks
- Enhancing presentation skills and delivery
- Practicing your presentation