

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

Assessment	Weighting	ILOs
Video to inspire interest on the impact of EVMT	25%	a, b, c, d
Magazine-style article on an EVMT issue	40%	a, b, c, e
TED-style talk on an EVMT issue	35%	a, b, c, d

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