

Military English

COURSE LEADERS

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COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' STUDENTS

- Der Angebotene Sprachkurs „Military English“ wird durch zwei Lehrer unterrichtet die selbst als Stabsoffiziere in der British Army dienten und somit nicht nur Muttersprachler sind, sondern sich erstens in die Studierenden Offiziere und Offizieranwärter hineinversetzen können und zweitens mit den Feinheiten des militärischen Sprachgebrauches vertraut sind. ...bietet dieser Kurs die Möglichkeit, militärische Kultur jenseits der der Bundeswehr kennenzulernen und durch die angenehme Lernatmosphäre auch ein nicht zu unterschätzendes Maß an Abwechslung vom Studienalltag.
- Zwanglos und mit viel britischem Humor habe ich so in den „Military English“ Seminaren über drei Trimester jeden Dienstagnachmittag spannende Diskussionen, Filme und technische Einblicke in verschiedene Teilstreitkräfte genossen und mich ganz nebenbei an die Nutzung der NATO-Militärsprache und dem Verfassen von standardisierten NATO-Reports gewöhnt.
- Die Themen sind höchst vielfältig und bilden das gesamte militärische Spektrum ab. Vom „hybriden Krieg“ über Terrorismusbekämpfung bis hin zur Seekriegsführung. Das bedeutet auch, dass man in diesen Bereichen sein Vokabular deutlich ausbaut... Alle verfassten Texte werden in einem Portfolio gesammelt und korrigiert. Von Zeit zu Zeit bekommt man einen Überblick über die häufigsten Fehler, die in den Texten der gesamten Gruppe auftauchen. Vor allem aber das persönliche Feedback der erfahrenen Lehrer zu den eigenen NATO Reports hilft dabei, sich stetig zu verbessern. Das wird einem spätestens am Ende des Terms deutlich bewusst, wenn man noch einmal das ganze eigene Portfolio vor sich hat.

AIMS OF THE MODULE

YOU WILL FINISH THE COURSE BEING ABLE TO:

- give competent formal military briefings in English
- write a report in standard NATO format
- understand a wide variety of English accents, not just American and British, but South African, Australian, Nigerian, Indian, etc.
- communicate competently on a whole range of military topics.

METHODOLOGY

TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS YOU WILL:

- read, make notes on, and brief on, a variety of authentic military texts
- listen to, take notes on and critically analyse, authentic audio and video material
- write an ongoing portfolio, in which you will see your written English improve from week to week
- take part in a variety of role plays designed to simulate real operational situations
- take part every week in focussed discussions
- regularly prepare and deliver briefings

COURSE CONTENT

Military Organisation and Assets

Privatisation of Warfare

Land Forces Operations

Military Traditions and Etiquette

Terrorism

Air Operations

Logistics

Personnel, Recruiting and Reserves

Training

Naval Operations

Future war

Media and Information Warfare

Intelligence

Child soldiers

EXTRA CONTENT

Military affairs are constantly evolving and developing and the course material will change to reflect such changes. For example, some of the issues that we have examined in recent years include:

- The ongoing conflict in Ukraine
- Irregular and hybrid warfare by state- and non-state actors
- The rise of ISIS in the Middle East and Boko Haram in the Sahel
- The war in Syria
- Events in China especially the development and expansion of the Chinese navy and infrastructure initiatives in the South China sea
- Terror attacks in Germany, France and the UK and the use of social media for terrorist command and control and as a tool for influence operations

.... and much more.

STUDENT DRIVEN CONTENT

The focus of the course is on improving all your language skills, however the subject matter can to some extent be driven by the students themselves.

Military English is a branch of Language Teaching called 'English for Special Purposes' (ESP) and ESP is based on the principle of 'student ownership' of the course. The more ideas and inputs that come from you the better, and the more interesting the course.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

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- Military English is a module aimed at students from all faculties
- Successfully completing this course will get you 4 credit points for your Bachelor. You can also refresh your SLP or just improve your English
- You need to have at least an SLP (HMLS) of 3332 already

LENGTH OF COURSE AND HOURS PER WEEK

- The course runs for 3 terms: Autumn 2023, Winter and Spring 2024
- There is one class per week which is 90 minutes long and there are 4 times to choose from. Details are on the next slide
- There will be a homework assignment each week, typically reading, writing, or a piece of research. This assignment is integral to the course and counts towards your Bachelor points.
- Normally we will be working on campus (Room 1158) but occasionally we may have to work online (MS Teams). The first class will be on campus, in Room 1158 on Wednesday 4 October.
- Maximum number of students per class: 14

CLASS TIMES AND ROOMS

THE TIMING OF THE CLASSES AND THE ROOMS IN WHICH THEY WILL TAKE PLACE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS, STARTING ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER:

- Tuesday 0800-0930 1158
- Wednesday 1130-1300 1158
- Wednesday 1400-1530 1158
- Wednesday 1545-1715 1158

CREDIT POINTS

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR CREDIT POINTS?

- A 20 minute oral exam including a presentation and discussion
- A continually assessed writing portfolio compiled during the course
- You will have 3 attempts in total to successfully complete the oral and writing requirements of M₃ and S₃

REGISTERING FOR CLASS

- Register for the module on Campus Management
- Registration: Between 27th September to 30th September 2023
- Questions concerning the deadline or CMS: contact either Dr. Novo in room 1124 or via e.mail at novo@hsu-hh.de or Frau Henning in room 1122 or via e-mail at melanie.henning@hsu-hh.de

A FINAL THOUGHT

"Hard in training: easy in battle"

Generalissimo Alexander Suvorov