

Department	I – Business and Social Sciences / <i>Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftswissenschaften</i>
Degree level	Bachelor's
Degree programs	Business Administration and Engineering – Mechanical Engineering / Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen/ Maschinenbau
Type of instruction	Exercise
Credits	5
Availability	Winter semester
Hours/week	4

Course number	B06
English title / German title	English in Business and Technology / <i>Englisch in Geschäftswelt und Technik</i>
Credits	5 Cr
Weekly hours / Type of course	4 hours per week during the lecture period of the semester
Field(s) of knowledge	Interdisciplinary fundamentals of business and technology
Learning objectives / Competencies	<p>Professional competencies:</p> <p>Students command the basic vocabulary for describing the interrelations of business and technology (focus on lexis) and can communicate in English on technical and business topics (focus on phraseology, fluent speech). They can employ grammar, for example the employment of tenses, for the most part free of errors (focus on grammar).</p> <p>Students can describe and critically discuss cultural differences and their significance for the working world (focus on interculturality). They can filter out the desired information from a relevant technical/business text (focus on reading comprehension). They can reliably handle and solve listening exercises with language variants and non-native accents with increasing success (development of listening comprehension) as well as initially formulate brief texts relevant to business and technology, for the most part free of errors (development of writing skills in English).</p> <p>Interdisciplinary competencies:</p> <p>Students are capable of solving assigned tasks/projects with partners or in groups and present the solutions (cooperation abilities). They learn to reflect critically on recent research or trends in business and technology and discuss and take on positions regarding their own fields of work as well as handle language tasks (through provided aids) with increasing independence.</p>
Requirements	Level of English: Level A2/B1 in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
Level of difficulty	First semester of the degree program
Type of course	Exercises with focus on cooperative forms of pair and group work, role plays and case studies
Status*	Required course
Semester(s) on offer	Winter semester

Form of assessment	All modalities of performance assessment are provided in an understandable written manner within the course registration period. This information includes the type, amount and date of the required performance assessment, if applicable the requirements regarding student participation within the framework of the course as well as criteria for the determination of the course grade. The following modalities are valid if the instructor does not specify otherwise: written examinations.
Calculation of the course grade	Exercise 100%
Recognition of alternative courses*	Course of comparable contents
Contents	Basic business topics like company organization, business competition, mergers, takeovers, retail and wholesale trade, marketing sales and distribution. Fundamental technical processes like how motors work, manufacturing processes and aspects of materials technology.
Literature	To be announced in class
Further information	This course is offered in English. Students can alternatively take courses for other foreign languages if at the beginning of their studies they can provide certification of a level of English proficiency equivalent to C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.*

* Only relevant for Beuth students enrolled in a degree program.