

English Presentations for Engineers Workshop 2023

Fundamentals of Academic & Product Presentations for Engineering Students

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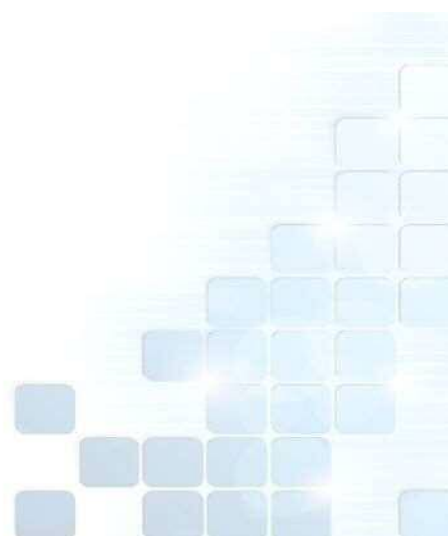
Many engineering students and researchers do not initially realize the extent to which English ability, particularly **skills for delivering technical presentations**, will be required as they pursue their careers in both industry and academia. Whether it be at an **international academic conference**, or communicating with foreign clients for an industrial company, **being able to competently deliver a presentation in English has become an indispensable skill set for engineers in an increasingly globalizing world.**



Unfortunately, there are limited opportunities for students to develop these highly specialized skills in a classroom setting, and engineers find themselves having to learn as they go in highly stressful “sink or swim” real-world situations. **In fact, giving a presentation in English is often reported to be one of the most stressful and difficult tasks for engineers in Japan.**

In order to address this issue, the EERC at Yamaguchi University is offering the short course “English Presentations for Engineers” to **graduate students and researchers who wish to improve their English presentation skills**. The course curriculum and textbook were specifically tailored to address the needs of engineers giving technical presentations, and the classes offer **individualized support from a native instructor with experience in teaching at industrial companies in Japan**. Through active participation and goal-oriented teamwork, the course aims to develop the following:

- ✧ Vocabulary and expressions relevant to giving technical presentations, including **describing data, explaining processes**, and **presenting visual information**
- ✧ Communication strategies for **dealing with Q&A sessions** and participating in formal and informal discussions
- ✧ Skills related to **making effective presentation materials** and **public speaking**
- ✧ Interact with others of **different disciplines** and **broaden one’s general scientific knowledge**



The course will be conducted over an eight-week period starting October 16th, and the deadline to apply is 10/13. Classes will be held face-to-face on **Monday** from **12:50~14:20**. **Students who enroll in this course will create and deliver a short presentation in English about their current research activities on the final day of class.** All graduate students, regardless of their skill level, are encouraged to attend. Don’t miss this valuable opportunity to improve your professional English skills!