



### Course Description

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English 211 is an oral presentation course designed with the aim of equipping students with the essential speaking skills they need to cope with the English language as medium of instruction. Therefore, the course revolves around two main focuses: Academic speaking and presentation skills. To this end, the course offers a theme-based approach where all four skills are integrated to foster various speaking opportunities.

### Course Aims & Objectives

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#### **SPEAKING:**

- Building speaking confidence
- Adjusting language to spoken discourse
- Using appropriate transitions and signposts  
Integrating literature research into a presentation
- Expressing and supporting opinions  
Preparing & using audio-visual aids
- Delivering a speech/presentation
- Presenting information in an organized way
- Asking and answering questions
- Giving an oral synthesis
- Reacting to an idea
- Taking part in discussions and debates
- Using correct pronunciation, stress and intonation

#### **READING:**

- Reading for the main idea
- Reading for specific information
- Making inferences & interpretations
- Reading between the lines
- Identifying different opinions
- Evaluating different viewpoints
- Making connections between ideas
- Reading extensively to gather data
- Expanding vocabulary & activating passive vocabulary

#### **LISTENING:**

- Listening between the lines
- Listening for specific information
- Listening for the main idea
- Note taking

#### **WRITING:**

- Synthesizing
- Paraphrasing
- Summarizing

### Course Material

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Duzan, C., & Yalçın, E. (2014). *The compass: Route to academic speaking*. Nüans Press.

METU OpenCourseWare: <http://ocw.metu.edu.tr/course/view.php?id=252>

## Requirements

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Students are required to

- attend classes regularly and participate in them actively.
- meet presentation deadlines and be in class on the day they are assigned to present. Students with unexcused absences (those who do not have an official medical report) will **not be given a makeup**.
- upload their Presentation 1, Presentation 2 and Final Presentation slides to **Turnitin**. If they fail to submit their slides, **their presentation will not be graded**. They will receive **0** (zero) for the assignment.
- give the Final Presentation on a different topic than the one they present in Presentation 1 & Presentation 2.
- give the Final Presentation. Otherwise, they will be given an **“NA” grade**.

## Academic Integrity

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MLD requires all students to observe the highest ethical standards in their academic work. Students who engage in unethical practices and/or conspire with others will become subject to disciplinary procedures.

If Turnitin detects plagiarism in your submitted work, you will be penalized based on the plagiarism policy of Department of Modern Languages. (See <http://www.mld.metu.edu.tr/node/202> for more information).

## Assessment

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Presentation 1	10%
Presentation 2	20%
Speaking	20%
Speech Analysis Report	10%
Participation	10%
<b>FINAL PRESENTATION</b>	<b>30%</b>

\* If you fail to complete more than 40% of all the graded tasks, you will receive an **NA** grade.

## Reminder

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To obtain disability related academic adjustments, students with disabilities must contact the course instructor and the METU Disability Support Office as soon as possible. If you need any accommodation because of your disabling condition, please visit the website of METU Disability Support Office:

<https://engelsiz.metu.edu.tr>