



Arch. Tom Rankin ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COURSES

AA 2017-18 Course Program **1st Semester**

BCVR (ICI) Ingegneria Civile Roma

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Fridays 9:00 Via Eudossiana 18, Roma (Aula 20)

FINALITA' *Il seminario ha lo scopo di offrire agli studenti un'opportunità di praticare l'inglese orale e scritto in un contesto internazionale, lavorando su questioni concreti di rilevanza attuale.*

Le lezioni sono aperte a tutti senza obblighi e non danno crediti formativi.

INTRODUCTION

This review of basic grammatical concepts and structures is a technically-oriented language course for non-native students who have a simple knowledge of spoken and written English. It will emphasize general academic vocabulary development, extensive reading and listening comprehension, sentence structure and grammar, and writing and speaking improvement using technically-focused materials and, where possible, small-group interaction. Content will be drawn in particular from the discipline of Civil and Building Engineering.

At the end of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate:

- an ability to communicate verbally in correct English basic concepts of a practical and technical nature.
- an improved vocabulary related to daily speech and scientific communication;
- reading skills related to scientific and general texts written in English.

Students will be expected to come with an lower-intermediate (B1) level and participate actively in the class activities. ORGANIZATION

Lessons are divided into two main phases: 1. focus on grammatical structures 2. reading and oral

communication. Grammatical structures and parts of speech addressed include:

- Verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections
- present tense: affirmative, negative, questions
- future expression
- present perfect and past tenses
- comparatives
- conditional tenses
- phrasal verbs

The practical applications of the course will include reading and discussion of articles on technical subjects and viewing of short documentaries, talks and interviews.

EVALUATION

The final evaluation will be based on the student's demonstrated oral language skills in class.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The principal texts read in the course will be taken from:

Murphy, R. **Intermediate Grammar in Use** (Cambridge University Press)

Ibbotson M. **Cambridge English for Engineering** (Cambridge University Press)

Technical articles from professional architecture and construction journals and viewing of on-line lectures and documentaries.