

SEA-EU Virtual Language Courses
University of Algarve — Course Listings 2026

English for Professional Settings

Language: English | **Start–End Date:** 29 September – 29 October 2026 | **Level:** B1

A practical English course designed to help participants communicate effectively in professional and workplace situations at an independent-user level (B1): describing academic background, skills and experience; handling job interviews; writing CVs and professional statements; and developing intercultural awareness in recruitment contexts.

More info

Target group: General (SEA-EU students and staff)

Prerequisites / Language level: B1 (CEFR)

Course offered by: SEA-EU / University of Algarve

Course teacher: Vanessa Oliveira

Contact person / Information: vonunes@ualg.pt; ncosta@ualg.pt; pegousa@ualg.pt

Total workload: 15 hours (10 lessons × 1.5 h)

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 17:30–19:00

Dates: 29 Sep; 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Oct 2026

Enrolment deadline: September 22nd

Delivery mode: Remote learning (online)

Technical requirements: Laptop/PC with stable internet connection, camera and microphone

Detailed description

By the end of this course, participants will be able to communicate effectively in professional and workplace situations in English at an independent-user level (B1): describing their academic background, skills and experience; answering and asking interview questions with appropriate register; writing concise CV entries and short professional statements; using workplace vocabulary; and showing awareness of intercultural expectations in recruitment.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Introduce themselves and describe their role, responsibilities, background, skills and experience
- Describe achievements using the STAR structure (Situation–Task–Action–Result)
- Answer common and behavioural interview questions with appropriate register
- Ask relevant and politely framed questions during interviews
- Make and soften requests; express opinions and disagree diplomatically
- Write CV entries, cover letters and professional statements
- Write professional emails (requests, follow-up)
- Demonstrate intercultural awareness in recruitment contexts

A certificate of participation will be issued upon attendance to >75% of the course.

[Application link](#)

English for Conference Presentations

Language: English | Start–End Date: 3 November – 10 December 2026 | Level: B1

A course for university staff aiming to deliver clear, well-structured presentations at academic and professional conferences in English at an independent-user level (B1): structuring a presentation, using audience-appropriate academic English, describing research with precision, managing visual aids, and handling audience questions with intercultural awareness.

More info

Target group: University staff (academic)

Prerequisites / Language level: B1 (CEFR)

Course offered by: University of Algarve

Course teacher: Vanessa Oliveira

Contact person / Information: vonunes@ualg.pt; ncosta@ualg.pt; pegousa@ualg.pt

Total workload: 15 hours (10 lessons × 1.5 h)

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays (November); Thursdays only (December), 17:30–19:00

Dates: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Nov; 3, 10 Dec 2026

Enrolment deadline: October 27th

Delivery mode: Remote learning (online)

Technical requirements: Laptop/PC with stable internet connection, camera and microphone

Detailed description

By the end of this course, university staff will be able to deliver clear, well-structured presentations at academic and professional conferences in English at an independent-user level (B1): structuring a presentation; using clear, audience-appropriate academic English; describing research aims, methods and results with precision; managing visual aids (slides, charts); and handling audience questions, with intercultural awareness.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Open a presentation: introduce themselves, the topic and its relevance; state aims
- Structure, signpost, sequence and transition between sections
- Describe research aims, methods and procedures
- Present and interpret data; describe trends; compare results
- Highlight key findings and make cautious claims (hedging)
- Explain visuals (slides, charts) and direct audience attention
- Handle questions: clarify, reformulate and respond diplomatically
- Network and deliver a short pitch
- Show intercultural awareness with international audiences

A certificate of participation will be issued upon attendance to >75% of the course.

[Application link](#)

Mediating Specialised Discourse in English (2nd edition)

Language: English | Start–End Date: 6–27 October 2026 | Level: B1

A course designed to develop participants' skills in mediating specialised knowledge for academic outreach contexts, with a focus on audience-aware communication to enhance knowledge transfer and accessibility.

More info

Target group: Master's and PhD students, lecturers, and researchers in marine sciences

Prerequisites / Language level: B1 (CEFR)

Course offered by: University of Algarve

Course teacher: Sandra Isabel Rodrigues

Contact person / Information: siprodrigues@ualg.pt; ncosta@ualg.pt; peqousa@ualg.pt

Total workload: 15 hours (2 sessions per week × 2 hours)

Schedule: Tuesdays and Fridays

Dates: 6 October to 27 October 2026

Enrolment deadline: September 29th

Delivery mode: Fully online (synchronous sessions)

Detailed description

This 15-hour course develops participants' ability to activate discourse and language-use strategies to mediate specialised vocabulary, terminology and phraseology according to audience and communicative purpose. The course adopts a discourse-centred and action-oriented approach, combining discourse-focused activities (reception, mediation) with action-oriented scenarios (interaction, production), and is based on CEFR 2020 guidelines for language mediation.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Apply discourse strategies to mediate specialised vocabulary, terminology and phraseology for diverse audiences
- Adapt communication (language, style and register) to suit specific purposes and audiences in academic outreach contexts
- Clarify complex concepts through paraphrasing, reformulation, and the use of synonyms, antonyms, hypernyms and hyponyms
- Facilitate understanding through comparisons, metaphors, analogies and examples
- Transform and adapt specialised texts across genres and registers (e.g., adapting a research paper for a public audience)

A certificate of attendance will be awarded upon satisfactory participation and attendance.

[Application link](#)

Portuguese Language Course (A1.1)

Language: Portuguese | **Start–End Date:** 13 October – 5 November 2026 | **Level:** A1

An introductory Portuguese course for participants with no prior knowledge of the language, focused on basic communicative and grammatical structures for everyday and academic situations.

More info

Target group: University staff (academic)

Prerequisites / Language level: None

Course offered by: University of Algarve

Course teacher: Sara Vitorino Fernandez

Contact person / Information: svfernandez@ualg.pt; ncosta@ualg.pt; peqousa@ualg.pt

Total workload: 15 hours

Schedule: 09:00–11:00

Dates: 13 October to 5 November 2026 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Enrolment deadline: October 6th

Delivery mode: Online

Detailed description

By the end of this course, using basic grammatical and communicative structures, participants will be able to interact (orally and in writing) using familiar words and basic sentences to describe personal details and simple academic situations; write short context-driven texts including time, date and place; and fill in forms with personal information.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Greet others
- Share personal details
- Enquire about and state the time, and talk about locations
- Discuss daily habits and routines

A certificate of participation will be issued upon attendance to >75% of the course.

[Application link](#)