

**Winter English course, Jan. 13 – 16, 2025**  
**Preparation for the format of the English exam required of Ph.D. students**

Dear colleagues,

The Department of Foreign Languages at the Faculty of Science of Palacký University organizes an intense English course for doctoral students, meant as a preparation for the format of the required VCJ/PGSAJ English exam. It cannot supplant a long-term study of English, but the instructors can make sure, among other things, that students get familiar with the basic rules of academic writing, get oriented in useful reading methods, and get to know the sources for the listening part of the exam.

Basic information about the course:

- The course will take place from Jan. 13 to Jan. 16, 2025 (Mon-Thu) in the building of the Faculty of Science located at tř. 17. listopadu 12.
- The goal of the course is to prepare Ph.D. students for the format and methods of evaluation of all the four parts of the VCJ/PG(S)AJ English exam required of doctoral students, namely *Listening, Reading, Writing, and Presentation in English*.
- Two 90-minute classes will be devoted to each part of the exam.
- The classes will take place from Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in three teaching sessions.
- On Thursday students will take the written part of the mock exam (Listening, Reading, and Writing) from 9 a.m. to approximately 12.30 p.m. Presentations in English (the spoken part of the mock exam) will take place on Monday morning, Jan. 20.
- If a Ph.D. student scores 70% in any of the four parts of the exam or if their mock presentation in English is excellent, the requirement to take this part will be waived.
- The registration fee is 500 CZK and will be collected at the beginning of the course.
- If you would like to participate in the course, send the application to [lucie.vankova@upol.cz](mailto:lucie.vankova@upol.cz) no later than Dec. 13, 2024.

Last year the course met with a considerable response from doctoral students, and we hope that this year the response will be similar. Wishing you a nice day,

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