



## General Purpose ESP Program Design ESPプログラムデザインの一般化

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## Outline

- What is English for Specific Purposes?
  - ESP *defined* (again?)
- What do our learners *need* to study?
- How *specific* is English for Specific Purposes?
- Can it *really work* in practice?
  - General Purpose ESP: Real-world *ESP Program Design*

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## What is ESP?

Google Ranking: No. 1-3  
**Extra Sensory Perception**

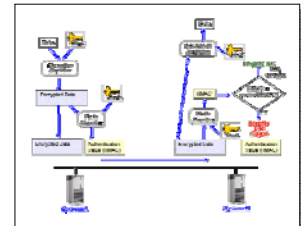


<http://science.howstuffworks.com/esp1.htm>

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## What is ESP?

Google Ranking: No. 4  
**Encapsulating Security Payload**



<http://docs.hp.com/en/J4256-90015/ch01s02.html>

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## What is ESP?

Google Ranking: No. 5  
**English for Specific Purposes**

**English for Specific Purposes:  
What does it mean? Why is it different?**  
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JALT CUE-Sig. On-CUE Newsletter (1997)



<http://www.antlab.sci.waseda.ac.jp/abstracts/ESPparticle.html>

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## What is ESP?

- Definition of ESP (Dudley-Evans, T. & St. John, M. J., 1998)
  - Absolute Characteristics
    - ESP is defined to meet **specific needs** of the learner;
    - ESP makes use of the **underlying methodology** and **activities** of the discipline it serves;
    - ESP is centered on the **language** (grammar, lexis, register), **skills**, **discourse**, and **genres** appropriate to these activities.

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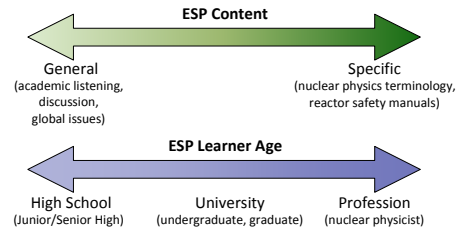
## What do learners *need* to study?

- Is a General Proficiency Test Preparation Course (e.g. Eiken, TOEIC, TOEFL) an example of ESP?
  - YES: English will be needed...
    - **Where:** in an official test center
    - **When:** once before graduation
    - **How:** to successfully answer as many multiple choice questions as possible
  - BUT...
    - Does the course serve the needs of students before or after the test?
    - Does studying how to answer multiple choice questions on a General Proficiency Test destroy the reliability of the test?
    - (Do students want to do this?... Why?)

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## How specific is ESP?

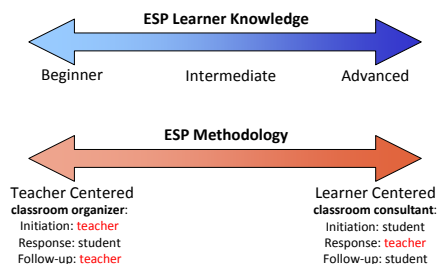
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- I have to teach an ESP course for nuclear physicists! What should I do?
  - If a teacher does not know nuclear physics, can he/she teach nuclear physics terminology?
    - NO!**
  - Can he/she adopt an ESP approach?
    - YES!**
- How?
  - by adopting a suitable role in the classroom
  - by choosing suitable content depending on the learner age, and knowledge
  - by designing suitable methods/activities that meet the needs of the learners

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## Can it *really work* in practice?

- Impossible for teachers?
  - ESP Practitioner Roles (Dudley-Evans, T. & St. John, M. J., 1998)
    - teacher
    - collaborator
    - researcher
    - course designer
    - materials provider
    - evaluator
  - Who has the time to do this?
  - Where is the support?
    - textbooks / materials / specialist informants / ...
      - information on the English needs of nuclear physicists

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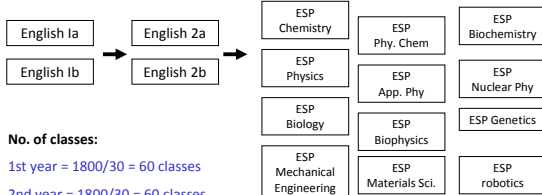
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- Impossible for administrators?
  - How many unique courses would be needed?
  - Who would be hired to teach these courses?
  - How would the validity and reliability of learner grades be maintained across such a wide and varying range of courses?
  - What would be the impact on human and materials resources?
  - How much teacher training would be needed?

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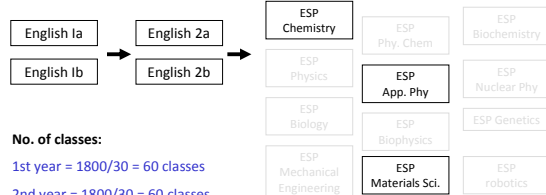
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 2nd year =  $1800/30 = 60$  classes  
 3rd/4th year =  $17 \text{ dept.} \times (\sim 100/30 \text{ students}) = 56$  classes  
**TOTAL = 176 classes (19 unique courses)**

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**TOTAL = 123 classes (5 unique courses)**

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## Can it *really work* in practice?

- Impossible for administrators?
  - How many unique courses would be needed?
  - Who would be hired to teach these courses?
    - “Do you know anyone with a background in ESP, who has experience teaching university students, who can teach Chemistry English?”
    - “Do you know any English teachers who can teach Chemistry English?”
    - “Do you know any English teachers who studied Chemistry at University?”
    - “Do you know any English teachers who studied science at University?”
    - “Do you know any Chemists, who can speak English?”

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## Can it *really work* in practice?

- General Purpose ESP:
  - Real-world *ESP Program* Design?
    - Move from general ESP courses to specific ESP courses over time as learners gain more knowledge, experience, and maturity
    - Have a central group of ESP experts who adopt the roles of collaborator, researcher, course designer, materials provider, and evaluator
    - Have teaching faculty take responsibility for teaching (and partial evaluation)
    - Have subject specialists coordinate discipline specific courses that gradually require increasingly sophisticated target English skills
      - Create a real need for target English

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## Can it *really work* in practice?

- The importance of general purpose ESP
  - Case study: mechanical engineering vocabulary
    - Journal of Engineering Materials and Technology Vol. 122, No. 1

### A Simple Model for Stable Cyclic Stress-Strain Relationship of Type 304 Stainless Steel Under Nonproportional Loading

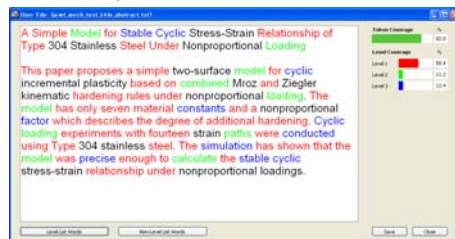
#### Abstract

This paper proposes a simple two-surface model for cyclic incremental plasticity based on combined Mroz and Ziegler kinematic hardening rules under nonproportional loading. The model has only seven material constants and a nonproportional factor which describes the degree of additional hardening. Cyclic loading experiments with fourteen strain paths were conducted using Type 304 stainless steel. The simulation has shown that the model was precise enough to calculate the stable cyclic stress-strain relationship under nonproportional loadings.

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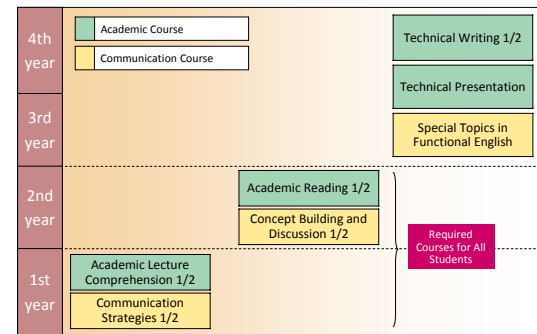
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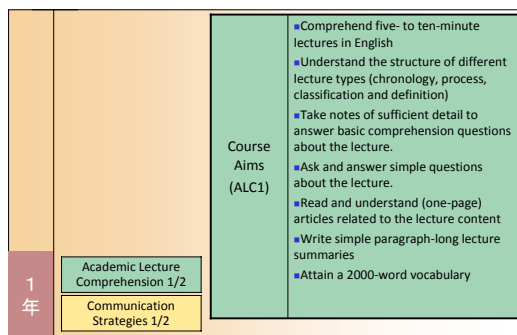
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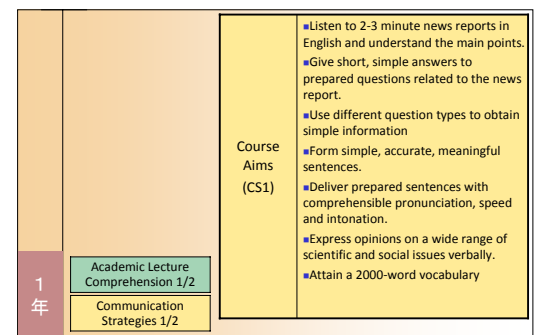
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## Summary

- ESP is **an approach to language teaching**
  - defined to meet specific needs of the learner
  - using the underlying methodology and activities of the discipline
  - centered on the language (grammar, lexis, register), skills, discourse, and genres appropriate to these activities
- ESP is **not always specific**
  - Consider the content, age, knowledge, and teacher control on a continuum
- ESP learner **needs** are not the same as **wants**
  - Find out **where/when/how** learners **will use** English
  - Find out **where/when/how** learners **might use** English if they had the opportunity

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- Can it **really work** in practice? ... YES!
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