# KnowHow Academic English classes

## SYLLABUS OUTLINE: Semester 1 2021-22

## TARGETED LISTENING

The course covers a variety of topics and task types and is open to staff and students from across the university. We will listen to speakers of English from around the world and use various sources of online recordings, e.g. the BBC, YouTube. You will also be introduced to online listening resources for self-study. Some sessions have a general skills focus while others are based around topics of general interest, e.g. language or health. A full transcript of all the listening texts will be available at the end of each class.

TEAMS CODE: Monday: lu1ftcq, Tuesday: l9m7tos

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| **Session****(week commencing)** | **Topic/Title** Session Aims |
| 11/10/21 | **Topic:** *The Roma***Skills:** listening to info about a current social issue; listen for main ideas and details about history, numbers and current issues |
| 18/10/21 | **Topic:** Kathrine Switzer**Skills:** Listening to a first person account of a historical event; listen for details leading up to the event; practise listening to understand the order of events |
| 25/10/21 | **Topic:** Bisphenol A**Skills:** Listen to a radio programme about an environmental topic; listen to spoken language including a number of technical terms; listen to scientists explaining the evidence for their ideas |
| 1/11/21 | **Topic:** Arts & Stats**Skills:** Listen to a talk about photography and statistics; practise listening to numerical data; practise different listening skills including comprehension of main ideas and listening for specific vocabulary |
| 8/11/21 | **Topic:** National Living Treasures**Skills:** Listen to radio excerpts about old-age in Japan and related vocab; listen to native and non-native speakers of English; practise various listening techniques, including listening for main ideas, listening for exact words and listening for responses to interview questions |
| 22/11/21 | **Topic:** Part-time Work**Skills:** Listen to a radio programme about part-time and flexible working and gender; listen to a description of research about work and pay; review and listen for key vocabulary relating to work and pay |
| 2/12/21 | **Topic:** *Architecture of Kindergartens***Skills:** Extracts from a podcast about a multi-disciplinary research project by University of Liverpool teachers; listen to some University of Liverpool academics discussing their research; listen for details and main ideas |
| 6/12/21 | **Topic:** Listening practice over the Christmas break**Skills:** Use a range of online sources to develop listening skills. |

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