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## **РОЛЬ АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ В ЖИТТІ СУЧАСНОГО СТУДЕНТА: НЕОБХІДНІСТЬ ЧИ ПЕРЕВАГА?**

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## **THE ROLE OF ENGLISH IN MODERN STUDENT LIFE: NECESSITY OR ADVANTAGE?**

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In the modern world, the English language is a fundamental requirement for a successful individual. Regardless of the path you choose—be it university studies or professional development courses—the majority of valuable information is disseminated in English to ensure it remains accessible to everyone. Consequently, individuals who are proficient in English can directly access the newest research findings and various innovative concepts. Such an advantage expands academic opportunities and truly enhances their competitiveness in the global labor market.

Let's examine the role of English in a student's life from two perspectives. First, language proficiency is a significant advantage, as it provides access to a boundless array of materials for study and research. Developing new projects or writing scientific articles becomes considerably easier when you can operate with a much larger volume of up-to-date information. Furthermore, it simplifies the mastery of university disciplines, as one can find numerous alternative explanations for the same topic. We should also not overlook the opportunity to study at the world's most prestigious universities, which becomes a reality specifically through language fluency. Exchange programs such as Erasmus+, Global UGRAD, and Chevening become accessible to students primarily through English proficiency, offering a transformative experience for everyone. Immersing oneself in an unfamiliar environment alongside people from diverse cultures is truly incredible. According to S. Robertson, academic mobility not only enhances program quality and strengthens institutional collaboration but also supports academically and culturally oriented initiatives in higher education [1]. It promotes personal growth and cross-cultural understanding, highlighting the need to identify and improve key program areas that foster academic mobility for students in technical universities. Effective preparation of students requires cultivating strong motivational attitudes, as well as ensuring they acquire essential knowledge and skills, including those related to economic, technical, and technological processes. This exchange of

ideas not only expands one's knowledge base but also fosters significant personal and cultural growth. Furthermore, having prior experience in international communication and a global network of acquaintances makes establishing future professional connections much easier.

Secondly, there is the matter of career development. When browsing job vacancies on popular platforms, one can notice that nearly every second employer requires at least a basic knowledge of English for professional communication. However, for an engineer, English is more than a line on a resume; it is a critical 'soft skill.' In a globalized industry, engineers must collaborate across borders to solve complex problems. Mastering English allows us to participate in international design reviews, understand shared technical standards (such as ISO or IEEE), and clearly communicate technical solutions to non-technical stakeholders. Without these communication skills, even the most brilliant engineering project may never reach its full potential. Proficiency in English is essential for daily professional tasks, such as writing correspondence or communicating with international clients, partners, customers. Moreover, strong English skills increase opportunities for participation in global projects, conferences, and professional networks. Such skill accelerates career growth and professional recognition.

Beyond formal education, a career in engineering demands continuous lifelong learning. To stay ahead of industry trends, one must constantly master emerging technologies, the most advanced of which are typically documented and taught in English. Leading global platforms such as Coursera and Udemy offer a vast library of specialized courses that are often available exclusively in English. These resources represent the forefront of modern education, providing engineers with the tools to upskill and remain competitive in a rapidly evolving global market. Without English, access to this world-class knowledge remains severely limited. Furthermore, most documentation, papers, and professional circles operate primarily in English, making it essential for engineers if they wish to stay informed and connected. As a result, proficiency in English has become a crucial factor in building a successful and sustainable engineering career.

In conclusion, knowing English is not merely an advantage but a genuine necessity. It is the key to successful growth in any field and opens doors that otherwise remain closed. Moreover, it allows people to communicate with individuals from different cultures and share ideas across the world. Therefore, learning English can greatly expand both personal and professional opportunities.

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