



## **English for Journalists**

### **Facilitated Massive Open Online Course**

Course Description: «English for Journalists» is an 8-week self-paced online course with regularly scheduled online sessions with a course facilitator - a professional English language instructor, and a guest expert Dr. Maggie Sokolik, Director of the College Writing Programs at University of California, Berkeley.

English for Journalists offers instruction in English language development for students who are studying journalism, or working journalists who want to improve their English proficiency. Students with a basic understanding and interest in journalism are encouraged to sign up. Sponsored by the Department of State and developed in partnership with the Voice of America and the University of California, Berkeley, this 8-week course will help participants improve language skills and learn about key topics that are essential to journalists working around the world.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, participants will understand current issues facing journalists globally, improve their English vocabulary and grammar in order to write more effective stories and communicate more effectively in interviews and reports.

Course Content: In this communicative course, participants will discuss topics that are essential to journalists: a job of a journalist, ethics in journalism, inclusive journalism, local vs. global journalism, citizen journalism and others. They will master English vocabulary, idioms, and grammar, and develop English speaking and presentation skills.

Course Dates: January 18 – March 14, 2021

Ideal Candidates: The participants should meet the following criteria:

- Be citizens of Belarus
- Have an intermediate - upper-intermediate English language level (this is NOT a course for beginners)
- Be willing to commit to spending up to 3-4 hours per week over an 8-week period of the course
- Be willing to participate in online individual and group sessions facilitated by a local English language instructor and a guest expert.

Application Process: Please fill in the form <https://bit.ly/2JUkJmo> by **January 10, 2021**.

Course Completion: Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of completion signed by Dr. Maggie Sokolik, Press Club Belarus and the U.S. Embassy Minsk.