**What is ESP ?**

* According to Mackay and Mountford (1978: 2) “ESP is generally used to refer to the teaching of English for a clearly utilitarian purpose.” That is to say, that English should be taught to achieve specific language skills using real situations, in a manner that allows them to use English in their future profession, or to comprehend English discourse related to their area of speciality.
* In the same vein Robinson (1991: 2) states that generally the students study English “not because they are interested in the English language or English culture as such, but because they need English for study or work purposes”.
* In 2001 Richards states that ESP teaching aims are: preparing non-native speaking students for study in the English-medium academic context; preparing those already fluent or who have mastered general English, but now need English for specific usage in employment, such as engineers, scientists, or nurses; responding to the needs of the materials of English for Business Purposes; and teaching immigrants the English needed to deal with their job situations. Hence in ESP, “language is learnt not for its own sake or for the sake of gaining a general education, but to smooth the path to entry or greater linguistic efficiency in academic, professional or workplace environments” Basturkmen (2006: 18).