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Embedded English: ideas for language support in EMI programs

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**What exactly has EMI come to mean,
in 2022, for higher education?**

The content - language debate

The language - content debate

The ELT practitioner in these debates

My Embedded English Experiment

Where I did it

What I did

Why I did it

How I nearly gave up

What I might do next





Course Design

- Language training through storytelling (for content & narrative) and through presentations training (for form)
- Language course in the image of 'main' science course
- Emphasis on scientific popularisation, storytelling and public speaking
- Flexible timetable (language sessions as 'reinforcement' moments to scientific lecture)
- Participation in experimental work for journalling and report writing
- Collaborative assessment and grading

Types of Materials

**Storytelling
Workshop**

**Vocabulary
Vignettes**

**Presentations
Skills**

**Popularisation
Tasks**

**Reports
Writing
Journals**



Aerospace

Signal processing course

50+ students

'Perfect match' timetable

Jet engine experiment

Research report

Storytelling performance

Physics

General curriculum

30+ students

Clustered timetable

Round tables

Food for Thought

Storytelling performances

Biotech

General curriculum

50+ students

Clustered timetable

Round tables

Food for Thought

Professional / entrepreneurial pitches

Computer Science

Digital electronics project

10+ students

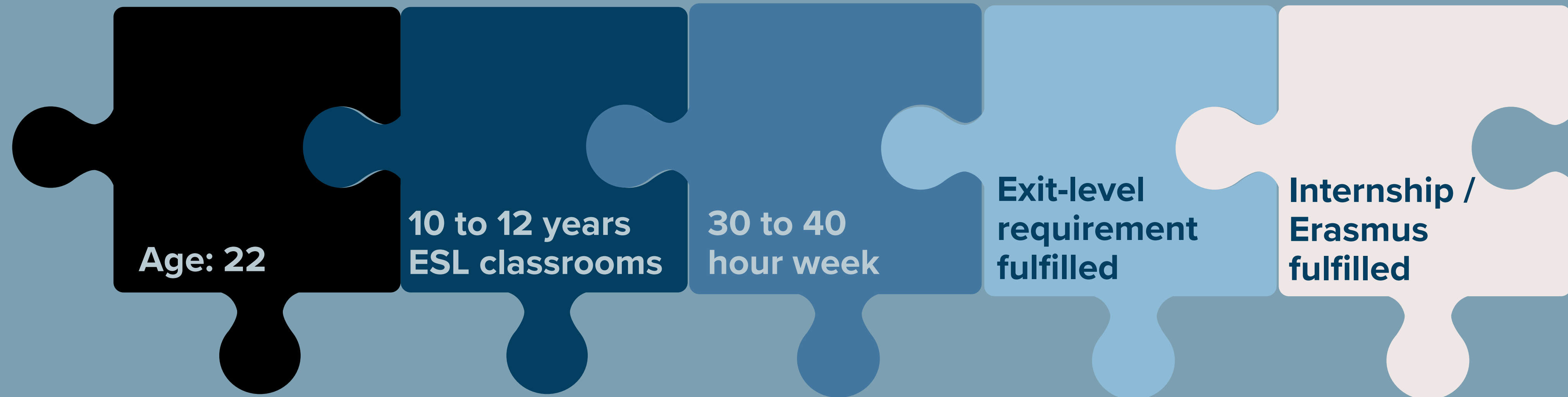
Clustered timetable

Case studies

Research report

Prototype demo

Average Student Profile



Students who need flexible English language modules that adapt to the main curriculum, in preparation for the workplace

It wouldn't be a proper experiment if something hadn't gone wrong, would it?

Practical problems

Timetabling

Admin

Group organisation

Ensuring everyone crossed the finish line

Content problems

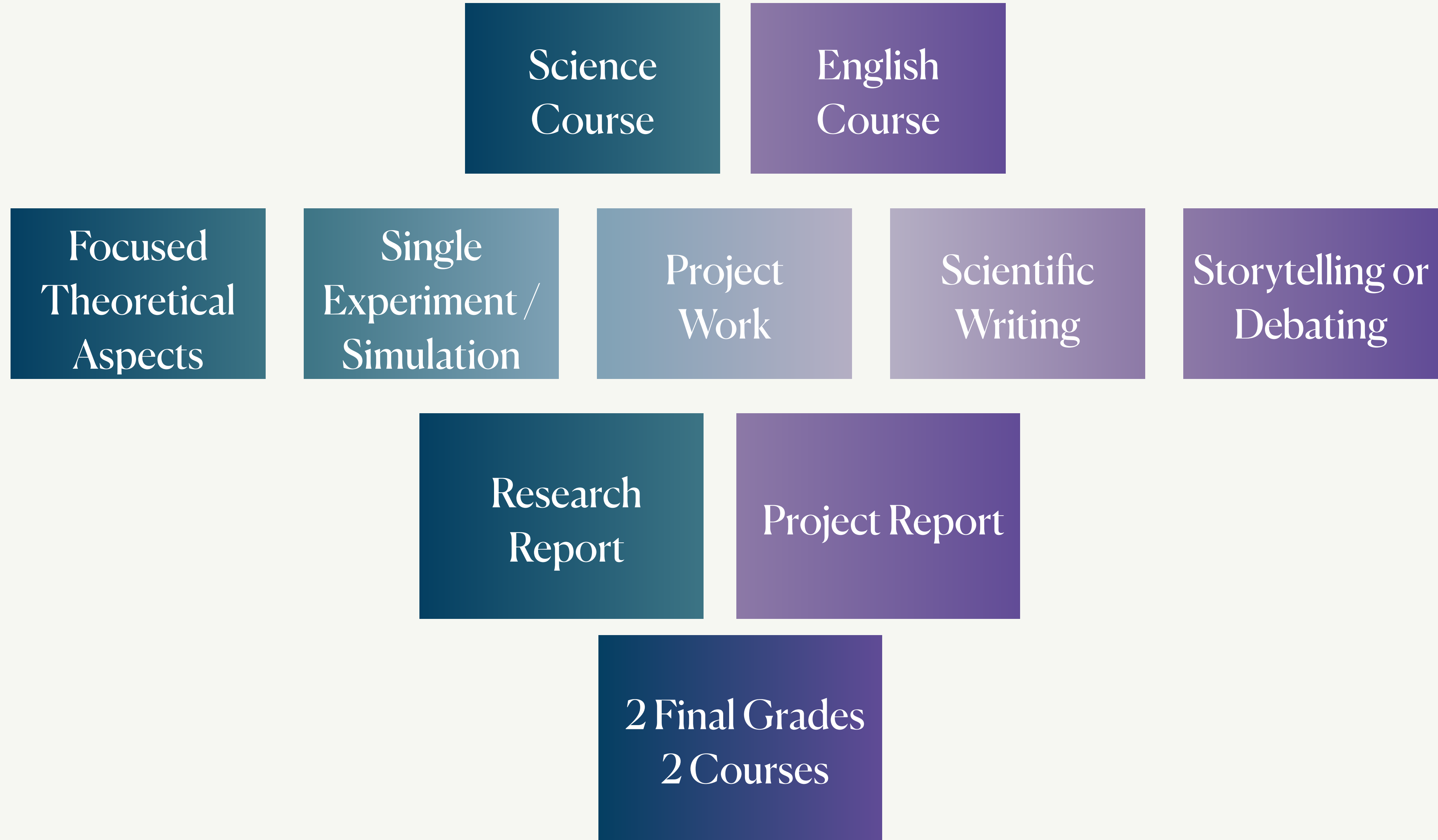
Variety (a double-edged sword)

Workload distribution

Insufficient time

Too specific to work across whole curriculum

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If this didn't strike you as too wacky and you find yourself interested in doing something similar, please stay in touch!

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