THE INTERCONNECTION OF THEORETICAL, APPLIED, AND CONTRASTIVE LINGUISTICS WITH ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (ESP)

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Abstract: *The paper explores the relationship between theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics and their collective contribution to the development of English for Specific Purposes (ESP). The study emphasizes that ESP, as an interdisciplinary field, draws upon linguistic theory to design effective curricula, teaching methods, and materials that meet the communicative needs of learners in professional and academic contexts. Theoretical linguistics provides a conceptual framework for understanding language structures and semantics; applied linguistics translates this theory into pedagogical practice; while contrastive linguistics ensures cross-linguistic accuracy and cultural adaptation. The integration of these branches enhances the development of professional communicative competence, promotes linguistic awareness, and supports intercultural communication in specialized domains. The research concludes that the synergy of these linguistic fields is essential for modern ESP pedagogy and linguistic innovation.*

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Introduction

The study of language has always been central to human intellectual inquiry, but in the 20th and 21st centuries, linguistic research has increasingly turned toward practical, applied, and interdisciplinary dimensions. Linguistics no longer functions merely as a descriptive science of grammar and structure; it now serves as a foundation for applied areas such as language teaching, translation, communication studies, and educational technology. One of the most dynamic outcomes of this interdisciplinary development is English for Specific Purposes (ESP) — a field that integrates linguistic theory with professional communication and pedagogy (Hutchinson & Waters, 1987).

ESP emerged as a response to the growing need for professionally oriented English instruction, which would enable learners not simply to communicate in general English, but to perform effectively in specific academic or occupational contexts. It focuses on the communicative, lexical, and pragmatic requirements of particular disciplines such as engineering, business, law, or medicine (Dudley-Evans & St. John,

1998). However, ESP cannot be viewed solely as a pedagogical innovation; rather, it represents a linguistically grounded discipline, drawing upon the conceptual and methodological foundations of theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics.

From the standpoint of theoretical linguistics, ESP relies on the understanding of how language is structured and functions in specialized communication. The study of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics provides the necessary basis for designing domain-specific curricula and teaching materials. For example, morphological analysis contributes to understanding the productivity of word-formation patterns in technical terminology (electro-, bio-, nano-), while semantic analysis helps to determine the contextual meanings of polysemous terms (Widdowson, 2003). Pragmatic theories, in turn, guide the development of discourse strategies appropriate to specific professional settings — whether in business negotiations, academic presentations, or medical consultations.

The role of applied linguistics is equally essential. Applied linguistics connects linguistic theory to the realities of language teaching and learning. It provides a methodological framework for needs analysis, syllabus design, material development, and assessment (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). In the context of ESP, applied linguistics is responsible for translating abstract linguistic principles into pedagogical practice — for example, transforming corpus-based linguistic data into authentic learning materials or developing communicative tasks that reflect real-life professional situations. Applied linguistics also integrates psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic research, thereby helping teachers understand how learners acquire specialized vocabulary and communicative competence in professional domains (Strevens, 1988).

Another crucial dimension is contrastive and comparative linguistics, which investigates the similarities and differences between English and the learners' native languages. This branch plays a decisive role in preventing negative transfer and linguistic interference, which often occur when students apply the structures or idioms of their first language to English inappropriately. For example, Uzbek and Russian learners may face difficulties with article usage, passive constructions, or modality, which require targeted ESP-oriented instruction (Kachru, 1992). Contrastive studies also contribute to the creation of bilingual terminological glossaries and translation equivalents, facilitating professional communication in multilingual environments.

Taken together, theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics form the triangular foundation of ESP. Theoretical linguistics explains how language works; applied linguistics shows how this knowledge can be used for teaching; and contrastive linguistics ensures the adaptation of that knowledge across languages and cultures. The integration of these branches allows ESP to function not only as a teaching methodology but also as an independent scientific and research-based field.

ESP's emergence coincided with global trends such as the internationalization of higher education, technological innovation, and the spread of English as a lingua

franca in science and industry. These transformations have made ESP indispensable in universities and professional training programs around the world. Scholars emphasize that the effectiveness of ESP courses depends on their linguistic validity and disciplinary relevance, which can only be achieved through close collaboration between linguists, subject-matter experts, and educators (Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998; Hutchinson & Waters, 1987).

Moreover, ESP reflects the epistemological shift in linguistics from viewing language as a static system to perceiving it as a dynamic tool for communication and cognition. Modern linguistics recognizes that meaning is not fixed within grammatical structures but arises in context, through the interaction between speaker, listener, and situation (Widdowson, 2003). This pragmatic orientation underlies ESP methodology, where the focus moves from teaching linguistic forms to developing communicative competence relevant to specific purposes.

In recent years, the connection between linguistics and ESP has also been strengthened by advances in digital technologies and artificial intelligence. Corpus linguistics, computational analysis, and AI-based tools now allow researchers and teachers to collect and analyze authentic texts from various professional domains. These technologies provide empirical evidence for linguistic patterns and discourse features characteristic of specialized communication (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). Thus, ESP is increasingly becoming data-driven, with its pedagogical design based on real-world linguistic evidence.

From a broader perspective, the intersection of linguistics and ESP supports the formation of global communication skills aligned with the goals of higher education and sustainable development. By fostering critical thinking, cross-cultural understanding, and professional literacy, ESP contributes to the preparation of specialists capable of participating in international collaboration and innovation (Kachru, 1992). Therefore, the study of how theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics interact within ESP is not only of academic interest but also of significant practical importance.

In summary, this paper argues that the interdisciplinary nature of ESP reflects the convergence of major linguistic paradigms. Theoretical linguistics offers structural and functional insights into language; applied linguistics operationalizes these insights for teaching and learning; and contrastive linguistics ensures cultural and linguistic adaptability. Their interconnection ensures that ESP remains both scientifically grounded and pedagogically effective — a bridge between linguistic theory and professional practice.

Applied Linguistics and ESP

Applied linguistics represents the bridge between linguistic theory and language practice, translating abstract principles of language science into real-world applications such as language teaching, translation, and communication technologies.

In its broadest sense, applied linguistics is concerned with the identification and solution of language-related problems in society — including language learning, curriculum design, assessment, policy, and intercultural communication. As defined by Richards and Rodgers (2014), it is "the discipline that connects the theoretical insights of linguistics with the pedagogical practice of language education." Within the framework of English for Specific Purposes (ESP), applied linguistics plays a pivotal role, since ESP instruction depends on a careful balance between linguistic accuracy, communicative effectiveness, and professional relevance.

The central aim of applied linguistics is to make linguistic research practically useful — to transform the findings of phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics into methods and materials that help learners acquire functional competence in English. ESP is a direct embodiment of this principle. It adapts linguistic knowledge to the particular needs of learners in fields such as engineering, medicine, economics, or law (Hutchinson & Waters, 1987). Applied linguistics provides the methodological tools for conducting needs analysis, selecting appropriate vocabulary and discourse models, and developing teaching techniques that reflect authentic professional communication. The process begins with a detailed linguistic study of specialized texts — manuals, reports, scientific articles — followed by their transformation into classroom materials that reproduce the language of the discipline in simplified and pedagogically structured form.

An essential contribution of applied linguistics to ESP lies in the design of syllabi and materials. Based on linguistic analysis, educators determine which grammatical structures, lexical items, and communicative functions occur most frequently in a particular profession. For example, courses for engineers emphasize passive constructions, nominalizations, and cause-effect connectors (therefore, due to, consequently), whereas business English courses focus on modality, negotiation phrases, and persuasive rhetoric (Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998). The applied-linguistic approach also promotes the use of corpus linguistics — large electronic collections of authentic texts that provide statistical evidence about vocabulary frequency, collocations, and discourse patterns. Corpus-based analysis enables teachers to ground ESP materials on empirical data rather than intuition, ensuring linguistic authenticity and relevance.

Another field incorporated into applied linguistics is psycholinguistics, which investigates how people perceive, process, and produce language. In ESP methodology, psycholinguistic insights explain how learners acquire professional vocabulary and conceptualize technical terms. Research has shown that meaningful context, visual support, and task-based activities significantly improve retention of specialized lexis. Psycholinguistics also informs the development of cognitive strategies such as schema activation, inferencing, and problem-solving, which are essential for reading comprehension of scientific and technical texts (Strevens, 1988).

Equally important is the contribution of sociolinguistics, the study of language in its social and cultural context. Since ESP often prepares learners for intercultural communication in globalized professional environments, sociolinguistic competence becomes indispensable. It involves understanding how factors such as status, power distance, politeness conventions, and cultural norms influence language choice and style. For instance, business correspondence requires indirectness and hedging to maintain professionalism and courtesy, while scientific writing demands objectivity and impersonality. Applied linguistics integrates these sociolinguistic parameters into ESP course design, ensuring that learners develop both linguistic and pragmatic appropriateness (Kachru, 1992).

In the digital era, computational linguistics has become an integral component of applied linguistics and ESP methodology. This field combines linguistics with computer science to develop tools for text analysis, automatic translation, and computer-assisted language learning (CALL). In ESP, computational methods enable the creation of online corpora, interactive glossaries, and AI-based feedback systems. For example, machine-learning models can analyze students' writing and provide automatic corrections of grammar, terminology, and cohesion. Artificial-intelligence platforms also support adaptive learning, offering personalized ESP content depending on the learner's field and proficiency level (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). These technological innovations illustrate how applied linguistics evolves into a data-driven, technology-enhanced discipline, making ESP teaching more efficient and accessible.

Practical implementation of applied-linguistic principles in ESP appears in several forms. The most visible is ESP textbook creation, which requires collaboration between linguists, subject-matter experts, and educators. Textbooks are developed on the basis of corpus data and discourse analysis to ensure authenticity of language input. For example, materials for medical English include case studies and patient dialogues, while those for engineering incorporate technical descriptions, diagrams, and procedural texts. Another major application is language testing and needs analysis. ESP assessments differ from general English exams because they measure communicative competence within a professional domain. Applied linguistics provides statistical models and test-validation methods to ensure reliability and construct validity (Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998).

Finally, the integration of applied linguistics into ESP has transformed the learning environment through digital and AI-based tools. Interactive learning platforms, virtual laboratories, and online simulations allow learners to practice authentic communication tasks. Programs such as Moodle, Eduten, and AI-driven assistants like ChatGPT enable contextualized learning, instant feedback, and autonomous skill development. These innovations demonstrate how applied linguistics continuously adapts to the changing needs of learners and the technological landscape of education.

In conclusion, applied linguistics provides the theoretical and methodological backbone of ESP. It connects linguistic description with pedagogical innovation, integrates insights from psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, and computational linguistics, and transforms abstract theory into practical teaching strategies. Through this synthesis, applied linguistics ensures that ESP instruction is empirically grounded, culturally sensitive, technologically advanced, and ultimately effective in developing professional communicative competence.

Contrastive and Comparative Linguistics in ESP

Contrastive and comparative linguistics occupy a crucial place in the development of English for Specific Purposes (ESP) because they reveal how languages differ and interact in the process of learning and professional communication. While theoretical and applied linguistics describe how English functions internally and how it can be taught, contrastive linguistics explains how English relates to learners' native languages. This perspective is particularly relevant in multilingual contexts such as Uzbekistan, where students often acquire English after mastering Uzbek and Russian. By analyzing cross-linguistic similarities and differences, teachers can anticipate difficulties, prevent interference, and develop bilingual strategies for effective ESP instruction (Kachru, 1992).

In its broad definition, contrastive linguistics is the branch of linguistic science that compares two or more languages to identify correspondences and divergences in their phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic, and pragmatic systems. The ultimate goal of contrastive analysis is pedagogical: to predict learning problems and design teaching materials that address them (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). Comparative linguistics, though historically associated with the genetic study of language families, in modern pedagogy is closely linked to contrastive linguistics, focusing on cross-linguistic typology and translation equivalence. Together, these fields form the theoretical basis for multilingual education and second-language acquisition research.

In ESP, the relevance of contrastive linguistics becomes evident in cross-linguistic comparison between English and the learners' native languages. For Uzbek or Russian speakers, certain structural differences in English cause systematic errors known as negative transfer. For instance, English word order follows a rigid Subject–Verb–Object pattern, whereas Uzbek allows greater flexibility, often emphasizing the predicate at the end of a sentence. Learners who apply the Uzbek structure directly to English may produce non-standard word sequences that sound unnatural in professional writing. Similarly, Russian speakers tend to omit articles because their native language lacks an article system; this habit results in frequent mistakes in technical and business English texts (The report describes experiment instead of The report describes the experiment). Recognizing these contrasts allows ESP instructors to provide targeted explanations and drills that prevent fossilization of such errors (Hutchinson & Waters, 1987).

The prevention of negative transfer and linguistic interference is one of the primary pedagogical outcomes of contrastive analysis. According to Dudley-Evans and St. John (1998), successful ESP teaching depends not only on teaching professional vocabulary but also on addressing interlingual interference that affects learners' pronunciation, grammar, and style. For example, Uzbek learners often transfer stress patterns from their mother tongue, producing incorrect intonation in technical presentations, while Russian learners may overuse participial constructions typical of their native scientific style. Through contrastive phonology and stylistics, teachers can correct these deviations and help students achieve communicative clarity and professionalism.

Another important application of contrastive linguistics in ESP concerns the comparative study of professional terminologies across languages. Each field of knowledge develops its own system of terms, and these terms often lack direct equivalents in other languages. In engineering, for instance, English terms such as bearing, shaft, or alloy may correspond to several distinct words in Uzbek depending on context (podshipnik, val, qotishma), while in economics the English term equity can translate either as aksiyadorlik kapitali or adolat depending on domain. Comparative terminology research helps to establish semantic precision and create reliable bilingual dictionaries for specialized disciplines (Widdowson, 2003).

The role of contrastive linguistics is also central in translation studies within ESP. Translation between English and the national languages of learners requires not only lexical substitution but also awareness of structural and cultural asymmetries. Literal translation of technical or legal phrases may lead to distortion if pragmatic functions are ignored. For example, English passive constructions (The data were analyzed…) are often replaced in Uzbek by active or impersonal forms to preserve naturalness and focus. Contrastive linguistics thus provides a framework for training translators who can render specialized texts accurately while maintaining communicative equivalence.

In practice, comparative and contrastive methods contribute to the creation of bilingual glossaries, corpora, and terminological databases used in ESP courses. These resources allow learners to cross-reference terms, understand nuances of meaning, and see how English expressions correspond to native equivalents in authentic contexts. Many universities in Central Asia now develop electronic ESP glossaries that integrate English–Uzbek or English–Russian terminology, serving both educational and research purposes. Computational tools derived from applied and contrastive linguistics — such as concordancers and term-extraction software — automate this process, enabling teachers and researchers to build domain-specific corpora efficiently (Richards & Rodgers, 2014).

Beyond linguistic structure, contrastive analysis fosters intercultural communicative competence, an essential component of ESP. Communication in professional settings involves not only accurate language use but also cultural

sensitivity and awareness of discourse conventions. For example, English business correspondence often employs indirectness, hedging, and politeness formulas (We would appreciate if…, It might be useful to consider…), while Uzbek professional culture tends to favor more direct expressions of intention. Understanding these pragmatic differences helps learners avoid miscommunication and develop a style consistent with international norms of professional interaction (Kachru, 1992).

Therefore, contrastive and comparative linguistics enrich ESP pedagogy by linking linguistic theory, translation practice, and intercultural communication. They allow educators to identify linguistic contrasts that hinder comprehension, design teaching materials that reflect both languages' features, and develop bilingual tools that facilitate learning. The integration of these approaches makes ESP not merely a language-teaching method but an interdisciplinary field uniting linguistics, cognitive psychology, translation, and communication studies. As Dudley-Evans and St. John (1998) emphasize, successful ESP instruction depends on understanding how learners' first language shapes their approach to English and how this awareness can be transformed into a pedagogical advantage.

In conclusion, contrastive and comparative linguistics provide a theoretical and practical foundation for ESP that complements the contributions of theoretical and applied linguistics. By focusing on cross-linguistic comparison, interference prevention, terminology equivalence, and bilingual resource development, they ensure that ESP education remains linguistically accurate, culturally appropriate, and globally relevant.

Integrative and Interdisciplinary Perspective

Modern linguistics increasingly operates on the principle of interdisciplinarity, where theoretical insights, applied methodologies, and cross-linguistic perspectives interact to solve complex communicative problems. English for Specific Purposes (ESP) exemplifies this integrative tendency, uniting linguistic theory, pedagogy, technology, and professional communication within a single educational framework. The evolution of ESP from a narrow branch of language teaching to a multidisciplinary research domain reflects a global recognition that language cannot be studied or taught in isolation from its social, cognitive, and technological dimensions (Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998).

The interaction among theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics forms the intellectual foundation of ESP. Theoretical linguistics provides the structural and functional understanding of language necessary for describing professional discourse. Applied linguistics translates these descriptions into effective teaching methods, curriculum designs, and digital tools. Contrastive linguistics, in turn, ensures that learners' first-language background and cultural context are taken into account, preventing interference and fostering cross-cultural awareness. When combined, these

branches establish a dynamic model of language education that is at once analytical, practical, and intercultural (Hutchinson & Waters, 1987).

ESP functions as an interdisciplinary field because it connects three essential domains: linguistics, pedagogy, and professional communication. Linguistics contributes the theoretical basis for describing the language of specialized fields; pedagogy provides the methodology for developing communicative competence; and professional communication determines the goals, content, and authenticity of instruction. As Widdowson (2003) notes, ESP represents a "meeting point between language as system, language as use, and language as practice." This intersection allows ESP to go beyond traditional teaching and to operate as a scientific discipline investigating how knowledge is created, transmitted, and used in professional contexts.

One of the clearest examples of interdisciplinary integration in ESP is corpus-based research. Corpora — large, searchable databases of authentic language — have become indispensable tools for analyzing linguistic patterns in specific domains such as engineering, law, or medicine. Corpus linguistics bridges theory and application by providing quantitative data that validate theoretical assumptions about language use while simultaneously informing pedagogical practice (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). For instance, frequency analysis of engineering corpora reveals that passive constructions and technical nominalizations dominate technical writing, leading educators to prioritize these features in ESP syllabi. Corpus research also supports contrastive studies by allowing direct comparison of English professional discourse with parallel corpora in Uzbek or Russian, revealing how genre conventions differ across linguistic and cultural contexts.

The development of multilingual professional corpora further expands the interdisciplinary potential of ESP. These databases contain aligned texts in two or more languages, enabling comparative terminology research, translation studies, and bilingual materials development. In Central Asian academic environments, for example, English–Uzbek and English–Russian engineering corpora help teachers and translators identify consistent equivalents for technical terms such as load capacity, torque, alloy composition, and adapt them to local usage. Multilingual corpora thus serve both linguistic and pedagogical purposes: they document the variation of specialized discourse across cultures and provide a resource for creating bilingual glossaries, teaching materials, and translation tools (Kachru, 1992).

Another domain illustrating the integrative perspective of ESP is the increasing application of artificial intelligence and machine translation technologies. These innovations unite computational linguistics, psycholinguistics, and language pedagogy in unprecedented ways. AI-based platforms analyze authentic professional discourse to generate adaptive learning tasks, simulate workplace communication, and assess learners' performance automatically. Machine translation systems, powered by neural networks, have reached a level of fluency that allows them to serve as practical aids in

ESP classrooms — for example, by producing first-draft translations of technical documents or generating bilingual terminology lists. Teachers can then use these outputs to teach post-editing skills and critical evaluation of automated translation, integrating theoretical linguistic analysis with practical digital literacy (Richards & Rodgers, 2014).

The synergy between linguistics and technology also promotes data-driven learning (DDL), where students independently explore corpora and AI tools to discover patterns of professional English. This approach aligns with the cognitive and constructivist paradigms of applied linguistics, fostering autonomy and critical thinking. In ESP contexts, data-driven learning encourages students to become researchers of their own discipline's language, bridging theoretical insight and professional practice. Such integrative pedagogy exemplifies what Dudley-Evans and St. John (1998) describe as "learning through discovery and reflection," uniting the precision of linguistic analysis with the creativity of professional problem-solving.

Ultimately, the interdisciplinary nature of ESP reshapes both linguistics and education. Theoretical linguistics gains new empirical data from specialized corpora; applied linguistics benefits from technological innovation and real-world feedback; and contrastive linguistics expands through multilingual cooperation and translation studies. This reciprocal enrichment underscores ESP's role as a laboratory of modern linguistic research, where theory, practice, and technology converge.

In conclusion, the integrative and interdisciplinary perspective of ESP demonstrates that effective language education requires collaboration among multiple scientific and professional domains. The interaction of theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics produces a holistic model that connects linguistic structure with communicative purpose, teaching with research, and language with technology. Through corpus-based analysis, multilingual resources, and AI-driven tools, ESP evolves into a platform where linguistic science directly contributes to professional development, intercultural competence, and global communication.

Conclusion

The analysis of theoretical, applied, and contrastive linguistics within the framework of English for Specific Purposes (ESP) clearly demonstrates that these three branches of linguistic science are not isolated but interdependent components of a single intellectual system. Each contributes its unique perspective and methodology to the understanding and teaching of specialized language. Theoretical linguistics provides the conceptual structure of language — its phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic, and pragmatic levels — forming the scientific foundation of ESP. Applied linguistics translates this theoretical knowledge into effective pedagogical models, learning materials, and technological solutions, thereby ensuring that language instruction reflects real communicative needs. Contrastive and comparative linguistics, in turn, connect ESP to the multilingual and multicultural realities of

learners, identifying areas of interference, developing bilingual resources, and promoting intercultural understanding (Hutchinson & Waters, 1987; Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998).

Taken together, these branches show that ESP functions as a bridge between linguistic theory and professional practice. It transforms abstract linguistic concepts into concrete communicative competencies required in specific academic and occupational fields. The integration of theoretical precision, pedagogical methodology, and cross-linguistic awareness allows ESP to fulfill a dual mission: advancing linguistic research while simultaneously serving the pragmatic needs of global education and professional development. As Widdowson (2003) notes, the true value of ESP lies in its ability "to connect the study of language as an abstract system with its use as purposeful social action."

ESP thus represents a model of interdisciplinary collaboration, linking linguistics with pedagogy, cognitive psychology, translation studies, and information technology. In the contemporary world, this integration is reinforced by rapid digitalization and artificial-intelligence innovation, which redefine how language is studied, taught, and used. AI-assisted corpus analysis, automated translation, and adaptive learning platforms already provide ESP practitioners with powerful tools for creating authentic materials and assessing learner performance objectively (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). The continued development of such technologies will further strengthen the empirical and data-driven foundation of ESP, allowing educators to personalize instruction and simulate professional environments more accurately.

Equally significant are the prospects for enhancing intercultural communication through ESP. As global mobility and transnational cooperation expand, English serves as a lingua franca connecting specialists from diverse cultural backgrounds. ESP courses must therefore incorporate not only linguistic but also intercultural competence — sensitivity to cultural norms, values, and discourse conventions that shape professional interaction. Future research in ESP should explore how intercultural pragmatics, multilingual corpora, and AI-driven discourse analysis can be combined to develop globally competent professionals capable of communicating effectively across linguistic and cultural boundaries (Kachru, 1992).

The findings of this study suggest several recommendations for further philological and methodological research. First, there is a need for deeper integration of corpus-based and cognitive approaches to analyze how specialized language reflects human conceptualization within professional domains. Second, scholars should focus on creating open-access multilingual ESP corpora and terminology databases that facilitate both teaching and translation. Third, methodological innovation must continue through collaboration among linguists, educators, and computer scientists, ensuring that ESP pedagogy remains adaptive to technological progress. Finally, further studies should examine the socio-cultural dimensions of ESP in non-

Anglophone contexts such as Uzbekistan, where English coexists with strong national languages and cultural identities.

In summary, the relationship between linguistics and ESP exemplifies the unity of theory and practice, of science and pedagogy. Theoretical linguistics defines the system; applied linguistics operationalizes it; and contrastive linguistics contextualizes it. Their convergence transforms ESP into a dynamic, research-based field capable of responding to the communicative, technological, and intercultural challenges of the 21st century. Through this synthesis, ESP continues to fulfill its essential role — not only as a method of teaching English, but as a scientific and cultural bridge connecting linguistic knowledge with the practical realities of global professional communication.

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