Languages, Learning and Culture Montanuniversität Leoben

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"Learning never exhausts the mind" (Leonardo da Vinci)

Course program Winter term 2025/26

Foreign Language Proficiency & Key Competencies Sprachkurse und Schlüsselkompetenzen

Languages, Learning and Culture

Montanuniversität Leoben

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Registration

- Registration via MuOnline
- For a guaranteed place make sure to pay the course fee by
 01.10.2025
- If you are on the waiting list, you will be automatically transferred to a permanent place if a place becomes available.
- Cancellation/change of booking is possible until 14.10.2025



Course Payment

Please transfer the course fee to the following account:

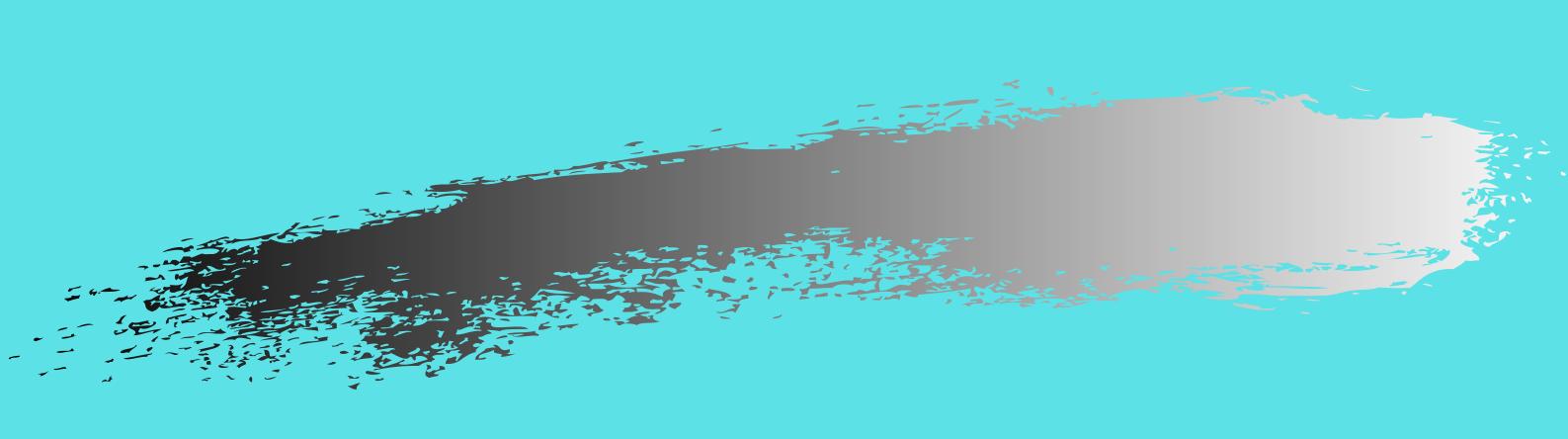
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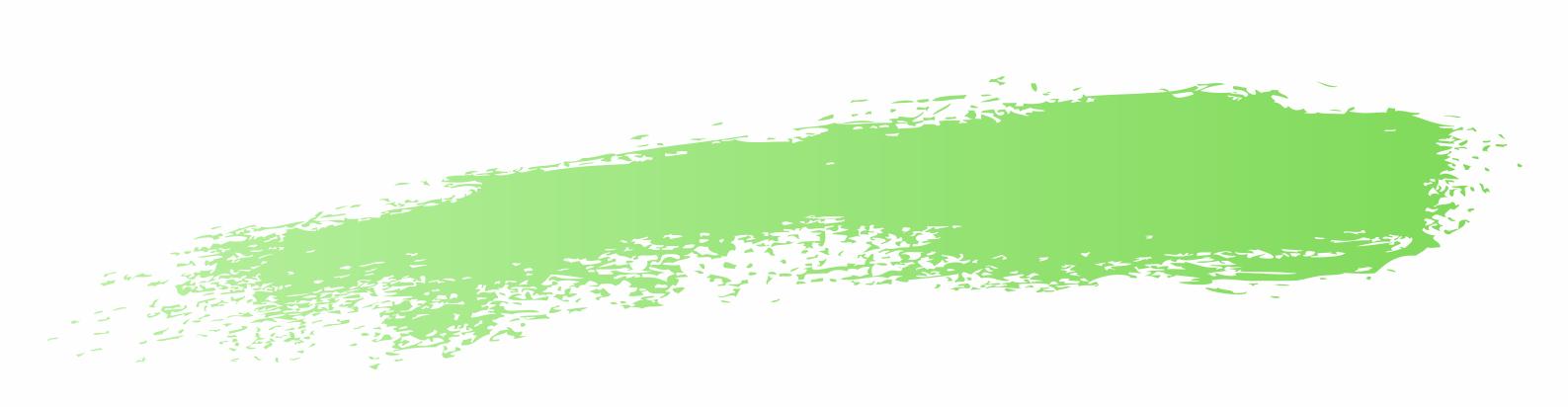
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as purpose of payment



Languages





English 1: Language Consolidation B1

641.530

Mathew Rayment

- Pre-Knowledge: A2+/B1
- 45 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Tuesday 14:00 - 16:30

- The emphasis of this course is on extending and using what you know.
- It is designed to improve your overall level of English and to increase your ability in English to a higher level to help you achieve your professional, academic or personal goal.
- It focuses on presenting natural, real-world grammar and vocabulary in meaningful and enjoyable ways and improving all four language skills.
- Vocabulary expansion
- Discussing current affairs, small talk, socializing



English 3: Upper - Intermediate C1.1

641.541

Mathew Rayment

- Pre-Knowledge: B2+/C1.1
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Tuesday 16:30 - 18:00

CONTENT

The focus of this course is communication proficiency in English. This is reinforced through a classroom climate that is both communicative and engaging. Students are encouraged to express sophisticated ideas and opinions in English. Topics will include current affairs as well as cultural aspects of the language (diplomatic language) and the language of debate.



English for Academic Purposes I

641.537

Jennifer Fink

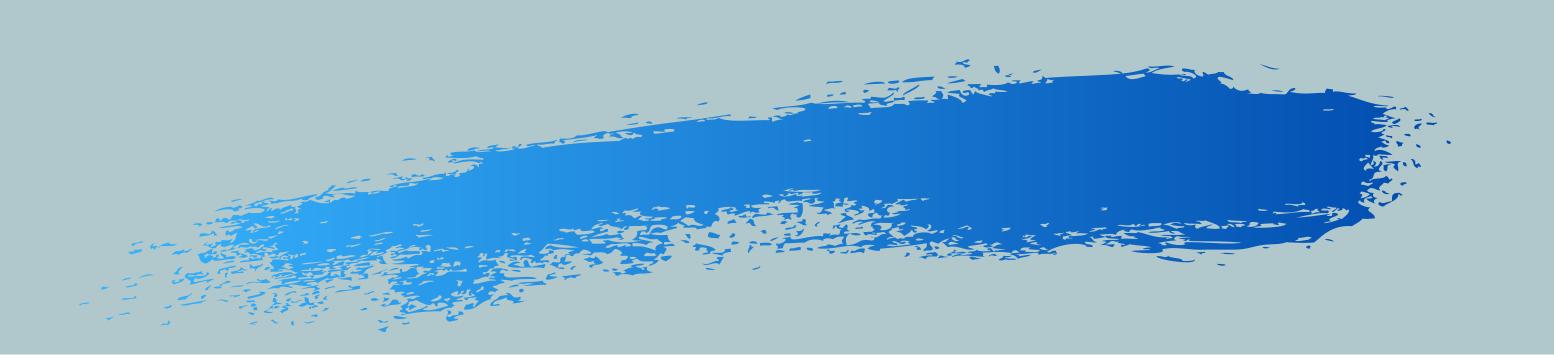
- Pre-Knowledge: B2
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Tuesday 09:30 - 12:45

CONTENT

Coursework includes practice in each of the four language skills, with special emphasis placed on developing students' confidence and flexibility in using English for academic purposes.



Exam Prep: TOEFL & IELTS

641.543

Jennifer Fink

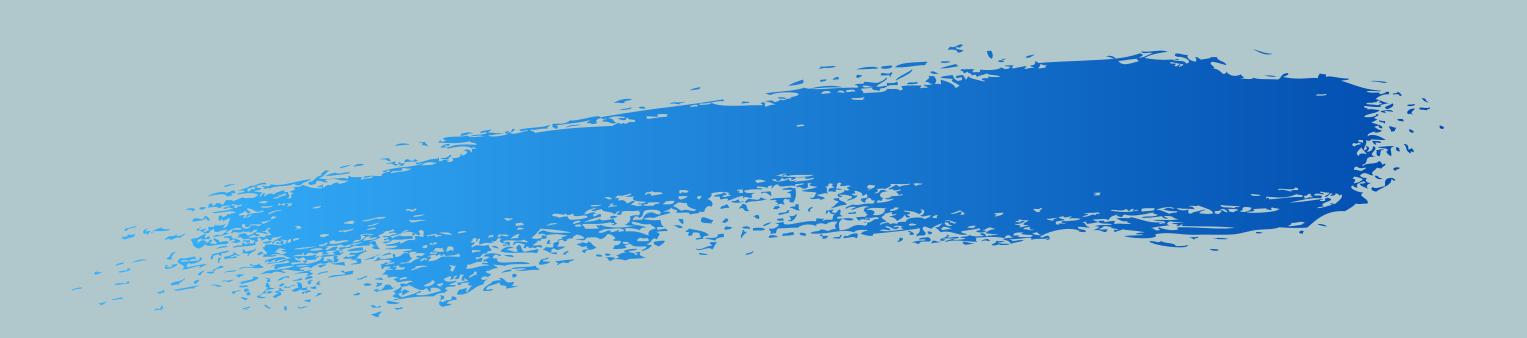
- Pre-Knowledge: B2
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Wednesday 15:30 - 17:00

CONTENT

This exam preparation course will prepare you for the IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) and/ or the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) if you need to study or work where English is the language of communication. IELTS/ TOEFL scores are recognised by universities and colleges, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies.



English Debating Skills Course

641.331

Mathew Rayment

- Pre-Knowledge:
- 35 €

- 1 hours/week
- 1 ECTS

Course times: see Muonline

CONTENT

The focus of the course is to gain a level of proficiency in debating. Topics will include: - Identifying fact v opinion, critical thinking, language of persuasion, case building, brainstorming, overcoming apprehension, flowing, debate structure, debate practise, dealing with audience questions. Participants will be given input through attending one of the two possible input days, and then take part in live debates that will be attended by the group as a whole and potentially by interested members of the University – staff and students.

Students will be expected to be a part of at least one debate and submit reviews of 4 debates.

English Debating Skills Course

641.333

Mathew Rayment

- Pre-Knowledge:
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Course times: see Muonline

CONTENT

The focus of the course is to gain a level of proficiency in debating. Topics will include: - Identifying fact v opinion, critical thinking, language of persuasion, case building, brainstorming, overcoming apprehension, flowing, debate structure, debate practise, dealing with audience questions. Participants will be given input through attending one of the two possible input days, and then take part in live debates that will be attended by the group as a whole and potentially by interested members of the University – staff and students.

Students will be expected to be a part of at least one debate and submit reviews of 8 debates.

Communication in Engineering B2.2

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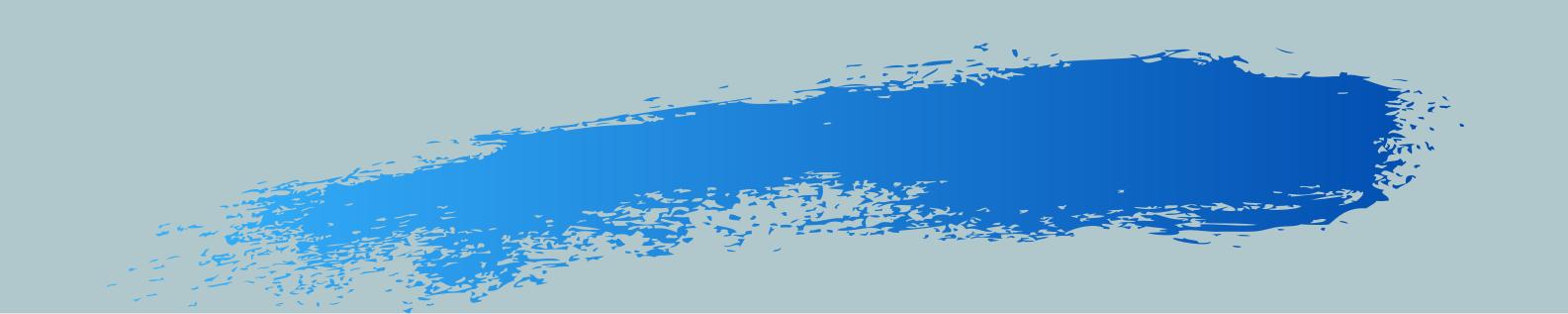
Marinus Bouwman

- Pre-Knowledge: B2.1
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Thursday 16:00 - 17:30

- The course will practice communications involving (modern) engineers with other professionals and the general public.
- These will include diverse issues where engineers interact with society through personal and public relations, and networking.
- Students are expected to contribute knowledge of their specific fields into all aspects of the course.



Spanish A1.1

641.509

Inmaculada Uclés Córdoba

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Monday & Thursday 15:00 - 16:30

- Basic vocabulary and grammar
- Basic communication situations (introducing yourself, talking about the family, greetings, giving personal information, making suggestions, ordering in a restaurant, shopping at the market, getting to know authentic situations
 - Panamericana and eating habits
 - Phonetics of Spanish

Spanish A1.2

641.514

Inmaculada Uclés Córdoba

- Pre-Knowledge: Spanisch A1.1
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Monday & Thursday 17:00 - 18:30

- Basic vocabulary and grammar
- Basic communication situations (introducing yourself, talking about the family, greetings, giving personal information, making suggestions, ordering in a restaurant, shopping at the market, getting to know authentic situations
 - Panamericana and eating habits
 - Phonetics of Spanish

Spanish A2.1

641.511

Francisco Uclés Sánchez

- Pre-Knowledge: A1.2
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Tuesday 16:15 - 17:45

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Thursday 17:00 - 18:30

CONTENT

In level A2, students learn to use simple words to describe aspects of the past and the immediate environment and to express themselves in everyday situations and needs. As well as to write different short texts.



Spanish B1.1

641.613

Francisco Uclés Sánchez

- Pre-Knowledge: at least A2
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Montag 16:00 - 17:30 & Dienstag 17:45 - 19:15

CONTENT

Grammatical competence:

- The perífrasis verbales acabar de + infinitivo, llevar + gerundio.
- Repetition of the past tense and the imperative
- Use of subjunctive/infinitive
- Direct/indirect speech (indicative/subjunctive)
- The passive voice
- Connectors: sin embargo, sino, también...
- El futuro perfecto
- Para + infinitivo / Para que + subjuntivo

The objectives of the course will also be geared towards preparing for the DELE exams of the Instituto Cervantes (levels B1, B2 or C1) according to the interests of the course participants.

The Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) are official certificates of Spanish language proficiency awarded by the Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science.

Italian A1.1

641.570

Laura Checconi

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 45 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Tuesday 15:00 - 16:15 & Thursday 15:30 - 16:30

- Simple basic situations from everyday life
- Insights into culture of Italy and Italian-speaking countries
- Reading, listening, writing and speaking skills



Italian A2.1

641.577

Laura Checconi

- Pre-Knowledge: A1.2
- 45 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Tuesday 16:30 - 19:00

CONTENT

- Topics such as childhood memories, everyday work life, events, sports and fitness, habits, holidays and travel
- Listening and reading texts with an expanded vocabulary
- Extension of basic grammar



Portuguese A1.1

641.571

Marion Gringinger

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 45 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Thursday 16:30 - 19:00

- Simple basic situations from everyday life
- Insights into culture of Portugal / Brazil and Portuguesespeaking countries
- Reading, listening, writing and speaking skills



Portuguese A2.1

641.575

Marion Gringinger

- Pre-Knowledge: A1.2
- 45 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Monday 16:30 - 19:00

- Simple basic situations from everyday life
- Insights into culture of Brazil and Portuguese-speaking countries
- Reading, listening, writing and speaking skills



German A1.1

641.549

Angela Krauhs, Elisa Rieger,
Markus Oberländer
&
Marie Prieler

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Group1: semi-intensiv course

Group 2: Semester course

Group 3: Semester course

Course times: see Muonline

CONTENT

- basic knowledge of the German language in everyday situations (e.g. greetings, introductions, daily life and family, daily routine, leisure activities, dining out)
- simple grammar structures (e.g., verb conjugation in the present tense, definite/indefinite articles, personal pronouns, sentence structure, separable verbs, perfect tense)

German A1.2

641.550

Elisa Rieger, Simona Brkovic, & Marie Prieler

- Pre-Knowledge: A1.1
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS
- Group 1: semester course
- Group 2: semester course
- Group 3: semi-intensive course

Course times: see MUonline

CONTENT

- expansion of vocabulary on everyday topics such as health, clothing, weather, holidays, appointments, plans and wishes, household
- everyday communication (e.g., giving directions, visiting a doctor, expressing wishes and plans)
 development of basic grammar (e.g., modal verbs, imperative, accusative/dative, personal pronouns in accusative and dative, local and temporal prepositions)

German A2.1

641.551

Markus Oberländer

• Pre-Knowledge: A1.2

4 hours/week

• 60 €

4 ECTS

Tuesday 18:30 - 20:00 & Thursday 18:30 - 20:00

CONTENT

- · topics such as fitness, habits, vacation and travel
- everyday communication (e.g., talking about the past, telling an introductory story, evaluating and suggesting events, expressing enthusiasm and dislike, stating one's opinion, expressing wishes and preferences)
- listening and reading texts with expanded vocabulary
- expansion of basic grammar (e.g., plural possessive articles, Konjunktiv II, preposition alternations, indirect questions, connectors "weil, deshalb, dass, wenn")

German A2.2

641.555

Ingrid Unterhauser

- Pre-Knowledge: A2.1
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Monday 13:30 - 15:00 & Wednesday 13:30 - 15:00

CONTENT

- topics such as private invitations, first day at work, media habits, career changes, life experiences, wishes and dreams
- everyday communication (e.g., inviting someone, disagreeing with someone, discussing similarities and differences, evaluating a movie/TV show)
- expansion of basic grammar (e.g., verbs with dative and accusative, adjective declension, reflexive verbs, verbs with prepositions, relative clauses, present tense of the passive voice, conjunction "trotzdem")

German B1.1

641.557

Ingrid Unterhauser

- Pre-Knowledge: A2
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Monday 15:30 - 17:00 & Wednesday 15:30 - 17:00

CONTENT

- everyday and professional topics (e.g. memories, friendships, strengths and self-reflection, career changes, politics and society, job satisfaction)
- everyday communication (e.g., critically evaluating something, agreeing, disagreeing, politely apologizing, suggesting alternatives, encouraging, asking for the floor)
- intermediate grammar (e.g., adjective declension in the comparative and superlative, subjunctive II, infinitive with zu, connectors "als, damit, obwohl, während, sodass," relative clauses)
- confident handling of dialogues and texts on everyday topics

German B2.1

641.559

Leonore Peer &

Angela Krauhs

- Pre-Knowledge: B1
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Tuesday 14:45 - 16:15 & Thursday 14:45 - 16:15

CONTENT

- topics such as changes, migration, social media, teamwork, nutrition, daily rhythm, career, and consumption.
- everyday communication (e.g., expressing emotions such as indifference, surprise, (in)comprehension, annoyance, signaling misunderstanding, expressing and justifying assumptions)
- expansion of reading comprehension of longer texts on social issues
- complex grammar structures (e.g., causal, conditional, final, adversative, temporal, and modal relationships; state passive; passive substitute forms; word order of complements and statements)
- expansion of vocabulary through synonyms, compound nouns, and compound adjectives

German C1.1

641.583

Sandra Ganzer

- Pre-Knowledge: B2
- 60 €

- 4 hours/week
- 4 ECTS

Tuesday & Wednesday 16:00 - 17:30

CONTENT

- topics such as friendship, multilingualism, mobility, training paths, body and mind, sustainability, error culture, historical turning points, and data gaps.
- everyday communication (e.g., describing differences between past and present, describing a person's self-perception, explaining a term, making a forecast, pointing out rights/agreements, referring to a person's experiences, describing consequences, describing the course of an accident)
- to analyze complex texts
- academic and stylistic grammar (e.g., indirect speech with Konjunktiv I and II, Konjunktiv II of the past, nominal style, functional verb complexes)
- word formations and pronunciation (e.g., modal particles, assimilations and omissions in colloquial language, stress shifts, emotion through intonation)

Chinese A1.1

641.573

Jing Tnag & Xiaojiao Zhou

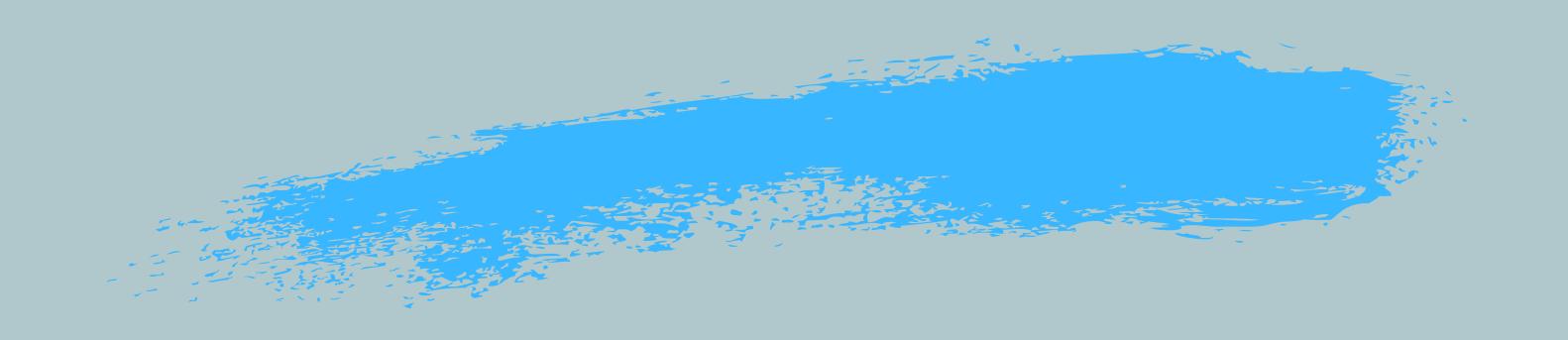
- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 230 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

CONTENT

Basic knowledge of Chinese, focus on pronunciation and characters, very simple standard situations, Chinese culture.



Chinese A1.2

641.579

Jing Tnag & Xiaojiao Zhou

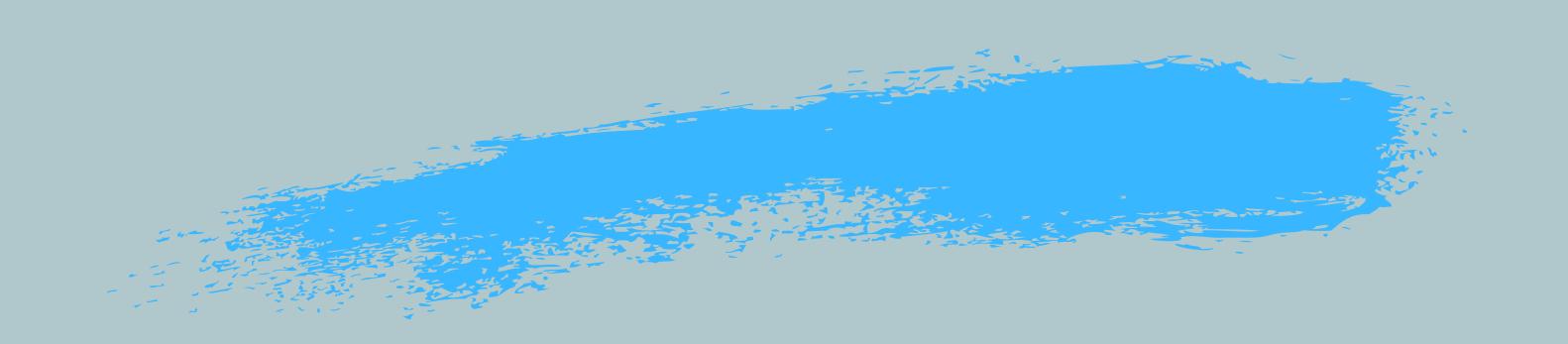
- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 230 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

CONTENT

Basic knowledge of Chinese, focus on pronunciation and characters, very simple standard situations, Chinese culture.



Chinese A1.3

641.581

Jing Tnag & Xiaojiao Zhou

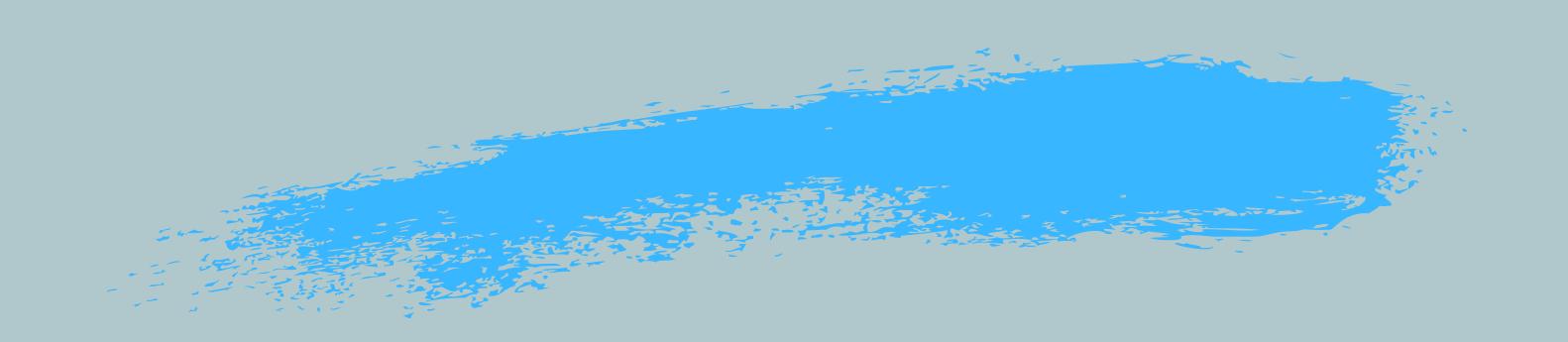
- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 230 €

- 3 hours/week
- 3 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

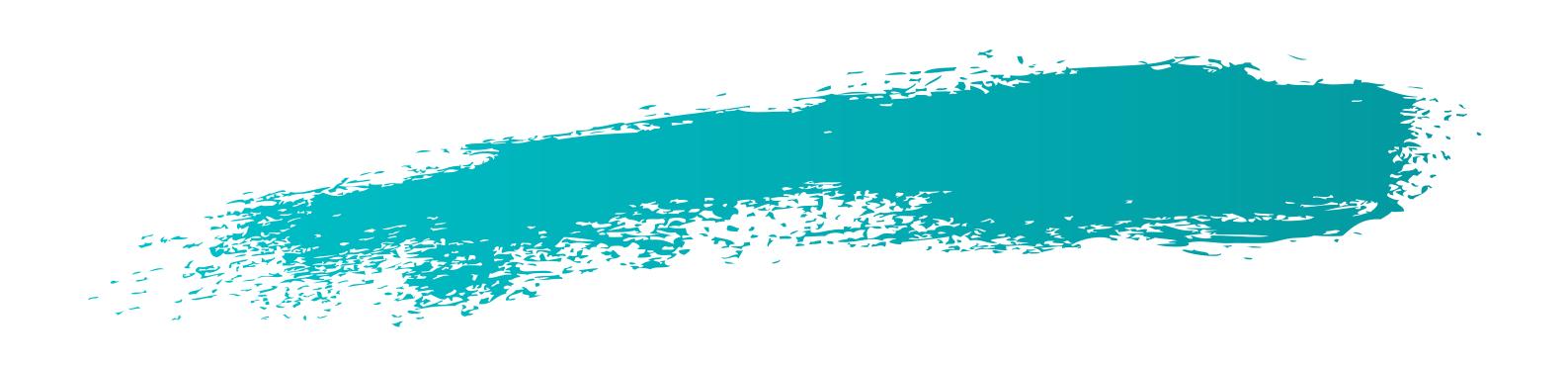
CONTENT

Basic knowledge of Chinese, focus on pronunciation and characters, very simple standard situations, Chinese culture.



Soft Skills





MUL. An Essential Starter Guide

641.041

Leonore Peer

- Pre-Knowledge: English B1
- no course fee

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

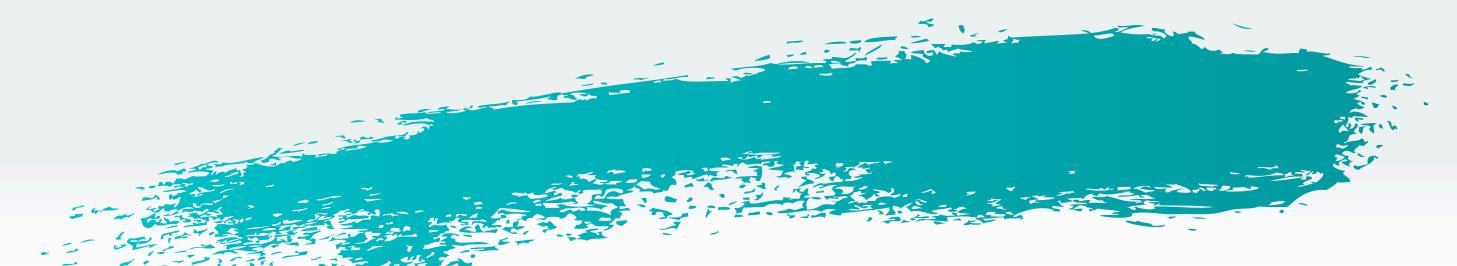
Self-paced online course

CONTENT

Are you planning to study at Montanuniversitaet Leoben? This course will help you find your way – in Austria and especially at Montanuniversitaet.

Join us on a virtual journey to Austria and explore the university with us. Learn how studying works here, how to apply for your residence permit, and what everyday life in Austria is like. Of course, your student life and free time won't be forgotten!

Since Montanuniversitaet is located in Europe, is part of a European university alliance, and places great importance on sustainability in all its study programs, this course also introduces you to these key topics. You'll explore all this – and much more – interactively in our online course: MUL. An Essential Guide.



Fundamental Course in Philosophy & Ethics I

641.523 (only in German)

Markus Plöbst

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Wednesday 15:30 - 17:00

CONTENT

This course gives an introduction to philosophy in the time-scale between Antiquity and the Middle Ages as well as to philosophers and philosophical trends of these periods. Furthermore, various ethical and philosophical considerations will be discussed.



Rhetoric Basics: The Science of Being Right

641.529

Norbert Berger

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

CONTENT

Basic rhetorical and persuasive techniques - Design and structuring of arguments, persuasive presentations, question-and-answer sessions, discussions, and debates, as well as academic writing - Preparation and delivery of persuasive and argumentative performances - Rhetoric, critical analytical thinking, and argumentative skills - Use of media to persuade



Effective Meetings and Negotiations in English - B2

641.531

Norbert Berger

- Pre-Knowledge: English B2
- 35 €

- Blocked Sessions
- 1 ECTS

Wednesday 16:15 - 17:45

CONTENT

How to chair and participate in meetings for diverse purposes across cultures

- Formal and human sides of meetings and negotiations
- Culture and language differences
- Briefing and reporting
- Gathering information and opinions
- Solving problems
- Brainstorming ideas
- Decision-making



Practicing Principles of International Leadership in English

641.539

Norbert Berger

- Pre-Knowledge: English B2
- 40 €

- 2 hours/week
- 2 ECTS

Tuesday 16:00 - 19:00

CONTENT

The course will practice applying principles of international leadership and teamwork. - These will exemplify, try out, and analyse management techniques in case studies, roleplay, simulations, and exercises in classroom and independent groupwork online in a portfolio of activities, giving you tools to perform successfully as a professional. - Concepts covered include current competence models of leadership, tools and techniques.

Applying for a Job in English

641.532

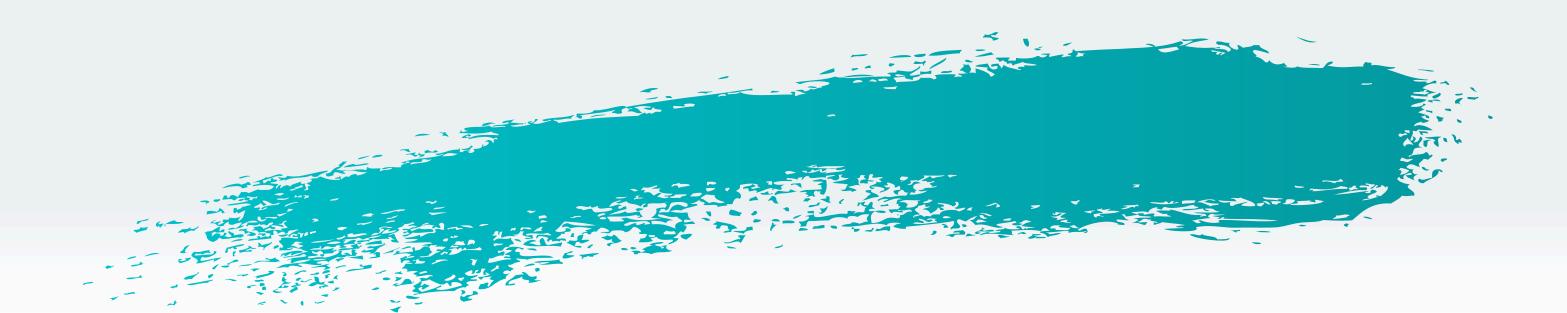
Mathew Rayment

- Pre-Knowledge: English B2
- 35 €

- Blocked Sessions
- 1 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

- Cover Letters: purpose, format essential language
- Resumes/CVs: cultural aspects, style, essential language
- Application Forms: purpose, essential language
- The creative process creating your personal application documents
- Cultural aspects of interviews
- The language of interviews
- Dealing with challenging interview questions



High Performance Teams: Instruments for Effective Teamwork

641.157 (only in German)

Waltraud Ferz-Steinbauer

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 40 €

- Blocked Sessions
- 2 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

- Defining Goals with the Coverdale Target Diagram: Formulating goals clearly, precisely, and comprehensively; operationalizing strategic objectives
- Structured Collaboration: Designing efficient processes and organizing workflows
- Building Successful Collaboration: Establishing the foundations for team dynamics and role distribution
- Delegating Tasks: Clearly assigning responsibilities
- Creativity Techniques: Developing innovative solutions collaboratively
- Facilitation: Guiding teams, steering discussions, and supporting decision-making processes

Communication and Conversation Management

641.155 (only in German)

Waltraud Ferz-Steinbauer

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- 40 €

- Blocked Sessions
- 2 ECTS

Course times: see MUonline

- Fundamentals of Communication: Understanding communication processes, identifying and avoiding common misunderstandings and perceptual distortions
- Systemic Questioning Techniques: Using questioning methods to promote dialogue, clarity, and solution-oriented thinking
- Perspective Shifting: Understanding different viewpoints and broadening one's own perspective
- Handling Difficult Conversations: Techniques for leading conversations confidently in challenging contexts
- Constructive Feedback: Providing effective feedback from appreciative feedback to professional criticism-

Motivation, Identity & Success I: Personal Curiosity vs. External Reward

641.169

Sarah Kettner

Pre-Knowledge: none

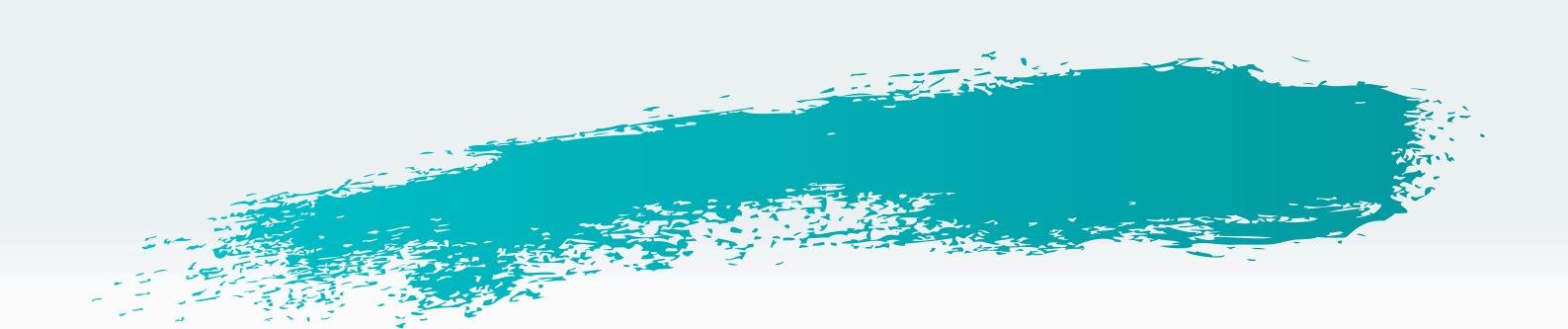
• 1 ECTS

• 35€

Friday 10:00 - 12:00

CONTENT

This course examines the crucial role motivation plays in determining how, when, and why individuals engage with challenging subject matter. A clear distinction will be drawn between intrinsic drives—such as curiosity, personal enthusiasm, and the desire for mastery—and extrinsic factors, including grades, external rewards, and professional ambitions. Attendees will learn how to cultivate an environment that encourages both forms of motivation, drawing on practical examples and didactic strategies tailored to complex technical domains.



Voluntary social work

641.061

Leonore Peer

- Pre-Knowledge: none
- no course fee

• 4 ECTS

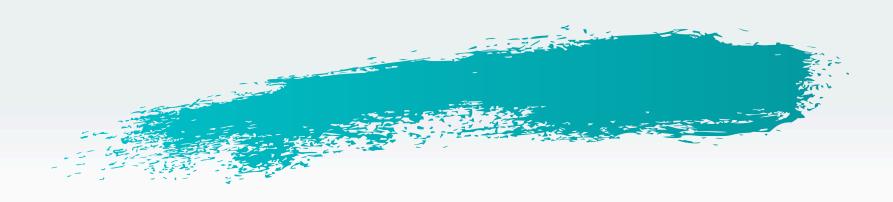
Course times: see MUonline

CONTENT

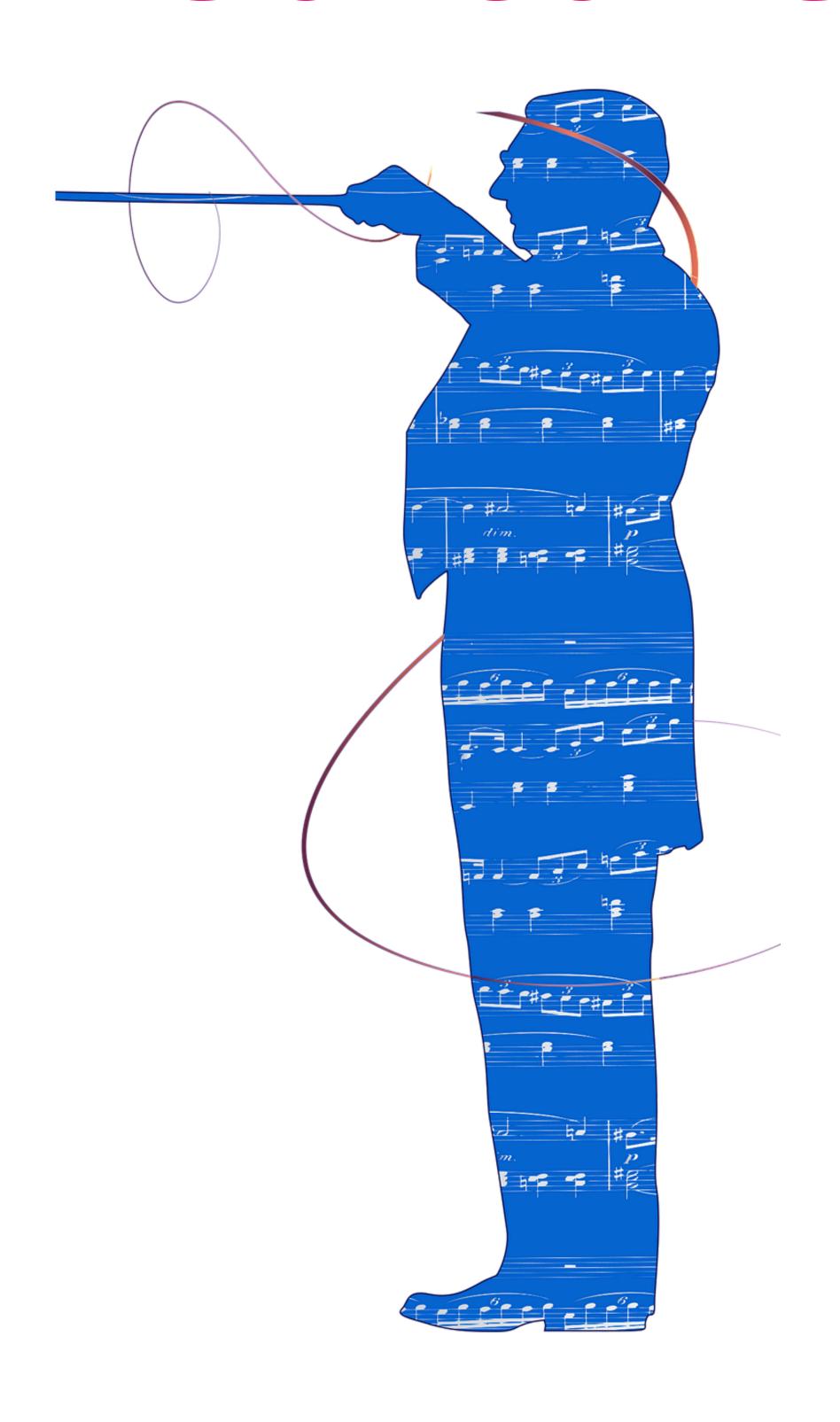
The students complete a voluntary activity with a recognised sponsoring association

As part of their voluntary work, students:

- voluntarily provide services for others
- within an organisational framework
- free of charge
- for people outside their own household
- with the purpose of promoting the general public or for predominantly social motives,
- without this being done with the intention of gainful employment, on the basis of an employment relationship or as part of vocational training.



MUL - Culture



Symphonic Wind Orchestra

641.300

Gloria Ammerer

Entrance requirements: to be able to play an orchestral wind or percussion instrument

3 ECTS

• 3 hours/week

Thursday 18:30 - 20:30 Uhr

- Weekly rehearsals
- Traditional & symphonic wind music
- Become acquainted with musical society's basic structures
- Routine Concerts
- Maintenance of miner's tradition
- Concert and marching band competions
- Participating in university events (Academic ceremonies, Bierauszug, Ledersprung,...)

Choral Singing

641.147

Sarah Kettner

Entrance requirements: everyone who loves to sing

• 3 ECTS

• 3 hours/week

Tuesday 19:00 - 21:00 Uhr

- Preservation and care of traditional songs of the fields miner-, students-, lansquenet- and drinking songs.
- To get to know other fields: motet, miner mass, folk songs from Europe and America, comparison of handed down forms of songs with contemporary composition.
- To meet all song-interested students
- Performances on choral-journeys and festive occasions
- Common activities

Frequently Asked Questions

• When do the courses start?

All courses (except blocked courses) start in the second week of the winter term.

- Do the courses start s.t. or c.t.?

 All courses start s.t., which means exactly at the specified time.
- Is attendance mandatory in the courses?
 Yes, since the courses are "integrated courses", attendance is mandatory.
- Do I get ECTS points for successful participation in the courses?

 If you fulfil the necessary attendance and other requirements and, if applicable, take an exam at the end of the semester, you will receive ECTS points for the course. You can see the number of ECTS points in the course description.
- Do I need prior knowledge to attend a language course?
 All language courses (except English) start at beginner level. English courses start at level B1. If you already have prior knowledge of your chosen language, please make sure that your skills match the required level.
 - Can I take the courses for credit as an elective subject?
 All courses can be credited as elective subjects.

What language certificates are available and how can I obtain them?

Courses are offered to prepare for the following internationally recognized certificates: TOEFL & IELTS, BEC-Vantage (B2 Business English), DELE - Spanish (level A1 – C1). The certificate examinations are taken at the relevant institutions outside the University of Leoben. Detailed information regarding registration deadline, examination fee and examination dates can be obtained from the lecturers in the courses.

• Who is allowed to participate in the courses?

All students and staff of the University of Leoben as well as students of other universities in Austria are eligible to participate. If you are not a regular student, you can register as a non-degree student and attend individual at Montanuniversitaet.

How can I register for the courses?
 You can register for the courses on MuOnline.

How much do the courses cost?

The price of the courses depends on the ECTS points to be achieved. Courses with 4 ECTS points cost € 60, with 3 ECTS points € 45, with 2 ECTS points € 40, with 1 ECTS point € 35

How do I pay for the course?

Payment for the course can be made by bank transfer to the following account:

Bank account: Steiermärkische Sparkasse

Recipient: ZSBK University of Leoben

IBAN: AT61 2081 5000 4126 9531

Please indicate the 6-digit course number and your matriculation number as purpose of payment.

- What happens if I do not pay the course fee in time?
 If you do not pay the course fee in time, you will be reregistered on the waiting list and your place will be given to another student.
- When can I register? Registration is possible from 01.09.2025 on MuOnline.
- Can I also pay in cash in person?
 Yes, please come during office hours and by prior appointment.
- Do I have to pay for the course immediately?
 Please transfer the course fee by 01.10.2025. After that, your place will be given to someone else.
- How many participants are required for a course to take place?

A course takes place with at least 10 participants.

- What is the maximum number of participants?
 A maximum of 20 participants can take part in language courses and seminars.
- Where can I get information about the time and place of the course?
 - Information on the start of the course and the venue can be found on MuOnline.
- I am on the waiting list. Should I still transfer the course fee? Please only transfer the course fee if you have a fixed place.

- Do I have to take an exam at the end of the semester? In our language courses, we have continuous assessment. To successfully complete the course, you must meet the course requirements (e.g. attendance, homework, final exam etc.) which you can find on MuOnline. Your instructor will explain the details in the course.
- I have registered for a course and now do not want to take part. Can I still cancel my registration?

 You can deregister from a course or transfer to another course until 14.10.2025 without giving reasons. After this deadline, you can deregister only in exceptional cases (confirmed serious illness, accident, etc.).
- I am a university employee, how can I register?

 If you are a university employee, please contact our office on 03842-402/6410 or email to zsbk@unileoben.ac.at.

Any more Questions?

Feel free to contact us:

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