

Unibz Language Learning Model



The Language Centre
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The Trilingual Language Model

- Unibz is a trilingual university with three official languages: German, Italian and English
- B1 proficiency is absolute minimum to follow a lecture
- B2 proficiency is recommended minimum to succeed

The Trilingual Language Model

BACHELOR

Language	Entry Requirement	After 1 year	Exit Requirement
First Language	B2	-	C1
Second Language	B2	-	C1
Third Language	A0	B1	B2

TRILINGUAL MASTER

Language	Entry Requirement	Exit Requirement
First Language	C1	C1
Second Language	B2	C1
Third Language	A0	B1

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MASTER IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

Language	Entry Requirement	After 2 years	Exit Requirement
First Language	C1	-	C1
Second Language	B2	-	C1
Third Language	A0	B2	B2

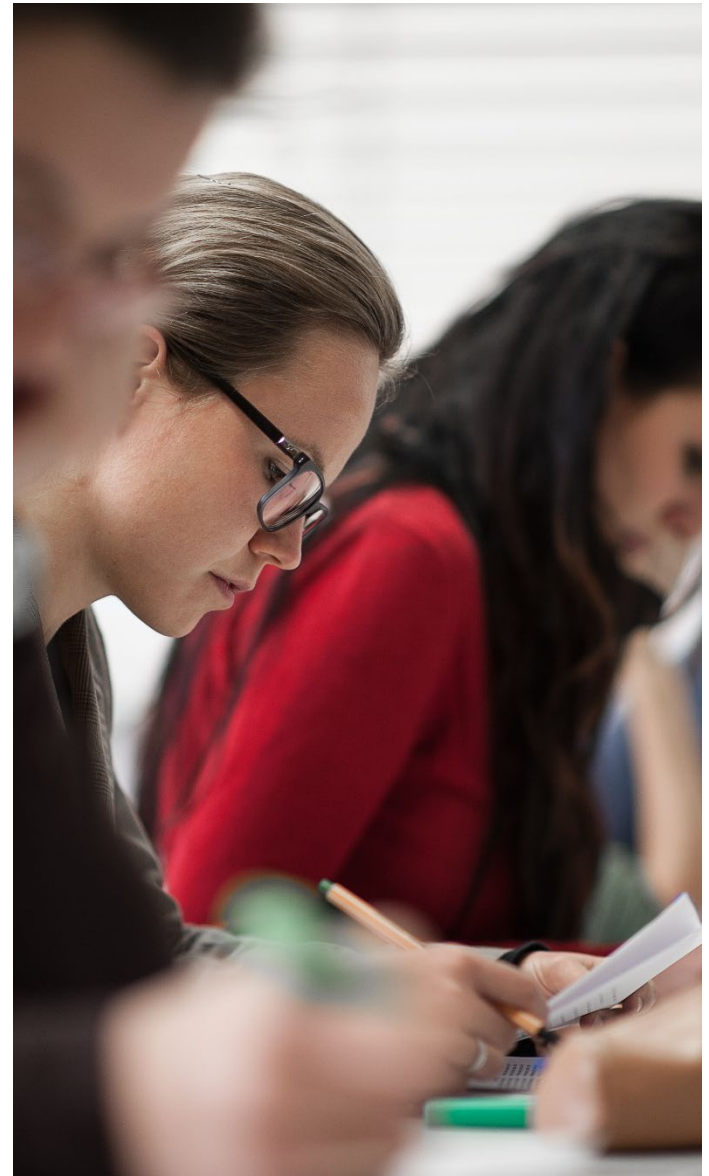
The Aims of the Language Centre

- **Primary aim:** Supporting language learning at unibz
- **Secondary aim:** Certification of language requirements



Services of the Language Centre

- Language courses (Italian, German, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Ladin)
- Language proficiency exams
- International certificates (CELI, TestDaF, Cambridge, IELTS)
- Language advising and self-directed learning
- Other language activities



How do you meet your language requirements?

- Only by passing a recognized proficiency exam!
- unibz language proficiency exams
 - Five sessions per academic year
 - Free of charge
- International language certificates
 - Cambridge, IELTS, CELI, Test DaF offered at unibz
 - Must pay a fee / Free preparation courses / Recognized around the world
 - Other recognized certificates:
[\(https://www.unibz.it/assets/Documents/Languages/unibz-recognised-language-certificates-2019-2020.pdf\)](https://www.unibz.it/assets/Documents/Languages/unibz-recognised-language-certificates-2019-2020.pdf)
- Achieved levels in the Diploma Supplement
- More information in Cockpit (**Study Guide > Languages**)



How do you improve your language proficiency?

- Approximately 200 hours of active language learning per level!
 - A0 to B1 requires approximately 600 hours!
- “Specialized language courses”
 - But focus on field-specific skills and not general proficiency!
- Autonomous learning options
 - But requires a lot of time, commitment and self-discipline
- The easiest and most effective way is to attend language courses!



The Modular Course System



- Fourteen 40-hour modules
- Placement based on current certified level or placement test
- Intensive courses (with 1, 2 or 3 modules) before, between, and after semesters, 8 hours per day for 1, 2 or 3 weeks
- Extensive courses (with 1 module) during the semester **in Bozen and Brunico**: 4 hours per week for 10 weeks.
 - Monday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00, or
 - Mondays and Wednesdays from 18:30 to 20:30, or
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 18:30 to 20:30
 - **Important: Not all courses offered in each timeslot**
- Extensive courses (with 1 module) during the semester in **Brixen**: Friday afternoons from 14:15 to 18:15 and Saturday mornings from 9:15 to 13:15 (over the following five weekends during the semester: 13./14.11, 20./21.11, 27./28.11, 4./5.12, 11./12.12)

The Modular Course System



- Language courses teach and test all four language skills (reading, listening, writing, speaking)
- **75% attendance rate and score of 60% required to pass**
- **First objective is to reach B2 in third language!**

End of course tests and language proficiency exams

EOCTs are done at the end of courses. The EOCT gives students and teachers the opportunity to evaluate progress on learning; it also certifies the passing of the preceding course level to allow students to register for the next course.

Language Exams are offered regularly at unibz **after each course session** throughout the year. They certify your CEFR level and can be used to meet graduation requirements.

The Third Language

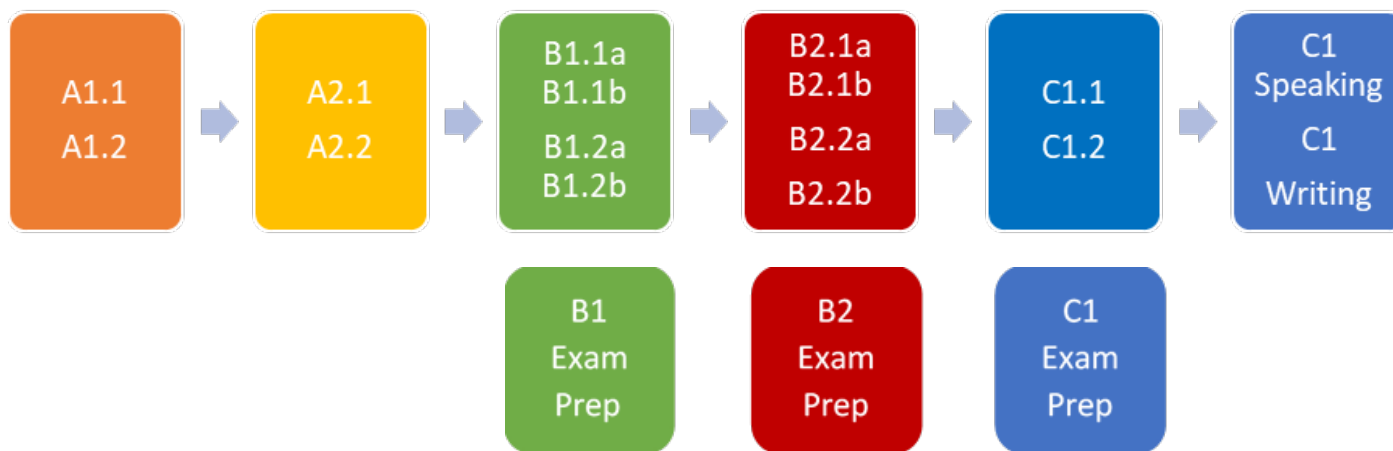
COURSE SESSION	Third Language			
	Path 1 Starting level A0	Path 2 Starting level A1	Path 3 Starting level A2	Path 4 Starting level B1
STUDY YEAR ONE PRE-SEMESTER - SEPTEMBER FOR NEW STUDENTS 3-week intensives	A1.1* A1.2*	A2.1 A2.2	B1.1a B1.1b B1.2a	B2.1a B2.1b B2.2a
FIRST SEMESTER (Extensives)	A2.1	B1.1a	B1.2b	B2.2b
WINTER INTENSIVES - FEBRUARY 2-week intensives	A.2.2 B1.1a	B1.1b B1.2a	B2.1a B2.1b	
SECOND SEMESTER (Extensives)	B1.1b	B1.2b	B2.2a	
SUMMER INTENSIVES - JULY 1 and 2-week intensives	B1.2a B1.2b	B2.1a B2.1b	B2.2b	
STUDY YEAR TWO FALL INTENSIVES - SEPTEMBER 2-week intensives	B2.1a B2.1b	B2.2a B2.2b		
FIRST SEMESTER (Extensives)	B2.2a			
WINTER INTENSIVES - FEBRUARY 1-week intensives	B2.2b			

The Second Language, etc.

COURSE SESSION	Third Language				Other Courses
	Path 1 Starting level A0	Path 2 Starting level A1	Path 3 Starting level A2	Path 4 Starting level B1	2 nd Lang. and exam preparation
STUDY YEAR ONE PRE-SEMESTER - SEPTEMBER FOR NEW STUDENTS 3-week intensives	A1.1* A1.2*	A2.1 A2.2	B1.1a B1.1b B1.2a	B2.1a B2.1b B2.2a	C1.1/C1.2
FIRST SEMESTER (Extensives)	A2.1	B1.1a	B1.2b	B2.2b	C1.1, C1.3, CAE, IELTS, CELI, TestDaf BusEng C1.1
WINTER INTENSIVES - FEBRUARY 2-week intensives	A.2.2 B1.1a	B1.1b B1.2a	B2.1a B2.1b		C1.1/C1.2 BusEng C1.2
SECOND SEMESTER (Extensives)	B1.1b	B1.2b	B2.2a		C1.2, C1.3, CAE, IELTS, CELI, TestDaf
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STUDY YEAR TWO FALL INTENSIVES - SEPTEMBER 2-week intensives	B2.1a B2.1b	B2.2a B2.2b			SAME
FIRST SEMESTER (Extensives)	B2.2a				SAME
WINTER INTENSIVES - FEBRUARY 1-week intensives	B2.2b				SAME

Courses on productive skills and on exams preparation

- For students who pass all courses at each level, the Language Centre also offers:
 - B1, B2, and C1 exam preparation courses
 - C1 writing and speaking skills courses (C1.3)



Is attending language courses enough?

- NO!
- The model assumes that you are motivated to learn languages, and that you will not only attend language courses but will take advantage of every opportunity to use and learn languages at unibz!

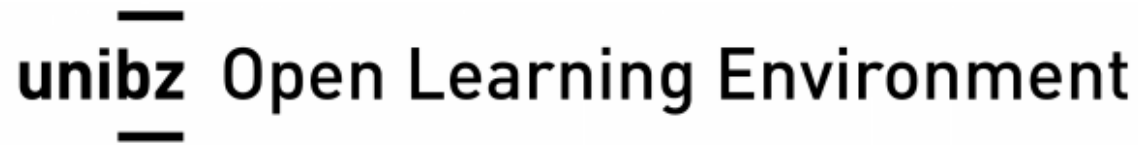
What else should you do?

- Take study in three languages seriously;
- Take the specialized language courses seriously;
- Take advantage of autonomous learning options:
 - Language advising
 - Unibz Tandems
 - Language learning resources (on **OLE – the Unibz open learning environment**)
 - University activities (e.g., movie nights)
 - Community activities (e.g. Centro Trevi, Pub Quiz)
 - Language Centre events (e.g., language speed-dating)
- Taking advantage of every opportunity to use and practice languages!

Language learning resources

OLE > Language learning resources

<https://ole.unibz.it/>

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unibz Open Learning Environment

<https://ole.unibz.it/course/view.php?id=423>

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Language learning resources

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The unibz Tandem platform

- Find a partner to practise with by signing-up to our digital Tandem matching platform here:
<https://unibz.matorixmatch.com/>
- Sign-up to our materials platform here:
<https://ole.unibz.it/course/view.php?id=6731>
- For more details or questions, please email Andrew Wimhurst at tandem@unibz.it



Language Events



Language Café

- 22 october - quiz night
- 12 november - speed dating
- 3 december - games night
- 17 december - xmas karaoke

h 18:30 — 20:30



online

Will you succeed at unibz without attending language courses?

- Only if you have already met your graduation requirements before matriculation!
- Otherwise for the third language it is impossible and for the second language it is very unlikely!
- Most adult learners require instruction, practice, and feedback to improve their language skills!

Registration for Language Courses

Italian, German and English: From 8 to 12 October

(Information about registration for courses in other languages will be published soon in the Study Guide)

Registration on Cockpit

Student Zone > Registration Language Courses

Language Courses Start

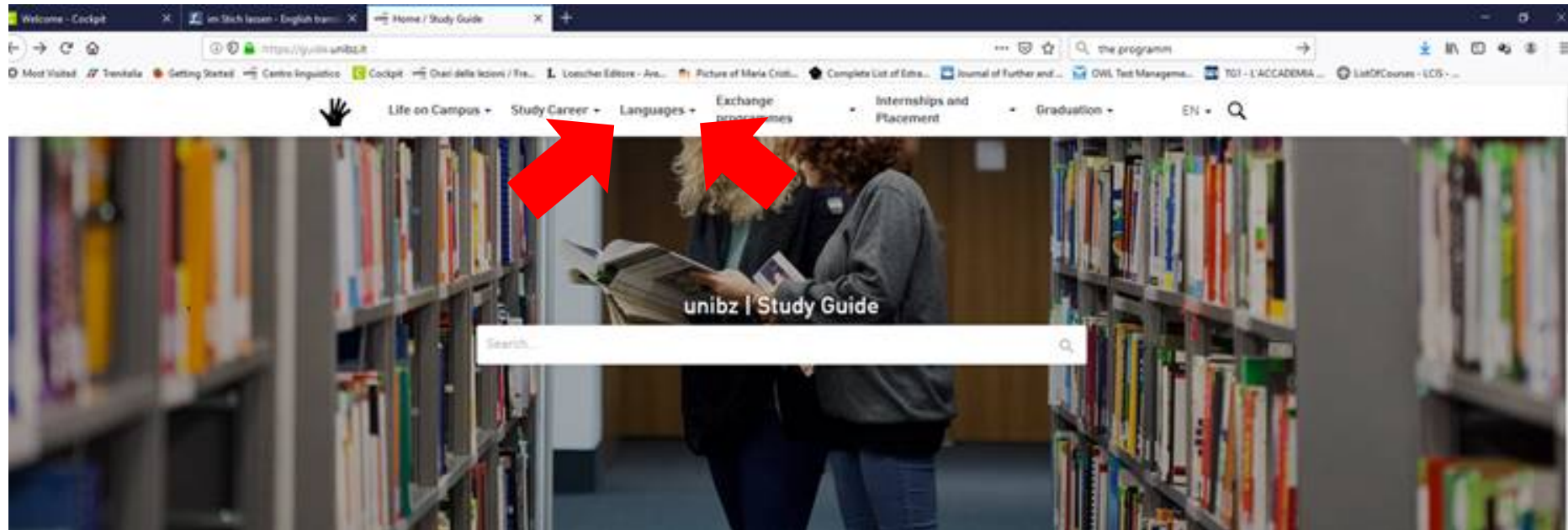
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Information about language courses, language exams, etc. in the Study Guide

<https://guide.unibz.it/> > Languages



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Thank you!
Any questions?