

# Multilingual Communication

<b>About the course</b>	Multilingual Communication
<b>Course content</b>	<p>The Multilingual communication course is primarily a practical elective course designated for home as well as international students. Students will get multilingual and multicultural experiences during the course, which is one of the general aims of the course. The potential of the course is to bring home and international students closer together. The course's main aim is to encourage students to use their languages and be able to effectively use their own linguistic repertoire (e. g. switching languages, mediate between interlocutors who are unable to understand each other). The activities during the course are based on the peer-learning concept. During the classes, we will address the diverse aspects of multilingualism and multicultural communication through various multilingual written or oral tasks in the groups as well as individually. The course is intended to develop several key competencies: multilingual communicative competence, receptive multilingualism, intercomprehension and language mediation competence. Languages of communication used in class and assignments will be selected based on participants' linguistic competence profiles.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>At the end of the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ identify factors that influence multilingual and multicultural communication.</li> <li>▪ summarise various concepts regarding multilingualism and multicultural communication.</li> <li>▪ comprehend the cultural impact on the interpretation of information and communication.</li> <li>▪ effectively communicate information and knowledge in multilingual and multicultural contexts using one's own linguistic repertoire.</li> </ul>
<b>Programme</b>	<p>Week 1      Introductory meeting; Getting to know each other – discussion about linguistic abilities and repertoire of students</p> <p>Week 2      Multilingualism – concepts</p> <p>Week 3      Multilingualism in theories and practice</p> <p>Week 4      Non-verbal communication and body language in a multilingual and multicultural environment</p> <p>Week 5      Concept of receptive multilingualism</p> <p>Week 6      The importance of intercomprehension in multilingual settings</p> <p>Week 7      Language mediation in multilingual settings</p> <p>Week 8      Persuasion in multilingual settings I. (theoretical background)</p> <p>Week 9      Persuasion in multilingual settings II. (in practice)</p> <p>Week 10     Negotiation in multilingual settings</p> <p>Week 11     Intercultural communication</p> <p>Week 12     Cultural stereotypes and communication barriers</p> <p>Week 13     Conclusion of the course; Final discussions</p>

<b>Assessment</b>	Assessment is based on formative assessment – providing ongoing feedback on students' work during the semester (including self and peer feedback). The assessment is 100 % continual and consist of active participation in seminars (10 points), preparation for seminars and fulfilling tasks/assignments during the course (40 points), and learning logs (50 points). Students can have a maximum of 2 absences during the course. Breach of academic ethics will result in cancelling the obtained points in the relevant evaluation item.
<b>Lecturers</b>	Mgr. Jana Výškrabková
<b>Focus area</b>	other area
<b>Study field</b>	Course is general available for all interested in multilingualism and multilingual communication (both bachelor and master students); especially students of linguistics and languages are warmly welcomed to join the course
<b>Type</b>	Course
<b>Format</b>	Virtual
<b>Host</b>	Comenius University
<b>Course dates</b>	A 90-minutes seminar per week; exact schedule TBA
<b>Apply by</b>	N/A
<b>ECTS</b>	4 ECTS
<b>Nr of places available</b>	N/A
<b>Funding</b>	Free of charge
<b>How to apply?</b>	Send an e-mail with the name, university, study field and your motivation to the lecturer: <a href="mailto:vyskrabkova2@uniba.sk">vyskrabkova2@uniba.sk</a>
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