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Itä-Suomen yliopiston ylioppilaskunta

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Which language would you like to learn or teach?

Write in the chat!

What are Language Cafés?

- Informal language classes taught by students for students

- Gives students an opportunity to
  a) learn a language they are interested in in a relaxed and friendly environment
  b) get experience in teaching a language

- You can teach your own Language Café and/or be a participant of another Café (= you can sign up to all the Cafés you want!)

- Language Café leader decides
  - the language they want to teach
  - if the Café is online or on campus
  - if the Language Café offers ECTS credits (UEF students)
    - If teacher chooses to get 2 ECTS credits themselves, participants have the opportunity to get 1 ECTS credit
    - NOTE! If the teacher does not want ECTS credits, there is no possibility for a participant to get them either

- You can attend the Language Cafés even if you don't want to earn ECTS credits – so it's just for fun!

How do the Cafés work?

- Normally meetings once a week
    - Time and day decided by each individual Language Café
- First meeting = planning meeting
- Themes of the cafés are decided together with the participants and the leader
- Content is created by the leader based on participants' wishes. NB! There is no ready-made material for teachers
- ISYY offers 25 €/ leader so that leaders can organise e.g. a baking lesson (only the Cafés that offer ECTS credits)

HOW TO EARN ECTS CREDITS?

Two Language Café Courses in eLearn Moodle

- Language Cafe Participant (Autumn 2025)
- Moodle course key: PART-A25
- Peppi: 8015309 Language Cafe, participant
- 1 ECTS (UEF students only)

- Language Cafe Leader (Autumn 2025)
- Moodle course key: LEADER-A25
- Peppi: 1131019 Language Cafe, leader
- 2 ECTS (UEF students only)

- Sign up in Moodle if you want credits!

- NB! You can only get ECTS points if you are a UEF student

- You can only get the ECTS points once, i.e. if you got 2 ECTS for leading a Café last semester you can not get another 2 ECTS this semester for leading another Language Café

Participants

8015309 Language Cafe, participant, 1 ECTS

- Aim: when participating in international Language Cafe activities, the student
  - develops their language skills together with other participants in line with a self-defined starting point and goals
  - learns about different cultures and customs
  - acquires skills in performing within a multicultural group

- Content: the Language Café leader prepares the course themes together with the participants

- Evaluation criteria: pass-fail

- Time estimate for the credit:
  - 20 hours of attending Language Café meetings
  - 7 hours of independent study and writing a learning diary

NOTE! Submitting the required assignments is done via elearn Moodle platform.

Requirements for 1 ECTS credit:

❏ Participate in the Language Café meetings (20 h)
   80% attendance requirement (min 16 h)

❏ Submit personal learning objectives by 12.10.

❏ Write and submit a learning diary (2 pages) by 14.12.

Personal Learning Objectives

- Maximum length 1 page, spacing 1,5 and font 12.

- You can use the following questions when writing
  - What would you like to learn? Vocabulary of certain themes, grammar, cultural aspects, pronunciation etc.
  - What is your starting point?
  - How would you like to improve your language skills during the Café? What is your goal?

Leaders

1131019 Language Cafe, leader, 2 ECTS

- <u>Aim:</u> to learn about
  - international language cafe activities
  - peer learning and teaching
  - how to take responsibility for leading, planning and coordinating language cafe activities
  - developing multicultural group work skills

- <u>Evaluation criteria:</u> pass–fail

- <u>Content:</u>
  - The Language Café leader decides the meetings' themes together with the participants
  - The leader creates the content based on the wishes of the participants and based on the participants' learning objectives (discussed in the first meeting)

1131019 Language Cafe, leader, 2 ECTS

- <u>Time estimate</u>:
  - 20 hours of planning the meetings, preparing content and communications
  - 20 hours of leading Language Café meetings
  - 14 hours for assignments

NOTE! Submitting assignments is carried out via the eLearn Moodle course.

Requirements for 2 ECTS credits:

❏ Participate in Leader Training tomorrow 18.9. at 9am

❏ Confirm being a leader by filling in a form on ISYY's website by 21.9.

❏ Submit a course plan by 12.10.

❏ Plan Language Café activities

❏ Teach 20h

❏ Submit participants' attendance record and ECTS grant form by 31.12.

❏ Write and submit your own learning diary (2 pages) by 31.12.

Learning Diary

- Helps you to become more conscious of your learning – what you have learnt and how you have progressed.

- It is a "learning tool". Reflects on significant experiences associated with your learning – what was particularly interesting/motivating/relevant/ confusing/difficult, etc.? Develops your argumentation skills.
(source:https://www.uef.fi/web/resourceslaw/study-methods)

- A learning diary should not be a copy of the course plan or the personal learning objectives

Learning Diary

A suitable length for a learning diary is two (2) full pages of your own text with 1.5 line spacing and 12 pt font.

Please use the following list as a basis for your learning diary:

1) Your name and study right number

2) Language Café you participated in/Language Café you taught

3) Language Café period

4) Your expectations for the Language Café and how they were fulfilled

5) The content and activities of the Language Café

6) The essential learning experiences
   a) What (new) did you learn?
   b) Which of it was useful and which not so useful?
   c) What kind of observations did you make of yourself as a learner/teacher and how did your learning/teaching/language skills improve?

7) Feedback

HOW TO SIGN UP?

Sign up as a Language Café leader

1. Participate in Leader Training which is held tomorrow Thu 18.1. at 9 am (online)

   - Leader Training is mandatory for all leaders, but attending the training does not bind you to anything! You have until Sun 21.9. to make the final decision if you want to teach a Language Café or not

   - If you cannot make it to the training session, contact International Coordinators

2. Confirm being a leader by filling in a form on ISYY's website by Sun 21.9.

3. Participants can join your Language Café by filling in a sign-up form on ISYY's website Mon 22.9. – Sun 28.9.
   - Participants' email addresses are forwarded to the Language Café leader on Mon 29.9. – now you can start to plan the first meeting with your students!

How to become a Language Café participant

1. Available Language Cafés will be added to [ISYY's website](#) on Mon 22.9.

2. Join the Language Café(s) of your choice by filling in a sign-up form on ISYY's website Mon 22.9. – Sun 28.9. (midnight)

   - You can join as many Language Cafés as you wish!

   - Your email will be forwarded to the Language Café leader, and they will contact you about the first meeting

Deadlines for leaders

- **21.9.** Confirm being a leader
- **12.10.** Course plan
- **31.12.** Learning diary, attendance records and ECTS grant form

Deadlines for students

- **22.9.–28.9.** Sign up to Language Café(s)
- **12.10.** Student's personal learning objectives
- **14.12.** Learning diaries

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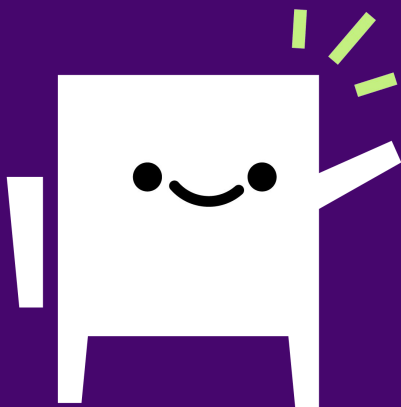
Course keys to enroll to Moodle courses:
- Leaders: LEADER-A25
- Participants: PART-A25
- Instructions, presentations, forms, assignment submissions

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Questions?

- All the instructions are in Moodle!

- If the information you require wasn't in Moodle, you can contact either of the International Coordinators by email:
  - kv.kuopio@isyy.fi
  - kv.joensuu@isyy.fi

- Participants ECTS questions:
  - Irene Hall, ihall@uef.fi

- Leaders ECTS questions:
  - kv.joensuu@isyy.fi or kv.kuopio@isyy.fi