

# UNICERT

**BASIC INFORMATION FOR AN INTENSIVE COURSE**  
**MAJOR: BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY/BIOCHEMISTRY/ENV. STUDIES**

**The course is intended for the students who scored over 90% in  
the entrance test.**

Department of Languages

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Comenius University



Moodle: 2024/2025

UNlcert/Biology/Biochemistry/Chemistry/Slováková/Kordíková

# What is UNiCert?

More than 50 language centres inside and outside Germany are active members of the UNiCert® network

**UNiCert®**  
ACADEMIC LANGUAGE SKILLS


**FOR STUDYING AND WORKING IN AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

- relevant, higher-education level syllabi which encompass inter-cultural and socio-cultural aspects of language
- task-based approach to teaching, learning, testing
- five language levels ensure steady, albeit rapid progress
- assessment content tailored to language courses
- **over 125,000 certificates issued**
- **decentralised system**
- **quality standards as set by policy documents (Framework, Code of Practice) ensured**
- **regular audits at member institutions to maintain quality**
- **institutions supported through executive committee**
- **endorsement of regular networking amongst members**

**more than 25 languages**

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by ALC - the German Association of Language Centres in Higher Education



- The **UNiCert** is an **international system of certification and accreditation** for various languages learnt in a **university** context.
- The main goal of UNiCert is to support language education for universities and to provide an accepted certificate that proves language knowledge outside universities.
- The system was set up in **1992** by the **German Association of Language Centres**, Language Teaching Institutes and Institutes of Foreign Languages.
- The **UNiCert certificate** does not have an expiry date.

# LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMME

## UNICERT®

UNicert is an international training and testing programme established in 1992 by the German Association of Language Centres and Universities. It is also the only academic language training programme in Central Europe that

- offers a high standard of **professional and academic language training**
  - provides a certificate of language proficiency at upper intermediate or advanced level (**B2 or C1** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
  - supports student **mobility** (studying at a foreign university); and
  - certifies proficiency in the foreign language in the field of study for **future employers**.
- More than **125 000 certificates** have been awarded so far, almost half of them in English.
  - The Department of Languages of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava has received accreditation for teaching two language programmes: English and German for students of natural sciences **at levels B2 (German) and C1 (English)**. The accreditation was granted by the Institute for the Accreditation of Language Programmes and Examinations at Universities in Central Europe (**UNicert® LUCE**).
  - By the summer semester of 2024, 617 students had received a certificate in English and German from our department.
  - The UNicert course can also serve as preparation for the International English Language Testing System (**IELTS**), Test Of English as Foreign Language (**TOEFL**) and First Certificate in English (**FCE**).
  - **The validity of the certificate is without time limit.**

# LEVELS

The levels correspond to levels of the **CEFR**

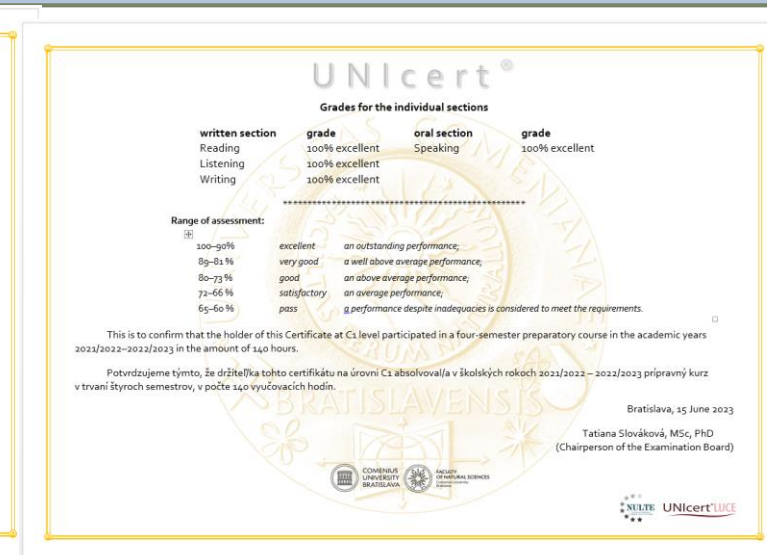
**UNicert I** (*European Level B1*) - basic knowledge of the language

**UNicert II** (*European Level B2*) - extended (field of study specific) knowledge of the language (for studying in a foreign country)

**UNicert III** (*European Level C1*) - extended (field of study specific) knowledge of the language for postgraduate (for example doctorate) studies in a foreign country

**UNicert IV** (*European Level C2*) - (field of study specific) knowledge on the level of an academic native speaker

B1	B2	C1	C2
Cambridge English Preliminary (PET)	Cambridge English First (FCE)	Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)	Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE)
BEC Prelim	BEC Vantage	BEC Higher	IELTS 8.5-9
IELTS 4-4.5	IELTS 5-6.5	IELTS 7-8	Michigan ECPE
TOEFL iBT 57-86	TOEFL iBT 87-109	TOEFL iBT 110-120	PTE General Level 5







# NULTE

In **2018** MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION between ACERT (**Poland**), CertAcles (**Spain**), CLES (**France**), UNlcert<sup>®</sup> (**Germany**), UNlcert<sup>®</sup>LUCE (**SK/CZ**), UNILANG (**United Kingdom and Ireland**) was signed at XV Cercles Conference in Poznań.

## Network of University Language Testers in Europe (NULTE)

*Supporting university language testing initiatives and enhancing the quality of teaching, testing and learning modern language skills in Higher Education.*

NULTE, short for *Network of University Language Testers in Europe*, works under the umbrella of CercleS and, at present, consists of six systems of certification from different countries: **Acert** (Poland), **CertAcles<sup>®</sup>** (Spain), **CLES** (France), **UNILANG** (United Kingdom and Ireland), **UNlcert<sup>®</sup>** (Germany and beyond) and **UNlcert<sup>®</sup>LUCE** (Slovakia and Czech Republic).

In providing a forum for identifying and pursuing the common interests of university language testers, the Network of University Language Testers in Europe seeks closer cooperation and mutual recognition between university language certificates.

# Basic Information

## Instructions for a one-year course:

- Two semesters in the 3rd year of BSc studies → **enroll on the courses:**
- **Príprava na UNlcert 1** in the winter semester 
- **Príprava na UNlcert 2** in the summer semester 
- This is an intensive course that is **completed within a year.**
- A **regular UNlcert course** usually takes **four semesters** during which students earn credits for **four subjects** (**Príprava na UNlcert 1/2**, UNlcert English 1/2).
- **EXTRA CREDITS:** In order to earn credits for your extra work during the intensive course, you can **add UNlcert English 1 and UNlcert English 2 courses** to your AIS platform in the 1st year of Master studies to have the credits awarded.

## Winter Semester Příprava na UNlcert 1



- 1) De-extinction I Moodle TS (1st Face-to-face meeting Instructions)
- 2) De-extinction 2 Moodle TS/Voluntary Reading and Listening practice
- 3) Face-to-face meeting TS
- 4) Jane Goodall Moodle TS
- 5) Face-to-face meeting TS
- 6) ICC – videos + presentation Moodle TS
- 7) Face-to-face meeting TS
- 8) Chemistry of Perfumes Moodle BK
- 9) Face-to-face meeting BK
- 10) DNA I – Rosalind Franklin, Confusing words Moodle BK
- 11) Face-to-face meeting BK

**Optional topics:** (students choose two topic they have not done yet)

- 1) Telomerase Moodle TS
- 2) Flu, Spanish Flu Moodle TS
- 3) Alcohol Moodle BK
- 4) CRISPR Cas9 / Jennifer Doudna TS

**Four optional topics:** (students choose two topic they have not done yet)

## Summer Semester Příprava na UNlcert 2



- 1) **Articles/Countable/Uncountable/Number/Numbers/Figures**
- 2) **Articles/Countable/Uncountable/Number/Numbers/Figures**
- 3) **Articles/Countable/Uncountable/Number/Numbers/Figures**
- 4) **Reading and Listening Practice/discussion**
- 5) **Reading and Listening Practice/discussion**
- 6) **Academic Article Analysis** (Tenses/Hedging/hyphen/dash/foreign plural)
- 7) **Presentations – rehearsal/Moodle: Graphs**
- 8) **Presentations – rehearsal**
- 9) **Abstract MS Teams** (Dr Denisa Šulovská, Faculty of Arts)
- 10) **Paraphrasing MS Teams** (Dr Denisa Šulovská, Faculty of Arts)

*The topics may be subject to change.*



# Requirements

*Attendance (one absence allowed)  
May be subject to change.*

## Winter Semester Příprava na UNlcert 1



- Assignments in the Moodle course
- Face-to-face meetings
- Oral exam (January/February)


## Summer Semester Příprava na UNlcert 2



- Assignments in the Moodle course
- Face-to-face/online meetings
- Presentation rehearsal

# FINAL EVALUATION FOR THE C1 UNiCert CERTIFICATE


## Reading

- reading tests (Continuous Assessment) 
- 3 final reading comprehension tests

## Listening

- listening tests (Continuous Assessment) 
- 3 final listening comprehension tests

## Oral Communication

- one oral examination (WS, January/February, a weight of 40%) 
- final presentation + discussion (SS, a weight of 60%), planned for May or June

## Writing

### Abstract

- a weight of 40%
- to be submitted in May

### Summary

- a weight of 60%
- written during final examination
- to be submitted in May

### *Final Presentation Summary*

- *should be submitted at least a week before the final presentation*



# Reading and Listening Practice

IELTS tests



IELTS

Study materials on  
the **IELTS Liz**  
website (the link can  
be found on Moodle)

Continuous  
Assessment in the  
summer semester

**GOOD LUCK**

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