

UNICERT

BASIC INFORMATION FOR GEOGRAPHERS

Language Department

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Comenius University

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.

UNICERT® LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM

UNicert is an international education and testing program that was created in **1992** by the German Association of Language Centers and Universities. It is also the only academic language education program in Central Europe that

- * provides a high standard **of professionally and academically oriented language training**;
- * allows you to obtain a certificate of language proficiency at an upper, intermediate or advanced level (**B2 or C1** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages),
- * supports student **mobility** (study at a foreign university) and
- * certifies knowledge of a foreign language in the field of study for **future employers**.

- To date, more than **125,000 certificates** have been awarded, almost half of which are in English.
- The Department of Languages of the Faculty of Science of Comenius University in Bratislava has received accreditation for teaching two language programs: English and German for students of natural sciences at the **B2 (German) and C1 (English) levels**. The accreditation of the department was granted by the Institute for Accreditation of Language Programmes and Examinations at Universities in Central Europe (UNicert® LUCE).
- At our faculty, 447 English and German language students managed to obtain a certificate by SS 2019
- Completing the UNicert preparation course is also a **preparation for international certificates**: the International English Language Testing System (**IELTS**), Test Of English as Foreign Language (**TOEFL**), First Certificate in English (**FCE**).
- **The validity of the certificate is without time limit.**

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CERTIFICATE

Certificate registration No. 000 /2024_E III issued by

The Language Department
of the Faculty of Natural Sciences Comenius University in Bratislava

accredited as UNICert® - Level III (CEFR level C1)

This is to certify that

Ms Jane Goodall

born on 3 April 1934

registered as a Biology student completed the appropriate foreign language programme and successfully passed the examination for the

UNICert® LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Overall Grade: Excellent (100%)

Bratislava, 19 June 2024

Tatiana Slováková, MSc, PhD
(Chairperson of the Examination Board)

Barbara Kordíková, MSc, PhD
(Chairperson of the Examination Committee)



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Grades for the individual sections

| written section | grade | oral section | grade |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Reading | 100% excellent | Speaking | 100% excellent |
| Listening | 100% excellent | | |
| Writing | 100% excellent | | |

Range of assessment:

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|---|
| 100–90% | <i>excellent</i> | <i>an outstanding performance;</i> |
| 89–81% | <i>very good</i> | <i>a well above average performance;</i> |
| 80–73% | <i>good</i> | <i>an above average performance;</i> |
| 72–66% | <i>satisfactory</i> | <i>an average performance;</i> |
| 65–60% | <i>pass</i> | <i>a performance despite inadequacies is considered to meet the requirements.</i> |

This is to confirm that the holder of this Certificate at C1 level participated in a four-semester preparatory course in the academic years 2021/2022–2022/2023 in the amount of 140 hours.

Potvrďujeme týmto, že držiteľ/ka tohto certifikátu na úrovni C1 absolvoval/a v školských rokoch 2021/2022 – 2022/2023 prípravný kurz v trvaní štyroch semestrov, v počte 140 vyučovacích hodín.

Bratislava, 15 June 2023

Tatiana Slováková, MSc, PhD
(Chairperson of the Examination Board)



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Basic Information

Instructions for a one-year course:

- Intensive course: Two semesters in the **3rd year of BSc studies** → enroll on
 - **Príprava na UNlcert 1**
 - **Príprava na UNlcert 2**
- A regular UNlcert course usually takes 4 semesters during which students earn credits for **four subjects (Príprava na UNlcert 1/2, UNlcert English 1/2)**.
- 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 **MSc studies** to have the credits awarded.



Winter Semester Příprava na UNlcert 1

- 1) **1st meeting** – Introductory class
- 2) **An Inconvenient Truth** Moodle
- 3) **Climate change** Face-to-face meeting
- 4) **Our Waste in Oceans** Moodle
- 5) **Plastic Pollution** Face-to-face meeting
- 6) **Moodle Assignments**
- 7) **Sustainability I** Face-to-face meeting
- 8) **Sustainability II** Face-to-face meeting
- 9) **Pros and Cons of Globalization** Face-to-face meeting
- 10) **Moodle Assignments**
- 11) **Migration Streets Paved with Gold** Face-to-face meeting
- 12) **Revision** Face-to-face meeting
- 13) **Oral examination**

CHOOSE TWO Moodle SELF-STUDY ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Yosemites – Living Canvas of the Earth** Moodle
- **Case Studies in Fossil Discoveries** Moodle
- **Living in an Unequal World** Moodle
- **Tourism – Curse or a Blessing** Moodle




Summer Semester Příprava na UNlcert 2

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

The topics may be subject to change.

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 (WT, a weight of 40%) 
- final presentation + discussion (ST, 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*



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