



NEWSLETTER

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Did you know...?

- Il FSZ é stato fondato nel 2001?
- We offer around 250 courses in 8 languages per year?
- En otoño de 2015 se entregó el 1000º certificado de español de UNlcert® en el FSZ?
- En hiver 2015, le 3000ième certificat UNlcert® a été délivré au FSZ?



A chat with...

Hilu from the registration office

How many years have you been working at the Language Learning Centre?

Let me think...for 14 years, since May, 2002, a year after the founding of the Language Learning Centre.

How was it in those days?

There were few courses then, almost everything was done manually as we didn't have a booking system. The students came to register personally and stood in queues. With our boss, there were just two of us. The C-tests were evaluated on paper. There were course fees in those days and then the billing had to be done.

Do you have any anecdotes from that time?

Yes, it was the day of the listening comprehension for a UNlcert® III exam in Italian. Then, we had the audio documents on a cassette. Suddenly, in the middle of the exam, the tape tore. Oh dear! My boss and I quickly repaired it with sticky tape and a screwdriver! It felt as if I was in an operating theatre but it worked and the exam continued!

How were the students then, compared with today?

Actually, they haven't changed. Maybe they were a bit more independent in those days.

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy the contact with the students and I like working with different languages.

What is your favourite expression?

Nothing is forever.

WHAT'S ON?!

The FSZ is celebrating its 15th birthday this year!

TIP

A Guide to Languages - 10 facts, 20 key phrases and the alphabet

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/guide/>



UNCert®? - Tell me more!



What is it?

It's the **university-specific** modern languages **certification** system. It's based on a document agreed by leading German universities. Almost all FSZ courses in all 8 languages are UNCert® accredited courses.

What are the advantages?

- It offers **quality language training**; it's not just a test!
- There are **small class sizes** = great learning environment = fun!
- You can do it **alongside your studies**!
- The certificate has **no expiry date**!
- It's **free** at the FSZ!

Why do I need it?

- **To stand out on the job market** – the certificate is an excellent way to get your foot in the door whether it's for a job or an internship.
- **To prepare you for a semester abroad** – both linguistically and culturally.
- **To gain entry to MA programmes** – the certificate states your language level and the skills acquired in 3-4 languages.
- **To ease mobility** – acceptance throughout Germany & comparability throughout Europe.

How do I get a certificate?

For more detailed information check out our website or ask a member of the team.

What do students say?

"What is actually great about UNCert® is the huge description on the back of the certificate, that you can really see: okay, a person who holds UNCert® III has done this, this and this, and has completed this and this exam, and should be like C1 of the European Framework." – Thomas, Alumnus

"In today's fast-paced business world proficiency in both written and spoken English is an indispensable asset. For this reason I decided to continue my language education at the FSZ by taking the UNCert® IV Business English module upon completion of the required UNCert® III module. The four courses within the module truly helped me expand my vocabulary with C2-level English as well as useful business and economics jargon, hone and refine my writing skills, and become a more confident and persuasive English speaker!" – Marius, International Business Administration student

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The FSZ has awarded almost 10% of all UNCert® IV English certificates.



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International English

For the first time this semester, the English department at the FSZ offered a compact 'Essential English (A2)' course aimed at Erasmus and international students. We gave the students the opportunity to star in the first edition of our Newsletter by talking to them about life in Tübingen. Find out what they had to say below!



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"Most people speak English here, not like in Turkey. When I say I can't speak German here, people here say no problem, I can speak English." – Rabia from Turkey

"In Turkey, you can't ask your teachers or professors for help, but here you can and you get it." – Yasemin from Turkey

"People always smile, and say hello. It's a universal language." – Merve from Turkey

"I've never lived in a cold country before!" – Abdolrahman from Iran

"When we get on the bus, no one ever asks us for a ticket!" – Fatma from Turkey

"I didn't experience culture shock, but I can imagine people from different climates could experience it in winter, for example my friend from Mexico." – Soraja from Macedonia



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"We've never had to separate rubbish in our lives – it's really amazing!" – whole group

"It's so international, with lots of young people, different architecture, and lots of bicycles. They really care about the environment here." – whole group



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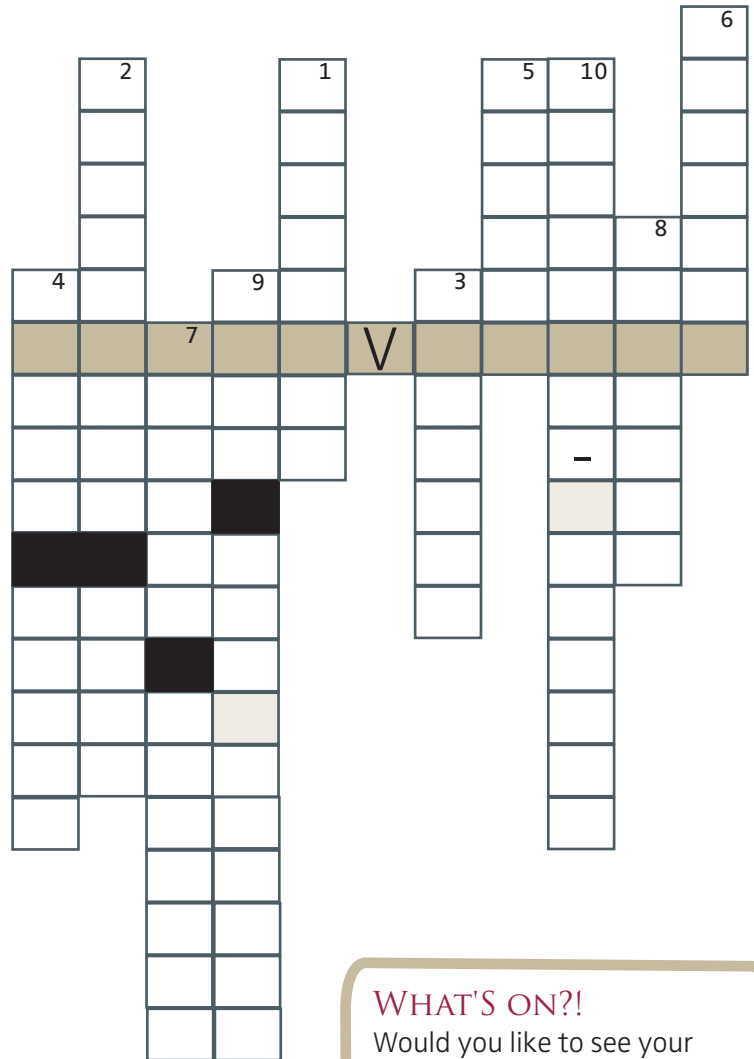
The FSZ Newsletter will not just be in English; in order to showcase the eight languages that we offer at the university, features in these languages will also be included in future editions.



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Crossword

1. Beyond the classroom
2. You sometimes need this to register for a course (2 words)
3., writing, listening, speaking
4. Do these make you nervous? (2 words)
5. Language partners
6. The FSZ certification system
7. For example e.g. 1st November (2 words)
8. Written support for a presentation
9. Testing speaking skills (2 words)
10. The opposite of teacher-centered

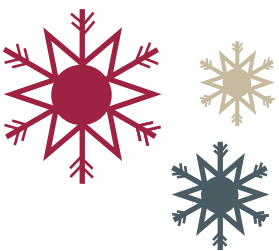


TIP

Would you like to learn and practise useful English language for everyday situations?

Then listen to the weekly BBC podcast '6 Minute English':

<http://bbc.in/1FEbMHQ>



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