

Tandem.MINT – Syllabus | Certificate option (summer semester 2021)

Tandem Language Learning Program for students of Engineering and Natural Sciences

Component	Description	Confirmation
Introductory Session	Introduction to tandem language learning (90 min., in German) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduction to principles of tandem language learning and learning strategies, difference to a language course basic rules for working together in a tandem 	attendance list / signature
Tandem Learning Coaching <i>[optional]</i>	90 min., in German (individual coaching) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> planning your tandem learning: defining individual learning outcomes, phrasing the learning goal, assessing resources 	<i>none (optional)</i>
Individual Tandem Meetings	at least 13 independently organized tandem sessions of 2h each (weekly meetings during lecture period) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> independent training of oral and written language skills with a focus on technical language and typical contexts in the fields of Natural Sciences and Engineering 	attendance list / signature
Language Practice Meet-up (Sprachcafé) or Writing Center (Schreibzentrum) <i>[optional]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one time participating in Language Practice Meet-up as Language Guide for your native language or as learner of a foreign language <i>alternative:</i> one time participating in an individual consultation on academic writing or a mini-workshop on academic writing in a foreign language / German as a foreign language (Writing Center) 	<i>none (optional)</i>
Reflection Meeting	approx. 90 min., around midterm of the semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflection on the progress of your tandem learning with other participants 	attendance list / signature
Summarizing Essay (Résumé)	Reflection on cooperation in the tandem and individual learning outcomes, based on guiding questions (<i>see Tandem-Portfolio > Résumé</i>)	submission until due date

Note: Components marked in dark green are obligatory; those marked in light green are optional.

Overall intended learning outcomes

- Reflecting on and developing communication and interaction skills for intercultural or international contexts
- reflecting on cultural differences in communication styles
- enhancing foreign language competences, especially in regard to academic and subject-specific use of language in contexts of Natural Sciences and Engineering (focus: oral and writing skills, listening comprehension)
- ability to manage language learning independently and to reflect on the learning process

Notes on confirmation of participation (Tandem.MINT Certificate)

- A confirmation of participation (Tandem.MINT Certificate) will be issued on **condition** that all obligatory components of the above given syllabus are fulfilled. **Proof** of participation for the components as well as the **final report** are to be submitted in due time until the end of the semester to the project coordinators.
- In the certificate, the period of participation in the program, the foreign language practiced in the tandem, and an overall description of the program components and objectives will be attested. The certificate does not contain any assessment of performance or language proficiency.