



A4.1, O2: ECIU UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE LEARNING MICRO-MODULES



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- Dublin City University, Ireland
- Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
- Linköping University, Sweden
- Tampereen Korkeakoulusäätiö sr, Finland
- Hamburg University of Technology, Germany
- Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- University of Stavanger, Norway
- Università degli Studi di Trento, Italy
- University of Twente, The Netherlands

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Table 1: Summary of Language Learning Micromodules (Spring, 2021)

Symbols, abbreviations and acronyms

AAU	Aalborg University, Denmark
DCU	Dublin City University, Ireland
EC	European Commission
ECIU	European Consortium of Innovative Universities
KTU	Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
LiU	Linköping University, Sweden
TAU	Tampereen Korkeakoulusäätiö sr, Finland
TUHH	Hamburg University of Technology, Germany
UA	Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
UAB	Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain
UiS	University of Stavanger, Norway
UNITN	Universita degli Studi di Trento, Italy
UT	University of Twente, Netherlands

1 Introduction

One of the key goals of the ECIU strategy is to be able to offer basic language learning offerings to learners in the partner network. It is intended towards learners who want to develop basic linguistic and intercultural skills which could further help them in participating in cross institutional challenges.

Limitations: Covid-19 situation caused challenges obtaining language learning modules. Each university has language learning modules offline versions, but not all had online versions available. Many of the universities were able to organize online version during the pandemic year and those are reported below. We weren't offering any offline modules because traveling was forbidden and that's why the list is few languages short. However, by the end of the project all the language learning modules will be included to ECIU university offering.

2 Language learning modules offered

A number of language micromodules were made available to students as a part of ECIU offering catered towards developing basic language competences from within the partner network. A total of 34 micromodules were available in the following 12 languages:

Finnish
Dutch
Lithuanian
Catalan
Spanish
Portuguese
Italian
Danish
Swedish
Norwegian
Irish
Germany

The level of language learning varied between different courses from basic (Finnish, Dutch, Lithuanian, Portuguese) to progressively advanced (Catalan, Spanish, Italian).

The micromodules ranged between 0.5 to 6 ECTS and covered learning outcomes focused on Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

The micromodules were made available online at the moment.

The enrolment procedure followed was: Signing up by sending a form (found on the micromodule page of ECIU challenges website) and sending it to the contact details mentioned on the module page. Students would receive enrolment confirmation personally.

3 Full list of language modules offered

Row Labels	2021	2	0	2	Grand Total
Aalborg University		1	1		
Danish Language		1	1		
Dublin City University		1	1		
Irish 101		1	1		
Hamburg University of Technology		1	1		
Language Café		1	1		
Kaunas University of Technology	1			1	
Lithuanian for Foreigners (level A1)	1			1	
Linköping University	2			2	
Intensive Beginner's Course in Swedish for Exchange Students	1			1	
Swedish for Foreign Students	1			1	
Tampere University	2			1	3
Finnish Start Online	2			1	3
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	4			4	8
Language studies - Catalan	1			1	
Language studies - Catalan (Basic 1; Basic 2; Basic 3)	1			1	
Language studies - Catalan online (A1 - C1)				1	1
Language studies - Spanish	1			1	
Language studies - Spanish (Levels A1 - B2)	1			1	2
Catalan language				1	1
Spanish language				1	1
University of Aveiro	1			2	3
ApPT-UA - Learn Portuguese with UA (Level A1.1)				1	1
ApPT-UA - Learn Portuguese with UA (Level A1.2)				1	1
Portuguese as a Foreign Language – Beginners – A1 - 46033	1			1	
University of Stavanger				1	1
Norwegian Language Course				1	1
University of Trento	4			1	5
Introduction to the Italian language				1	1
Italian intensive courses - A1a	1			1	
Italian intensive courses - A1b	1			1	

Italian intensive courses - A2a	1	1
Italian intensive courses - A2b	1	1
University of Twente	2	1 3
Dutch is Fun	1	1
Dutch is fun		1 1
Dutch Language course	1	1
Grand Total	16	1 3 29

4 More Information about some of the Language Micromodules:

4.1 Finnish language- level A1.2

Target level of the course is A1.2, developing elementary proficiency (CEFR application by Finnish National Agency for Education). Course consists of self-study modules in Moodle. In addition to that, there are optional online meetings to practise interaction. By the end of the course student will have tools for managing in varying everyday situations. Student will be able to introduce themself and tell about their hobbies, family and studies in Finnish. Student understands Finnish instructions, signs and short texts in their immediate surroundings.

4.2 Dutch for fun- level A1

Dutch is fun! This course focuses on simple Dutch words and phrases, everyday language, that you can immediately put into practice as: greetings, common signs, useful phrases for shopping, travel, ordering, etcetera.

You will also learn something about the Dutch culture.

4.3 Dutch for beginners-level A1

Each lesson includes a variety of practical and interactive learning activities, covering all skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. In this beginner's course, participants will acquire a basic knowledge of Dutch, approximately CEF-level A1

4.4 Lithuanian for Foreigners- level A1

The study module is designed to develop communicative competence in the Lithuanian language: Lithuanian alphabet, knowledge of pronunciation peculiarities, parts of speech and their grammatical categories and their application in communicative situations). Abilities to form questions and sentences of simple structure are fostered. Students are taught to comprehend both written and listened text. Students acquire knowledge on how to express location, time, belongings, addressee. Both communicative purposefulness (abilities to communicate on simple topics at the university, street, being as a guest, in a cafe or department store) and social competence (cognition of human behaviour, communication culture, etiquette, traditions) are developed.

4.5 Language studies-Catalan- Level: Basic 1-3

The UAB Language Service organizes courses in Catalan language to develop foreign students' linguistic and intercultural skills with the aim of helping them to integrate into the Catalan social and academic context. Catalan courses consist of 4 hours of class per week. We offer Catalan Courses for foreign students who wish to start learning this language from scratch; each of the three courses within the basic level (up to A2 CEFR) consists of 16 contact hours. For the 2nd term of this academic year

(February to May 2021), we expect that they will continue to be taught on-line entirely (with the teacher in streaming).

4.6 Language studies-Spanish- Level: A1 to B2

The UAB Language Service offers classroom-based courses in Spanish language organized in different levels to develop students' linguistic and intercultural skills. Spanish courses consist of 4 hours of class per week, with a total of 60h. We offer Spanish courses for foreign students who wish to start learning this language and also who need to study it at higher levels. Each of the courses consists of 60 contact hours and finish with an exam (4 skills) which allows to certify a CEFR level. For the 2nd term of this academic year (February to May 2021), we expect that these courses will continue to be taught on-line entirely (with the teacher in streaming).

4.7 Portuguese as a Foreign Language – Level- A1

The Portuguese Language online course is aimed at beginners who intend to develop linguistic and intercultural skills at an initial level, in speaking and writing.

Students start learning from scratch and will reach level A1, according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). The course consists of 4 hours per week of online contact with the teacher, plus self-study activities via e-learning platform.

4.8 Italian intensive courses – Level- A1a to A2b

Courses in Italian Language and Culture are organised to develop foreign students' linguistic and intercultural skills with the aim of helping them to integrate into the Italian social and academic context. Italian intensive courses consist of 6 lessons per week, from Monday to Saturday, each one lasting three full hours, for around 2 weeks (each course is 50 academic hours). Courses are taught on-line entirely (with the teacher in streaming, and part of the lesson with online materials and exercises that students can download from Moodle system).

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