

Language Policy of the University of Innsbruck

Language proficiency is seen as an important internalisation factor within the University of Innsbruck. From this perspective the International Language Centre (isi) was established primarily for students and staff but also for external participants interested in taking part in top quality language and intercultural courses. More than 20 languages are offered each semester, with a focus on European languages. Awareness raising for cultural contexts is an additional core element of the language tuition.

The development and continuation of cooperation with partners in EU and non-EU countries demands interaction between all parties be it in writing or within personal discussions. On the basis of Bilateral Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding students and staff will be exchanged and therefore it is indispensable that the University of Innsbruck offers the appropriate linguistic preparation to enable participation.

The University of Innsbruck will support incoming mobility participants. Intensive courses in German are offered during the summer months for non-native speakers. Each semester courses are offered on all levels for the improvement of knowledge.

Intercultural exchange will be increased by the Study Buddy Partnership Agency, organised by the International Language Centre. This brings students of all languages together and enables a cost-free experience in language learning as well as support and integration.