

Intercultural Language Learning: Tandem Programme

The Tandem Programme at FH Burgenland brings together students from different countries with the aim of facilitating intercultural language learning. It offers not only the opportunity to improve your foreign language skills but it is also a great way to develop intercultural competence and establish international friendships.

How does the Tandem Programme work?

The Tandem Programme matches two students with different native languages in order to help each other in the language learning process (e.g. an Austrian student helps a student from Croatia with German, the Croatian student with his/her mother tongue). In tandem learning, languages are learnt and practised outside the classroom in a relaxed atmosphere.

Who can join the Tandem Programme?

The Tandem Programme is open to students from the following 10 universities: Aix-Marseille Université, Fachhochschule Burgenland, Joseph Haydn Konservatorium, King's College London, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland, Sveučilište u Zadru, Universidad de Salamanca, University of Aberdeen and Univerza v Mariboru.

When and how can I register for the Tandem Programme?

Registration for the winter term 2023/24 is possible online (forms.office.com/r/bk8f5VTJfc) and will be open until Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. Please note that it is not possible to register for the Tandem Programme at a later time.

When does the Tandem Programme start and what are my obligations?

1) Kick-off session on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 7 p.m. (online via Teams)

At the kick-off session all students accepted in the Tandem Programme meet for the first time. The participants will get to know their tandem partners and receive detailed information on the programme. Ideas how to organise the individual tandem meetups will be discussed.

2) Individual meetups

From the kick-off session to the final session each tandem pair organises at least 6 individual meetups lasting around 90 minutes (45 min. for each language). All tandem pairs decide on their own when and where they meet.

3) Midterm session on Monday, November 27th, 2023, at 7 p.m. (online via Teams)

At the midterm session the tandem pairs report on their first meetups. Difficulties and challenges the participants have been faced with will be discussed.

4) Final session on Monday, January 15th, 2024, at 7 p.m. (online via Teams)

At the end of the term there will be a final session where the participants of the Tandem Programme officially meet for the last time. All tandem pairs will present and reflect on their time together.

Why is there no guarantee that I will be accepted in the Tandem Programme?

We are trying our best to find a tandem partner for everyone. However, this is not always possible because it depends on how many applications we receive for each language.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

In case of questions, please contact Ms. Anna Leskovich (anna.leskovich@fh-burgenland.at), the coordinator of the Tandem Programme.

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