



Germanic language Intercomprehension

English, German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian

The University of Florence's Language Center is offering a
free intensive summer BIP course in Florence

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What will I learn?

The basics of the main Germanic languages: reading (A2/B1 level) and listening (A1/A2). Also, proficiency in interacting with people whose language you do not speak.

Where is it?

Online (6 hours) in June, then in Florence (30 hours).

What are the lessons like?

Teachers and participants come from around Europe. Every day, a different mother-tongue specialist explains their Germanic tongue, its history and culture, followed by language activities. These may include short readings and listenings, videos, songs, comparative grammar and vocabulary, as well as multilingual interactive games and roleplays. You will also interact with the participants of the parallel Romance language IC course.

Do I need to know other languages?

English B2; B1 in another Germanic tongue. The course is in all the Germanic languages, but lessons are mainly in English and German.

Why should I take it?

To more easily interact with English, German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian speakers. To travel, study and work around Europe. To meet people from c. 10 countries.
To get 3 microcredits.

How can I enroll?

Only 20 places are available. Write to corsi@cla.unifi.it (Unifi students) or apply on the Uniwell website www.euniwell.eu

Culture trips?

Optional guided tours will take place in and around Florence.

What about travel costs?

Ask your university for Erasmus+ funds for travel & hotel.

What is Intercomprehension?



Intercomprehension (IC) involves multilingual **kommunikasjon** in which each **Person** uses their own language.

To **kommunisere** successfully requires both familiarity with the other language and specific interactive **Strategien**.

The CLA offers two IC courses: one for Romance languages and one for the **germanska familie**.

These do not replace a **kurs** dedicated to a single **språk**, but it will provide you with **teknikker** for learning any **språk**, and interaction **Strategien**, so you can effectively communicate in any foreign **språk**.

Germanic Intercomprehension

In this **kurs** you will both **leer** IC **Strategien** and gain reading and listening **kompetence** (A2/B1) in the 6 **germanska** languages covered:

English, German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Dutch.

The course's lingua franca is **Englisch**, but every day different languages will be used.

To take the **kurs** you should have a B2 in English and a B1 in another Germanic language; native users of any **germanska** tongue are also welcome.

The more languages the better!

What happens in the lessons?

Our language **specialisten** will do **Aktivitäten**, sharing both their linguistic and **kulturell** expertise. In each **lektion**, you will have simple written **teksten** or Video-/ Audiomaterial from 1-4 **Sprachen**; you will locate familiar **woorden** in the **teksten**, uncover the spelling **correspondenties** and compare the **grammatikstrukturer**.

With interactive **spellen** and conversations you will practice **kommunikativ Strategien** with your **klassekamerater** fra hele Europa.