



Intercomprehension among Germanic languages (a plurilingual course)

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The University of Florence's Language Center (CLA UniFi) now offers courses of **Intercomprehension among Germanic languages (English, German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian)**

How long does the course last? Where does it take place?

The Intercomprehension course lasts **30 hours** (10 lessons, 3 hours each). It will take place **online**, with teachers and students from around Europe.

Who are the teachers? What is the main language?

The course will be co-taught by **Jessica Thonn** (English language teacher) and **Petra Brunnhuber** (German language teacher), with native speakers of the other Germanic languages leading some activities. The main language is **English**; **German** may also be used as a main language, if participants know it.

Do I need to know other languages well?

You should be able to speak English and know at least a bit of another Germanic tongue.

How can I enroll?

To enroll in the course, go to <https://www.cla.unifi.it/vp-422-intercomprensione.html>.

For UniFi participants, enrollment is the same as for any other language course. For participants from foreign universities which are part of the EUniWell consortium, already accepted in the mobility program, the course is free. However, attendance is mandatory; you must attend at least 7 out of 10 lessons. The course is open to all, but it has a limited number of places.

What is Intercomprehension?

Intercomprehension (IC) is an age-old form of *kommunikasjon* in which each *Person* uses their own language. To *kommunisere* successfully requires both **specific interactive Strategien** and some **familiarity with the other language**. Although this approach has been in use for centuries, only recently have *kurs* been developed to teach it. In addition to its IC courses for Romance languages, the CLA is now offering IC for the *germanska* language *familie*.

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In this *kurs* you will both *ler* to use the IC *Strategien* and gain language *kompetence* in the 6 *germanska* languages covered: English, German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Dutch. The course's main language is *Englisch* (and German, depending on the language ability of the participants). To take the *kurs* you should be able to *kommunisere* in English and, preferably, know a little of another Germanic language; also, please join if you are a native or proficient user of any *germanska* tongue. The more languages the better!

During each *klas* you will work simultaneously with different *Sprachen* (languages), looking for similarities. In each *lektion* students will have simple written *teksten* and/or *Video-/Audiomaterial* from one or two *Sprachen*. You will locate familiar terms in the *teksten*, discover the different spelling *correspondencies* across the *Sprachen*, and compare the various *grammatikstrukturer*. During the *videoer* and conversations you will also *leren* the different IC *kommunikativ Strategien*. Our guest IC *specialisten* will do *Aktivitäten* with the class, sharing both their linguistic and *kulturell* expertise. *Klas Aktivitäten* will also *inkludere videoer*, games, and songs, in 6 *Sprachen* - just like you are doing now!

By the end, you will reach an A2/B1 level in reading in the 6 *Sprachen*, and A1/A2 in listening comprehension. The course does not replace a *kurs* dedicated to a single *språk*, but it will provide you with *teknikker* and the IC interaction *Strategien*, so you can more successfully communicate with anyone in any foreign *språk*. It will also enable you to more quickly *studere nya germanska språk*.



IC is a useful tool for an **international/intercultural** you.
It **expands** your horizons.
And it puts into action **mutual respect** for other languages and cultures.