

## Language Programme UNlcert®II

### Academic English for Human and Social Studies

- Internationally recognized certificate – a language programme for studying languages at universities
- It is completed by a final exam at the level B2
  - o After completion of the programme and passing the exam UNlcert®II, the students get credits as if they took the exam B2
- The certificate that students receive is recognized at a whole range of European universities and certifies the language knowledge at the level B2 (CEFR); it can also be used for the future employers to prove the level of English knowledge.
- There is a fee which is paid at first at the very end of the programme – the students pay for the final part – UNlcert®II course (taught in block in four days and is taken before the exam itself), the fee also includes the price for the exam and the certificate and in comparison with other internationally recognized language exams it is rather symbolic.

#### What does it mean to take part in the programme UNlcert®II?

- You need to take at least 120 lessons in English courses given by the Language centre of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University
- The studies are divided into 3 block and it is up to the students what combination of the courses they choose (the only limitation is the level – the courses need to be at least at B2 level) and one course cannot be taken twice
  - o Block I – 52 lessons
    - a course which takes place 2 x 2 face-to-face lessons a week (e.g. English B2) (52 lessons)
    - or a Blended Learning course which takes place 1x 2 face-to-face lessons a week plus individual work online, usually Moodle, which can take approx. 2 lessons a week) (e.g. English B2. Blended Learning) (52 lessons)
    - or 2 specialized courses (2 x 26 lessons) – the choice of particular courses is up to the students (e.g. English. Academic English. Listening and Speaking Practice (for B2 level) (26 lessons) and English . Academic Writing (26 lessons))
  - o Block II – 52 lessons – the combination of the courses can be similar to block I
    - a course which takes place 2 x 2 face-to-face lessons a week (e.g. English B2) (52 lessons)
    - or a Blended Learning course which takes place 1x 2 face-to-face lessons a week plus individual work online, usually Moodle, which can take approx. 2 lessons a week) (e.g. English B2. Blended Learning) (52 lessons)
    - or 2 specialized courses (2 x 26 lessons) – the choice of particular courses is up to the students (e.g. English. Academic English. Listening and Speaking Practice (for B2 level) (26 lessons) and English . Academic Writing (26 lessons))
  - o Block III – a 4-day course UNlcert®II (16 lessons), this course is given in the examination period before the exam UNlcert®II itself and is obligatory

### **What does it mean to take the final exam of the UNlcert®II programme?**

- The exam UNlcert®II focuses especially on active skills and that is why it emphasises the presentation, argumentation, discussion and interaction
- There are 4 parts
  - o Listening Comprehension
  - o Reading Comprehension
  - o Writing
  - o Speaking
- Unlike some of the exams (including the B2 exam at the Faculty of Arts) this exam does not examine the grammar and vocabulary in a specialized part but only within the language skills mentioned above

### **How and when shall I enrol in the programme UNlcert®II and/or the exam UNlcert®II?**

- There is no need to enrol for the programme UNlcert®II. You only need to attend the courses in our Language Centre (FA CU) so that you complete the Block I and Block II and get the required number of lessons.
- At the end of the programme there is the obligatory 4-day course UNlcert®II. After signing up for this course and paying the fee, the students also signs up for the exam UNlcert®II.
- The decision that the students wants to take the exam UNlcert®II can be done before the exam itself (under the condition that the student has taken enough English lessons in our courses (LC FA CU)

### **How long does it take to complete the programme UNlcert®II?**

- It is again up to the individual students' decisions. How much and how often they want to study English.
- Recommended procedure is to take the courses in two semesters – e.g. winter semester – Block I and summer semester – Block II, followed by the 4-day course UNlcert®II in the examination period and the exam itself.
- It, however, can be shorter — you can take all the required English lessons in one semester and then take the exam. It can also be longer – you can take the required English lessons (or more) in more semesters and then take the exam.