

1. What will I learn in the MLCs?

See [here](#) for an inventory of the language taught in MLC I and [here](#) for MLC II.

2. Do I have to complete the MLCs and are there exceptions?

Both MLCs are compulsory for BA and *Lehramt* students in the Department of English as well as students enrolled in the BA Language Science degree; MLC I is compulsory for students enrolled in the BA Cultural Studies and Management degree. If any of this applies to you, you must complete the MLCs. There are no exceptions.

3. Where can I find the MLCs?

You can find MLC I [here](#) (Enrolment key: rick_and_mortis), and MLC II [here](#) (NOTE: MLC II is only available for students who have completed MLC I).

4. Will there be a grade for the MLCs, and will it count towards anything?

That depends on your degree programme:

- **BA Cultural Studies and Management students:** you only have to complete MLC I and the course is ungraded (i.e. there will not be a grade on your *Deckblatt*; it will simply state *Pass* or *Fail*). In order to pass the course, you have to achieve an overall score of 55%. This is calculated on the basis of the grades you achieve in the graded units and tasks (i.e. the gradebook [50%]) and the end-of-course test (50%).
- **All other students:** you must complete both MLC I and II. They constitute a *Prüfungsvorleistung*. They are graded. You will receive grades for most of the units and tasks in the courses as well as a grade for each of the two (MLC I and MLC II) end-of-course tests. The grades for the individual units are for your own information only. None of the grades will appear on your official transcript of records. In order to sign up for the Language in Use Intermediate exam, you have to pass the end-of-course tests (pass mark: 55%). If you are an Erasmus student, see FAQ 18.

5. Can I register for the Language in Use Intermediate exam even though I haven't completed the MLCs yet?

Yes. As part of the registration process, you will be asked to confirm that you will have completed both MLCs by the time the Language in Use Intermediate exam takes place. We check all registrations against completed MLC exams shortly before the exam date; if you haven't completed both MLCs, your registration will simply be cancelled and you will have to take the Language in Use exam at a later date.

6. Do the MLCs have to be taken in subsequent semesters? Can I take MLC I this semester, go on my stay abroad, and do MLC II in three or four semesters' time? Or will I have to do MLC I again?

No, they don't have to be taken in subsequent semesters. Once you have passed MLC I, you can start working on MLC II. You don't have to take MLC I again once you have passed it. Note, however, that enrolment in MLC II is contingent upon completion of MLC I.

7. How do the MLCs relate to the in-person Language Courses offered by different instructors? Do I have to complete MLC I in order to sign up for Language Course II?

The MLCs are independent of the in-person Language Courses. Your instructor(s) might make reference to the MLCs in their courses, but will – for the most part – be using their own materials. Feel free to ask your instructor(s) about any of the content covered in the MLCs. You do not have to complete any of the MLCs in order to sign up for the in-person Language Courses.

8. Do I have to be enrolled in the in-person Language Courses in order to be able to take the MLCs?

No. You can take the MLCs at any point and from anywhere in the world, irrespective of whether you are taking the LCs at the same time. But do keep in mind that the end-of-course test must be taken in person on campus. This is non-negotiable.

9. How can I sign up for the MLC end-of-course test?

As soon as you have completed Unit 7, a Moodle Choice activity will become available that allows you to register for the end-of-course test. You can find the test dates [here](#).

IMPORTANT: The test always starts on the hour. Please ensure you arrive in good time for a punctual start. If you arrive late, you may not be allowed to take the test if doing so would disturb other students. In any case, if you are late you will not get two full hours to complete the test. For example, if you begin five minutes late, you will only get 115 minutes.

10. How often can I take the end-of-course test if I fail?

As often as you like, but no more than twice per semester. If you fail the end-of-course test twice in the same semester, you have to retake the MLC and end-of-course test in a subsequent semester. Note, also, that there are several variations of the exam, so the test will not always be the same. The end-of-course test is an achievement test, which means that it is based on the material taught in the course. If you engage with the course properly, you will be able to pass the exam (this is different from LiU Intermediate, which is a proficiency test).

11. Can I review the end-of-course test if I fail?

No, the end-of-course test cannot be reviewed.

12. Can I take MLCs I and II in one semester?

Theoretically, yes, but in practice it would be very difficult because of the workload, and we don't recommend it. If you would still like to take both in one semester, you have to complete MLC I first, then sign up for one of the earlier end-of-course test slots in the semester, and then get started with MLC II immediately.

13. Are the MLCs open throughout the year?

The courses are open year-round, except for a two-week maintenance period before the beginning of each semester during which they are closed.

14. How long do I have to finish each of the two MLCs?

From the beginning of each teaching period until it closes for maintenance two weeks before the start of the following teaching period. So roughly from mid-April to late September, and mid-October to late March. Please note that once you start working on the course, you have to finish before it closes for maintenance. As part of the maintenance period, the course will undergo a full reset and all user data, assignment submissions, and quiz attempts will be deleted.

15. Is the end-of-course test graded? Will I receive my result right away?

Yes, everything in the course – including the end-of-course test – is automatically graded, so you will get your result immediately.

16. What happens if I fail the end-of-course test and don't manage to retake it before the course closes for maintenance?

It is your responsibility to manage your time in such a way that leaves enough time to retake the end-of-course test within the same semester. If you leave everything to the last minute and there are no further exam slots available in a semester, you will have to retake the whole course. This is non-negotiable and there are no exceptions.

17. What happens if there are no slots available on my preferred exam date?

Please get in touch with us and we'll see what we can do. We can usually find a solution.

18. Is MLC I a prerequisite for MLC II? Will I get any sort of proof/certificate of completion?

See FAQ 2. When you have finished MLC I, you will see a picture of people clapping in a lecture theatre and you will be automatically enrolled in MLC II.

19. Will taking the MLCs help me prepare for and pass Language in Use Intermediate?

Yes, definitely! But do keep in mind that the Language in Use exam is a proficiency exam that tests whether you have reached the required level of English according to the CEFR. Passing the MLCs won't guarantee that you'll pass the Language in Use exam as language skills are highly individual and differ from student to student. The MLCs are designed to ensure that every student in the department is familiar with the grammar and vocabulary expected at C1 level, and to give you practice in the sort of tasks you might encounter in the Language in Use exam. What the MLCs cannot do is ensure that your language skills are at the level required to pass the Language in Use exam – that's your own responsibility. See [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for further information.

Once you have completed both MLCs, take [this](#) short diagnostic quiz to help you gauge your readiness for the Language in Use Intermediate exam.

20. If I fail Language in Use Intermediate, will I have to do the MLCs again?

No, you only have to do them once. Once passed, your results are saved and you will not have to do them again.

21. Will completing MLCs I and II constitute a *Studienleistung* or a *Prüfungsvorleistung*?
Prüfungsvorleistung

22. I am an Erasmus student. Will I have to complete the MLCs?

See [here](#).

23. How can I get access to the latest up-to-date information on the MLCs (and other *Sprachpraxis*-related matters)?

By joining our dedicated *Sprachpraxis* [Team](#) on Microsoft Teams. Code: rwbhjaf

24. Who should I contact if I have any questions that are not part of this FAQ document?

Contact [Dan Honert](#) or [Hank Rademacher](#).