



E-language and culture



Acronym of the project: E-language and culture

Title of the project: Integrated development of English language proficiency and cultural competence

Supporter of the program: Apertus Public Foundation

Number of the contract: K2121/2002

Support from Apertus: 2 900 000 Ft

Total budget: 3 695 000 Ft

Consortium:

- Departments of English Literature and English Linguistics, Faculty of Arts, University of Miskolc
- North Hungarian Regional Distance Education Centre

Objectives:

- to develop the English language training for those studying for a degree in English
- to widen the choice of courses for full-time and correspondence students
- to offer practical language training for experts speaking English at intermediate level
- to develop the intercultural competence of the participants
- to enhance the EU conform quality of Hungarian expertise.

Outcomes:

- Two integrated English language modules, in 20 hours each, with an interactive curriculum in the following topics:
 - Presentation skills development
 - Development of intercultural competence
- Easier access to up-to-date language and cultural material in English

Course characteristics:

- Multi-purpose course – the course materials could be used for the English language training of several target groups, for those studying for a degree in English as well as those wishing to acquire a confident level of English. While one module concentrated on the development of oral skills, the other aimed at enhancing reading competence in a foreign language in addition to cultural understanding. Accordingly the course could be used in several types of language training both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- Modular construction – the modules could be studied separately as well as jointly; they were assembled like building blocks according to individual requirements.
- High standard – the course material was developed by university lecturers with 15 years educational experience on average.
- Adaptation of learning methods based on practical questions and frequent problems in English oral presentations and high level reading materials, which enhance the language and cultural comprehension of the participants.

Target group:

The two modules will develop the English language skills of the following groups of learners:

- Those studying for a degree in English.
- Experts of various fields wishing to take part in international conferences, or events where the demonstration of their research results is desirable.
- Teachers of English wishing to refresh their cultural competence.
- Those interested in British culture, institutions, art.

The participation requires intermediate English proficiency and a desire to develop it to an advanced level.