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To All Unife Ph.D. Students
Cycles XXXVIII, XXXVII, XXXVI
Unife

To all Coordinators
PhD Courses
Unife

Re.: English courses for PhD Students - 2023

Enclosures: 2 (Placement test instructions and courses calendars)

Dear All,

IUSS Ferrara-1391 organizes **free lectures in English for Unife Ph.D. Students. Qualified English native teachers carry out the lectures.**

The Course consists of lessons, with an active involvement of the students, with the main purpose of providing necessary skills to follow or give lectures / seminars in English.

The Lectureship is free and it is part of the complementary skills for Unife Ph.D. Students.

Lessons will start on-line in April, **in presence**, and they will allow participants:

- Interaction between teachers and students;
- Listening and speaking tests;
- Resource sharing in the class stream, and the possibility of making corrections;
- Creation of activity groups within the classroom;
- Creation of an archive with materials that students can use for further training.

Participants who will attend at least 20 hours (70% of the total) will be assigned 5 credits for complementary skills 2023.

This is the calendar:

- 1) 15-17 March 2023 – Placement test (**instructions are enclosed**)
- 2) April-June 2023 – Courses (each course consists of 28 hours)
- 3) July 2023 – Sending of the certificate with 5 credits for [complementary skills](#) to those who attended at least 20 hours (70% of the total)
- 4) July 2023 – Admission test for those interested in taking the Cambridge ESOL exams at IUSS cost. Only for those who are enrolled in a course with Administrative Headquarters at UNIFE
- 5) September 2023 – Preparation lessons for the Cambridge ESOL exams
- 6) October-December 2023 – Cambridge ESOL exams (those who might be abroad for their research during those months, will be able to choose other dates)
- 7) January-February 2024 – Cambridge ESOL exams results
- 8) February-March 2024 - Sending of the 5-credit certificate for complementary skills to those who passed the Cambridge ESOL exams
- 9) May 2024 (circa) – Delivery of Cambridge Diplomas



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The **placement test aims to verify the English knowledge** level and to assign applicants to one of the three Courses: Preliminary (**PET – B1**), First (**FCE – B2**) or Advanced (**CAE – C1**). In order to be assigned to the right level, applicants are recommended not to use any electronic devices, nor dictionaries. Those who will not take the test within the deadline will not be able to participate in the course. Should any particular problems rise, PhD Students can contact us.

Following the tests correction by teachers, the IUSS Office will communicate the course you will be enrolled. At the same time, the Office will communicate the relative textbooks for attending the courses.

At the end of the course, you can take an **"Admission test"** which is required for those who are interested in taking the language assessment exams at IUSS cost.

In September 2023, IUSS will grant some preparation lessons to the language assessment exams. We will send the calendar as soon as we receive it.

Enrollment to the Cambridge ESOL exams is free for Ph.D. Students enrolled in courses with Headquarters at the University of Ferrara. Those enrolled in courses with Headquarters at other Universities can take the course and the preparation lessons, but they will have to pay for the ESOL exam.

The PhD Programmes with Headquarters at other Universities are:

- Evolutionary Biology and Ecology (Università degli Studi di Firenze)
- Economics and Management of Innovation and Sustainability (Università degli Studi di Parma)

Those who will pass the Cambridge ESOL exam will acquire 5 more credits for complementary skills 2023.

Those who will pass the exam on her/his own expense, or takes the exam elsewhere, can present the IUSS Office with the certification in order to have the 5 credits.

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Best regards,

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