

# **Objectives of the UniBE Language Center Courses and Guidelines for the Use of Generative AI (GenAI)**

## **Overall Aim of the UniBE Language Center (LC) Courses**

The main aim of the LC courses is to foster communicative and language competences for academic settings. Courses vary according to language, target level, and focus.

The course design has two key components: classroom instruction provided by highly qualified language teachers and self-study, which involves participants working independently. Course participants are expected to adopt appropriate learning strategies, and they may use generative artificial intelligence (genAI) and other tools to support their learning.

## **The Role of GenAI in the Language Learning Process and in the UniBE LC Courses**

GenAI provides useful tools for receptive and productive language learning tasks. The course participants are responsible for their individual learning process, the language products created in the courses, and the critical use of AI.

In the LC courses, AI may be used by the participants and the lecturers.

## **Use of GenAI in the UniBE LC Courses**

The use of genAI is permitted in the LC courses within the guidelines set by the lecturers and in accordance with the UniBE's AI guidelines. Course participants and lecturers must ensure that AI use complies with the UniBE data protection guidelines.

## **Responsibilities of Course Participants**

GenAI must be used transparently. Content generated with the help of AI may not be presented as one's own work and must be critically reviewed. AI tool users are responsible for providing valid references for information generated by AI.

## **Responsibilities of Lecturers**

Lecturers inform participants about the benefits, risks, and critical use of genAI. They decide in which tasks AI may be integrated and how its use must be documented.

## **Consequences of Misuse**

Misuse occurs when AI-generated content is presented as one's own work without any acknowledgement of the use of AI. This also applies to texts corrected by genAI. Such violations are considered academic misconduct.

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