



Language learning in pairs

Registration and online placement testing for courses at the university's Language Centre may finish on March 12, 2010, but the opportunity to learn a language this semester does not have to pass you by. Indeed, *UniTandem* may be just what you are looking for.

Tandem learning means to exchange your knowledge of your mother tongue with the knowledge of a native speaker of the language you wish to learn. *UNITandem* is organized by the Self-learning Centre (part of the Language Centre at the University of Fribourg) and is mainly for students of the Fribourg region.

How does *UNITandem* work?

You will profit most from *UNITandem* with some basic knowledge in the language you want to learn. It is up to you and your tandem partner to decide when, where, and how often to meet, as well as what your aims are.

The three basic rules of *tandem learning* are:

- Responsibility: You are responsible for your own learning. You, not your partner, have the task of determining what you wish to learn and how. Try to be as specific as possible about identifying your needs. You must succeed in communicating your goals and methods to your partner. You will need to make sure that you prepare for your meeting.
- Respect your partner, meet regularly: Keep all appointments and be on time. Show respect for your partner and his or her wishes, opinions and attitudes.
- Alternate roles between learner and informant, divide the time fairly, try to avoid mixing languages.

You will find more explanations in our guide to tandem work at:

<http://www.unifr.ch/unitandem/en/guideE.htm>

How to register?

You register on-line at www.unifr.ch/unitandem for the beginning of term. In the following weeks we try to find a learning partner for you according to your wishes. Registration is valid for one term only. If we can not find a tandem partner for you, you can try again at the beginning of the following term.

What about ECTS credit-points with *UNITandem*?

You can get ECTS credit-points together with a self-learning project if your study branch recognizes them. Learn more about self-learning projects:

<http://www.unifr.ch/centredelanguages/fr/courses/lernangebot/selbstlernen/lernprojekt> (in French)

<http://www.unifr.ch/centredelanguages/de/courses/lernangebot/selbstlernen/lernprojekt> (in German)