

## Arqus Café

### Arqus Online Language Cafe 2020/2021 – Guidelines

#### What is the Arqus Café and what is its goal?

Arqus Café is a virtual place for students from any one of the Arqus universities who are learning a foreign language (one of the languages offered) and would like to use this language outside the environment of the classroom. It is a virtual meeting place that can be easily accessed from anywhere. The goal of the Arqus Café is to provide students with an authentic online language learning experience during the current coronavirus restrictions. The European University Alliance Arqus (AL4: Multilingual and Multicultural University) offers all partners the opportunity to participate in this programme.

**Please note:** The Arqus Café is not a language class! There will therefore be no teachers present at the meetings and the focus will not be on correcting or explaining grammar. However, a native speaker will be present at every session to serve as a language tutor and lead the conversations. The purpose of the Arqus Café is for students to feel free to talk about various topics while using the foreign language in a welcoming and relaxed environment.

#### How will the Arqus Café work?

- 1) The Arqus Café has a [web page](#) where all relevant information will be made available (e.g. languages offered, schedule, access to the meeting room and contacts)
- 2) Each language will be offered once a week for one hour. If there are students interested in becoming language tutors, they are welcome to join us and should send us an email to get more information.
- 3) The students who want to practise a language need to have at least an A2 level in the target language.
- 5) The participation is voluntary and not bound to the language courses. Certificate of attendance may be offered. To get the certificate, students need to attend 15 meetings and write a report about them. The report template will be available on the Arqus Café web page and should be handed in when the required number of meetings has been reached.
- 6) Interested students should sign up in advance by sending an email to [arqus\\_cafe@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:arqus_cafe@uni-leipzig.de) (contact person: Fabiana de Lima). Information needed: name, university they study and the language they are learning)

#### Online Language Tandem

For those students interested in practising a language with a native speaker individually and at the same time want to help this person with their own native language, we are also offering an online Language Tandem. Students should contact us to get more information.

The Arqus Tandem Coordinator Fabiana de Lima will be happy to assist and advise on any questions instructors from the partner universities may have. You can write to Fabiana in German, English, Spanish or Portuguese at: [arqus\\_cafe@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:arqus_cafe@uni-leipzig.de)