

NEWS FROM THE WELCOME CENTER

International Office on Facebook

On the Facebook page of the International Office we point out current (mostly free of charge) events in Bern. We also introduce partner universities and publish blog entries from the mentoring program MILSA. Each month we start with a calendar picture of our photo competition among exchange students.

In December, the posts focus on Christmas with tips for Christmas markets, concerts and selected "Christmas traditions" in Switzerland. Have a look on our Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/int.unibe.ch/>

Learning German at the University of Bern (spring 2019)

In spring semester 2019 there are again different possibilities to learn German or to improve your language skills.

Since the number of free places is limited, we recommend that you register early i.e. by the second week of January 2019 (if the courses are already online).

1) Office German as a Foreign Language

www.daf.unibe.ch

- course levels A1- C1
- open to all UniBe members but priority is given to students and PhD students
- course will be awarded with ECTS credits
- free of charge for students and PhD students (but with a fee for postdocs!)

2) Cours program „Transferable Skills“

www.ufk.unibe.ch

- one (1) course „German for Beginners“ (starting March 2019!)
- for PhD students and postdocs only! (no BA or MA students)
- no ECTS credits
- course is free of charge

City of Bern: "Bernetz" project continues in 2019

"Bernetz" is a mentoring and „network" program of the „Kompetenzzentrum Integration" (City of Bern). The program is aiming at qualified migrants seeking employment. Sufficient knowledge of German is obligatory. *(So, the program could perhaps also be of interest to partners of UniBe employees?)* Interested applicants should apply by 10 December 2018. Find more information here: www.bern.ch/bernetz or by contacting the project coordinator silvia.schoenenberger@bern.ch.

!!! The project coordinators are also looking for locals willing to be mentors for the participants of the program and help them build a professional network. Find out more here: [Information für Vernetzer und Vernetzerinnen](#)