



'2023 marks the 35th anniversary of the Language Centre (1988-2023). After a few eventful and challenging years, due to lockdowns and changes, we are more than excited about the future. Thanks to our committed and professional staff members, our services are consistently of a high standard. We continue to develop new ideas and initiatives, in good collaboration with all our partners. We appreciate all the positive feedback that we receive and are grateful that you continue to support us in what we enjoy doing most - connecting, developing, and learning together through language.'

*Sander van den Bos, Interim Director*

In 2022, course participants awarded us with an **AVERAGE MARK OF 8.5!** This year we offered:

✓ 406 **STANDARD COURSES** in 9 languages for 4,634 participants



231 on location



175 online



Chinese back with a bang

✓ 170 **TAILOR-MADE TRAINING COURSES**, individually or in groups, for clients such as: Gasunie, Municipality of Groningen, UMCG, UG, the Investment and Development Agency for the Northern Netherlands (NOM), and more.

## REVIEWS

'I took an intensive course in Dutch for non-native speakers and it was a fantastic experience. My teacher was nice and I learned a lot. Next month, I will take another course and I can't wait!'

*Zoe Longworth, intensive Dutch course*

★★★★★ Google review

'At the Language Centre everything is organized in a professional manner: Courses start punctually, the teachers are professional, and the staff are friendly, for example. If you need to tackle a tricky linguistic hurdle, they can most definitely help you. Keep up the good work, Language Centre!'

*Andreas Brian, Dutch course*

★★★★★ Google review

# Express yourself

understand the world



## OUR RANGE

- ✓ Language courses
- ✓ Intercultural competence training
- ✓ Academic and professional communication skills
- ✓ Webinars
- ✓ Language tests and assessments
- ✓ Translation and Correction Service (UVC)



## MISSION

We want to make it possible for everyone to develop themselves and connect with others, regardless of linguistic and cultural background.



## WHAT WE STAND FOR

- ✓ We are the provider for language and culture for everyone, from students to professionals, individuals, institutions, and businesses
- ✓ As the UG's official language partner, we provide numerous lectures, translations, training courses and workshops for students and staff members
- ✓ With our knowledge and passion, we contribute to an international, inclusive, and diverse society



We are constantly innovating **OUR RANGE** to continue to satisfy our clients' needs.

Our languages: Specific courses, e.g.:

- ✓ Arabic
- ✓ Chinese
- ✓ Dutch
- ✓ English
- ✓ French
- ✓ German
- ✓ Italian
- ✓ Japanese
- ✓ Russian
- ✓ Spanish
- ✓ English and Dutch for professionals
- ✓ Italian conversation course
- ✓ Business writing
- ✓ Medical German, English, Spanish, and Dutch
- ✓ Academic writing skills
- ✓ Voice coaching
- ✓ IELTS exam preparation
- ✓ Publishing in English

By initiating and participating in **PROJECTS** in 2023, we strive to create better connections in society.



### English for healthy ageing

In collaboration with the Municipality of Groningen and BALAB, we organize English courses for people over 60, as a powerful tool against diseases that affect the elderly.



### Jargon for nurses

In cooperation with the UMCG, we offer a Dutch course for newcomers and newcomers with a residence permit, after which they are offered a job at the UMCG within six months.



### RUG Language Buddy

We connect UG staff members to learn from each other as language partners.



### Gerrit Krol Award essay competition

We are organizing the third edition, highlighting the importance of Dutch as an academic language.