Intensive Language Programs

The Intensive Language Program is a six-week program for students with the Intermediate Levels of English Language and Pidgin proficiencies. The courses are scheduled from June through July to August 2019. The English Language courses are designed to specifically enable learners, especially Francophone Cameroonians (both students and professionals), improve their skills with the opportunity to practice with experienced speakers. Pidgin is a significant language in Cameroon spoken by over 50 per cent of the country’s population. As a lingua franca, foreigners, researchers as well as Cameroonians are progressively showing more interest in learning the language in order to interact successfully with the local population. The courses follow the structure of the university’s regular intensive courses, and can be taken individually or combined for an extended program. In addition to class work, students will explore cultural sights, mix with local people and make long lasting friendships.

Pidgin Courses and Immersion Program

**Intermediate Courses**

**Location:** English Building

Faculty of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences

University of Yaounde 1

BP 755 Yaounde

Cameroon

**Date:** 03 June – 15 July 2019

The full six-week program will include 140 academic hours of Pidgin with classes from Monday through Friday from 9.00 to 13.00. It is split into four components as follows:

**Practical course of the Pidgin language** (a systematic course in all the aspects of Pidgin: speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar);

**Conversation practice** (develops speaking skills in different situations of communication);

**Reading in Pidgin** (involves work with both authentic and adapted contemporary texts in Pidgin);

**Pidgin phonetics and intonation** (further develops skills of natural Pidgin pronunciation).

**Hours:** **Revision and Orientation**

 Monday 03 – Tuesday 04 June 2019

 09:00 – 13:00 (5 hours)

 2 days (10 hours)

 **Level 3 A (Total 40 hours)**

 Wednesday 05 – Monday 17 June 2019

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours per day)

 09 days (36 hours)

 **Conversational Activities**

 Tuesday 18 June – Wednesday 19 June 2019

 09 – 13:00 (4 hours per day)

 2 days (8 hours)

 **Level 3 A (Final Assessment)**

 Thursday 20 June 2019

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours)

 1 day (4 hours)

 **Immersion Program (Total 34 hours)**

 Friday 21 June – Thursday 27 June 2019

 9:00 – 17:00 (6 hours per day)

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours report back)

 5 day plus 4 hours (34 hours)

 **Level 3B (Total 40 hours)**

 Friday 28 June – Wednesday 10 July 2019

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours per day)

 9 days (36 hours)

 **Conversational Activities**

 Thursday 11 July – Friday 12 July 2019

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours per day)

 2 days (8 hours)

 **Level 3B (Final Assessment)**

 Monday 15 July 2019

 9:00 – 13:00 (4 hours)

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to understand and form more complex sentences and communicate in Pidgin with increased confidence.

**Certification**: On the successful completion of the course, the student will receive certificates of competence for Pidgin at the Intermediate level.

**NB**: In case of student illness and/or public holidays such as the Muslim holidays which depend on the lunar calendar, the remainder of the week of July 15th, July 16th-19th, is available for makeup sessions.