

## **UB EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COURSE: IMAGINE VE (The Languages of Science)**

Dear student,

You are probably aware of the new course, jointly offered by the University of Bordeaux (UB) and the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), from Brazil, named **IMAGINE Virtual Exchange (The Languages of Science)**.

If you are curious about it, click at the following link to watch our teaser video. <https://youtu.be/RVWGoB9YQbi>  
Narrated by the distinctive voice of the African/British actor Hakeem Kae-Kazim (X-Men, Pirates of the Caribbean, Hotel Rwanda), this video was produced by MAPI/UB and will be used to advertise our new program among students of both countries.

### ***In case you are wondering whether you are eligible or not, check below our application requirements:***

- You are entering next September the 3rd year (L3) of an undergraduate program offered by the College of Sciences and Technologies from the UB.
- You have an advanced level of English that allows you to communicate, without much difficulty (even though not perfectly), with teachers, classmates and special scientist guests, both by text and orally.
- You are willing to participate actively (that is, with your camera and microphone turned on) in a course that is offered entirely online and in English.
- You are available for synchronous meetings on Tuesdays evenings (7:00 to 8:30pm) between October and December 2021.
- You are interested in discussing, in a multicultural and open-minded atmosphere: the role of science in contemporary societies; the importance of democratizing knowledge; and how we can help to improve and intensify the dialogue between scientists and lay people.
- You feel capable of working in teams and you are interested in meeting foreign students and teachers.
- You are willing to study and discuss subjects of global concern, such as climate changes, social inclusion and sustainable development, even if these subjects are not part of your regular university training (we are all there to learn and communicate).

### ***Before applying, you should be aware of the following characteristics of this course:***

- IMAGINE VE (The Languages of Science) will be a mandatory course of choice that will replace your regular S5 course of English, being equivalent to 3 ECTS.
- At the end of a first theoretical part (10 h), each student will have to choose a practical project\* that will be developed by mixed groups or pairs (France-Brazil) of students. The development of such projects should represent about 50 h of autonomous work (each student working online with his/her teammates, without contact with the course teachers) plus 15 h of synchronous meetings with the course teachers, who will supervise the projects all along their development.
- \*To learn more about the three types of practical projects (Sci-Trip, Teaching-tool Dev, and Rural Workshops, see: <https://projetoimagine.paginas.ufsc.br/files/2021/04/PROJ-ECT-RELEASE.pdf>)
- At this point, we are not able to guarantee that the Rural Workshops will be a real choice in our 2021 edition, due to the limiting sanitary conditions. For the other two categories, we expect that most students will choose Sci-Trip and only those who are specifically interested in education will choose Teaching-tool Dev.
- A maximum of 20 undergraduate students from each university (UB and UFSC) will be accepted. Therefore, if there are more candidates than places, a selection will be carried out based on: motivation (why you want to take this

course), university grades record and English level. Out of the 20 places for UB students, 10 will be reserved to the Life Science program. The same proportion will be adopted for UFSC students.

### ***Evaluation:***

Students will be evaluated throughout the semester and their final grades will be based on: Assiduity (10%); English communication skills (10%); Active participation in the discussions (10%); Pre-project (20%); Final report (50%).

- **Pre-project** consists of the first dossier of two pages about the scientific personality you have chosen\*\* (in the case of Sci-Trip), or a two-page plan for developing and/or perfecting a new and/or an existing teaching tool (in the case of Teaching-tool Dev).

- **Final report** consists of a five-page document describing the scientific, cultural and social-engagement aspects regarding the special guest you have interviewed\*\* (in the case of Sci-Trip), or the prototype of the teaching tool you have developed and/or perfected (in the case of Teaching-tool Dev).

\*\*Because a maximum of two pairs of students will be assigned to each of our special guests, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to investigate and interview your first-choice personality. If too many students choose the same guest as you, we may need to assign you to your second, third or fourth choice. Pre-projects, based on your literature search, will be handled before your first contact with the scientist, whereas the Final report will be based on your accomplished interview.

### ***How to register?***

- Send an email to [thelanguagesofscience@gmail.com](mailto:thelanguagesofscience@gmail.com) along with a **motivation letter written in English**, your **university grades record** and any certificate, external to the university, that might show your proficiency in English (this last document is not mandatory).
- The subject of your email should contain the words **APPLYING TO IMAGINE VE** and your email text should clearly state your **full name** and **the program you are enrolled at** (Physics, Life Sciences, Informatics, etc).
- Early-bird applications will start June 14<sup>th</sup> and will end June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- An email informing whether you have been accepted or not will be addressed to you as soon as possible, but before mid July.
- Depending on the number of selected students, a new period of applications may be announced before the beginning of classes, which, for the IMAGINE VE, is planned to happen in October 5<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more and receive our news and updates, we invite you to follow the project at:

[www.instagram.com/imagineufsc/](http://www.instagram.com/imagineufsc/)  
[www.facebook.com/UFSCProjetoImagine/](http://www.facebook.com/UFSCProjetoImagine/)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions: [thelanguagesofscience@gmail.com](mailto:thelanguagesofscience@gmail.com)

Best regards,

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