

## The VLC Micro-Credential Courses

Micro-Credentials are short open online courses that differ from traditional degrees or certifications in that they focus on a narrower and more specialized subject, and that they can often be completed in a shorter amount of time. They aim at helping individuals acquire specific skills and knowledge in a particular field or area.

The VLC Micro-Credentials consist of 4 to 6 units (workload ca. 30 to 50 hours), they are certified and do not involve any fees. To find a micro-credential course on the VLC, type “MC” into the course search window on the VLC Home Page:



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Table 1: VLC Micro-Credentials (ready for self-enrollment)

Course Tile	Title and Content (Units)
	<b>VLC_MC01 - Articulatory Phonetics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Airstream Mechanisms</li> <li>• Consonants</li> <li>• Vowels</li> </ul>
	<b>VLC_MC02 - Acoustic Phonetics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Speech Chain</li> <li>• The Physics of Speech</li> <li>• Speech Analysis</li> <li>• Speech Perception</li> </ul>
	<b>VLC_MC03 - Consonants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonetics</li> <li>• Classifying Consonants</li> <li>• Practicing Consonants</li> <li>• Analysing Consonants</li> </ul>
	<b>VLC_MC06 - Segmental Phonology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonetics and Phonology</li> <li>• The Phoneme</li> <li>• Distinctive Features – The History</li> <li>• Distinctive Features – Today</li> </ul>
	<b>VLC_MC07 - PDE Phonology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sound System of PDE</li> <li>• PDE Connected Speech</li> <li>• PDE Suprasegmental Phonology</li> <li>• Phonological Varieties of PDE</li> </ul>

<p>VLC_MC08 - Phonological Theories (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC08 – Phonological Theories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonology</li> <li>• Phonological Theories</li> <li>• Non-Linear Phonology</li> <li>• Optimality Theory</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC11 - Morphology Basics (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC11 – Morphology Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morphology and Linguistics</li> <li>• Morphological Units</li> <li>• Morphological Processes</li> <li>• Morphological Operations</li> <li>• Morphological Alternation</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC12 - Word-Formation (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC12 – Word-Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Words</li> <li>• Reduplication</li> <li>• Derivation</li> <li>• Compounding</li> <li>• Other Word-Forms</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC15 - Basic Concepts of Grammar (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC15 – Basic Concepts of Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches Towards Grammar</li> <li>• The Sentence</li> <li>• Syntactic Categories</li> <li>• Elements of Clause Structure</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC16 - The Verb in PDE (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC16 – The English Verb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches Towards the Verb</li> <li>• Types of Verbs</li> <li>• Tense and Time</li> <li>• Aspect and Voice</li> <li>• Mood and Modality</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC18 - Constituent Analysis (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC18 – Constituent Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Concepts of Syntax</li> <li>• Constituent Structure</li> <li>• Constituents</li> <li>• X-bar Syntax</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC21 - Word Semantics (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC21 – Word Semantics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Semantics</li> <li>• Reference</li> <li>• Sense</li> <li>• Theories of Word Meaning</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC22 - Sentence Semantics (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC22 – Sentence Semantics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentence Semantics</li> <li>• Propositional Logic</li> <li>• Entailment and Beyond</li> <li>• Predicate Logic</li> </ul>

<p>VLC_MC23 - Pragmatics (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC23 – Pragmatics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview</li> <li>• Speech Acts</li> <li>• Conversation</li> <li>• Deixis and Referencing</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC41 - Old English (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC41 – Old English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OE Period</li> <li>• OE Phonology</li> <li>• OE Morphology</li> <li>• OE Syntax</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC42 - Middle English (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC42 – Middle English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ME Period</li> <li>• ME Phonology</li> <li>• ME Morphology</li> <li>• ME Syntax</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC43 - Early Modern English (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC43 – Early Modern English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EMnE Period</li> <li>• The Great Vowel Shift</li> <li>• EMnE Phonology</li> <li>• EMnE Grammar</li> </ul>
<p>VLC_MC51 - Language Typology (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC51 – Language Typology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Comparison</li> <li>• Phonological Typology</li> <li>• Structural Typology</li> <li>• Word Order Typology</li> </ul>