

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 5 units (workload ca. 30 to 40 hours), they are supported by the custom chatbot VLC GPT, 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:



Then self-enroll!

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

Course Tile	Title and Content (Units)
	<p>VLC_MC01 - Articulatory Phonetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Airstream Mechanisms • Consonants • Vowels
	<p>VLC_MC02 - Acoustic Phonetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Speech Chain • The Physics of Speech • Speech Analysis • Speech Perception
	<p>VLC_MC03 - Consonants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonetics • Classifying Consonants • Practicing Consonants • Analysing Consonants
	<p>VLC_MC04 - Vowels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonetics • Classifying Vowels • Analysing Vowels • Vowel Systems
	<p>VLC_MC06 - Segmental Phonology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonetics and Phonology • The Phoneme • Distinctive Features – The History • Distinctive Features – Today

<p>VLC_MC07 - PDE Phonology (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC07 - PDE Phonology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound System of PDE • PDE Connected Speech • PDE Suprasegmental Phonology • Phonological Varieties of PDE
<p>VLC_MC08 - Phonological Theories (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC08 – Phonological Theories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonology • Phonological Theories • Non-Linear Phonology • Optimality Theory
<p>VLC_MC09 - The Transcription of RP (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC09 – The Transcription of RP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principles of Transcription • The Sound System of RP • Transcribing RP • Transcription Exercises
<p>VLC_MC11 - Morphology Basics (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC11 – Morphology Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphology and Linguistics • Morphological Units • Morphological Processes • Morphological Operations • Morphological Alternation
<p>VLC_MC12 - Word-Formation (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC12 – Word-Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Words • Reduplication • Derivation • Compounding • Other Word-Forms
<p>VLC_MC15 - Basic Concepts of Grammar (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC15 – Basic Concepts of Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches Towards Grammar • The Sentence • Syntactic Categories • Elements of Clause Structure
<p>VLC_MC16 - The Verb in PDE (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC16 – The Verb in PDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches Towards the Verb • Types of Verbs • Tense and Time • Aspect and Voice • Mood and Modality
<p>VLC_MC18 - Constituent Analysis (Micro-Credential)</p>	<p>VLC_MC18 – Constituent Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Concepts of Syntax • Constituent Structure • Constituents • X-bar Syntax

	<p>VLC_MC21 – Word Semantics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Semantics • Reference • Sense • Theories of Word Meaning
	<p>VLC_MC22 – Sentence Semantics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence Semantics • Propositional Logic • Entailment and Beyond • Predicate Logic
	<p>VLC_MC23 – Pragmatics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Speech Acts • Conversation • Deixis and Referencing
	<p>VLC_MC41 – Old English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OE Period • OE Phonology • OE Morphology • OE Syntax
	<p>VLC_MC42 – Middle English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ME Period • ME Phonology • ME Morphology • ME Syntax
	<p>VLC_MC43 – Early Modern English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMnE Period • The Great Vowel Shift • EMnE Phonology • EMnE Grammar
	<p>VLC_MC51 – Language Typology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Comparison • Phonological Typology • Structural Typology • Word Order Typology
	<p>VLC_MC53 – Contrastive Phonology: RP - German</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound System of RP • The Sound System of German • RP vs. German

<p>VLC_MC54 - Contrastive Phonology: RP - Spanish</p>	<p>VLC_MC54 – Contrastive Phonology: RP - Spanish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound System of RP • The Sound System of Spanish • RP vs. Spanish
<p>VLC_MC55 - Contrastive Phonology: RP - Arabic</p>	<p>VLC_MC55 – Contrastive Phonology: RP - Arabic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound System of RP • The Sound System of Arabic • RP vs. Arabic
<p>VLC_MC61 - Language and the Mind</p>	<p>VLC_MC61 – Language and the Mind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Linguistics • Psycholinguistics • Language Acquisition • Clinical Linguistics
<p>VLC_MC62 - Language in Use</p>	<p>VLC_MC62 – Language in Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Linguistics • Sociolinguistics • Forensic Linguistics • Corpus Linguistics
<p>VLC_MC63 - Corpus Linguistics</p>	<p>VLC_MC63 – Corpus Linguistics Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corpus Linguistics • Analysis and Applications • COCA – First Steps • COCA – Search Options
<p>VLC_MC92 - AI Language Assistance in HE</p>	<p>VLC_MC92 – AI Language Assistance in HE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations • Didactics • Assessment • Writing
<p>VLC_MC93 - Using Generative AI</p>	<p>VLC_MC93 – Using Generative AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of AI • Machine Learning • Generative AI at Work • Challenges and Ethics