

MCAST PROGRAMMES - PUBLIC INFORMATION TEMPLATE (FULL TIME)

Institute	Institute of Business Management and Commerce
Department	-

Programme Title	ALP+ - Extended Diploma in Business				
Course Code <i>To be filled in by Admissions Dept.</i>	BC3-O04-25alp+		If the programme includes a WBL element, How is it accredited?		Not Applicable, does not include WBL
MQF/ EQF Level	Level 3	Type <i>(refer to Appendix 1 for Parameters)</i>	Qualification	Awarding Body	MCAST – Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology
Accreditation Status		Accredited via MCAST’s Self Accreditation Process (MCAST holds Self-Accrediting Status as per 1st schedule of Legal Notice 296/2012)			
Mode of Delivery	Face to Face	Duration <i>(Academic Years or Semesters)</i>	2 Years	Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Total Number of Credits	36 credits at MQF level 2 and 60 credits at MQF level 3	Total Learning Hours <i>(25 Total Learning Hours for each ECTS)</i>		2400 hours	
Target Audience	Ages 16 - 65	Target Group <i>(the type of learners that the educational institution anticipates joining this programme)</i>	Learners who have successfully completed their studies at the Alternative Learning Programme of the Ministry for Education		
Programme Fees	There are no fees applicable to Maltese and other EU Nationals (as will be evidenced by their Identity Document) Fees apply for other International Applicants... for fee information and any related updates it is best to communicate with MG2i International through applyinternational@mcast.edu.mt One may consider checking about possible eligibility or otherwise for any exemption from fees by contacting the relevant section within MEYR (Floriana) – or visit the servizz.gov.mt website here				
Date of Next Student Intake	For further information regarding upcoming student intake and applications time windows for same kindly click here				
Language of Instruction	The official language of instruction at MCAST is English. All notes and textbooks are in English (except for language courses, which will be in the respective language being instructed). International candidates will be requested to meet English language certification requirements for access to the course.				
Application Method	Applications to full-time courses are received online via the College Management Information System. Applicants can log-in using Maltese Electronic ID (eID) in order to access the MCAST Admissions Portal directly and create one’s own student account with the identity being verified electronically via this secure service. Non-EID applicants need to request account creation through an online form after that they confirm that their local Identification Document does not come with an EID				

	<p>entitlement. . Once the identity is verified and the account is created on behalf of the applicant, one may proceed with the online application according to the same instructions applicable to all other applicants.</p> <p>For more information about how to apply online for a course at MCAST, please visit: https://mcast.edu.mt/how-to-apply-online-2/</p>
Information for Non-EU Citizens	<p>Non-EU candidates require a study visa in order to travel to Malta and join the course applied for (on a Full Time delivery mode). For further information re study-visa please access https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/.</p> <p>Further information International / TCN applicants should take note of before requesting to being considered for a programme of studies at MCAST, can be obtained through the respective FAQ found on https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
IMPORTANT note to Non-EU Nationals / TCNs	<p>In instances where a TCN is applying for an MCAST programme of studies which includes Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, it is the applicant's responsibility to check with the relevant Maltese Authority whether one would be eligible to have the necessary permits to be able to carry out the accredited Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, success from which is expected in order to be able to successfully complete the selected programme of studies. Further information can also be obtained through the respective FAQ found on:</p> <p>https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
Address where the Programme will be Delivered	<p><i>MCAST has four campuses as follows:</i></p> <p>MCAST Main Campus Triq Kordin, Paola, Malta</p> <p><i>All courses except for courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences and the Gozo Campus are offered at the Main Campus address (above).</i></p> <p><i>Courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, or the Gozo Campus, are offered in one of the following addresses as applicable:</i></p> <p>Institute for the Creative Arts Mosta Campus Misraħ Għonoq Tarġa Gap, Mosta</p> <p>Institute of Applied Sciences Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, Luqa Road, Qormi</p> <p>Gozo Campus J.F. De Chambray Street MCAST, Għajnsielem Gozo</p> <p><i>In the case of courses delivered via Online Learning, students will be following the programme from their preferred location/address.</i></p> <p><i>Programmes delivered via Blended Learning, and which therefore contain both an</i></p>

	<p><i>online and a face to face component shall be delivered as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face to Face components – as per above address instructions ○ Online components – from the student's preferred address.
Course Description <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>This course is aimed at learners who have successfully completed their studies at the Alternative Learning Programme of the Ministry for Education, and are interested in pursuing further vocational studies at MQF Level 3, related to different areas of business. This course focuses on the knowledge and skills required for eventual employment at assistant technician level in the business sector. The combination of practical experience and theoretical knowledge gained by successfully completing the course, will equip learners with the knowledge and skills with which they will be able to access the labour market, or alternatively, they will be eligible to continue their studies at MQF level 4 at MCAST, by selecting one of the various Advanced Diplomas offered by the College, in their preferred area of study.</p> <p>This programme is aimed at preparing learners to further their studies in different areas of business. The course aims to allow learners to improve in the areas of written and spoken English and Maltese as well as in their Mathematical and IT skills. The course however also goes into more detail, while starting from the very basics of different business areas and functions such as Accounts, Human Resources, Marketing, Purchasing, and others. This generic background allows the students to bring their academic level up to scratch, while acquiring enough knowledge about the different business areas to be able to progress onto further studies.</p>
Deskrizzjoni tal-Kors <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>Dan il-kors huwa mmirat lejn studenti li jkunu temmew b'suċċess l-istudji tagħhom fil-Programm ta' Tagħlim Alternattiv (I-ALP) tal-Ministeru għall-Edukazzjoni, u huma interessati li jkomplu bit tagħlim vokazzjonali fil-Livell 3 tal-MQF, relatat ma' diversi oqsma tan-negozju. Dan il-kors jiffoka fuq l-għarfien u l-ħiliet meħtieġa biex eventwalment iwasslu għal impjieg fil-livell ta' assistent tekniku fis-settur tan-negozju. L-esperjenza Prattika u l-għarfien teoretiku li jakkwistaw l-istudenti li jispiċċaw il kors, jgħin biex dawn ikollhom l-għarfien u l-ħiliet meħtieġa biex jaħdmu, jew inkella, ikunu eliġibbli biex ikomplu l-istudji tagħhom fil-livell 4 tal-MQF fl-MCAST, billi jagħzlu wieħed mill-bosta korsijiet tad-Diploma Avanzata fil-qasam li jippreferu.</p> <p>Dan il-programm huwa mmirat lejn it-tnejja ta' studenti biex ikomplu l-istudji tagħhom f'oqsma differenti tan-negozju. Il-kors għandu l-għan li jgħin lill-istudenti jtejbju l-ħiliet tagħhom fl-oqsma tal-kitba u t-taħdit bl-Ingliż u bil-Malti, kif ukoll il-ħiliet tagħhom fil-Matematika u l-IT. Madankollu, il-kors jidhol ukoll f'ħafna aktar dettall, filwaqt li jibda mill-kunċetti verament bażiċi ta' oqsma u funzjonijiet differenti tan-negozju bħall-Accounts, ir-Riżorsi Umani, il-Marketing, ix-Xiri u oħrajn. Dan l-isfond generiku jippermetti lill-istudenti jtejbju l-livell akkademiku tagħhom sa standard aċċettabbli, filwaqt li jiksbu biżżejjed għarfien dwar l-oqsma differenti tan-negozju sabiex ikunu jistgħu jkomplu jistudjaw f'livell aktar avvanzat.</p>
Career Opportunities:	<p>Clerical Assistant, Shop Cashier</p>
Entry Requirements <i>(Refer to Prospectus / Course Page on MCAST website)</i>	<p>Applicants are expected to have completed the one-year ALP programme and obtained at least an MQF Level 1 in Maltese, English and Mathematics and an MQF Level 2 in TWO vocational subjects forming part of the ALP Programme.</p>
Other Notes related to this Programme, and which are to be taken note of	<p>-</p>
Programme Learning	<p>At the end of the programme the learner is able to :</p>

Outcomes <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the basic requirements in terms of knowledge, skills and competences related to the vocational subject area chosen. 2. Perform basic techniques related to the vocational subject of choice under supervision. 3. Apply basic techniques related to the vocational subject of choice in a practical setting, either in a laboratory, in a workshop or in a workplace setting. 4. Use standard tools and equipment in line with safety procedures.
Teaching, Learning and Assessment Procedures	<p>The programmes offered are vocational in nature and entail both theoretical lectures delivered in classes as well as practical elements that are delivered in laboratories, workshops, salons, simulators as the module requirements dictate.</p> <p>Each module or unit entails a number of in person and/or online contact learning hours that are delivered by the lecturer or tutor directly (See also section 'Total Learning Hours').</p> <p>Access to all resources is provided to all registered students. These include study resources in paper or electronic format through the Library and Resource Centre as well as tools, software, equipment and machinery that are provided by the respective institutes depending on the requirements of the course or module.</p> <p>Students may however be required to provide consumable material for use during practical sessions and projects unless these are explicitly provided by the College.</p> <p>All Units of study are assessed throughout the academic year through continuous assessment using a variety of assessment tools. Coursework tasks are exclusively based on the Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria as prescribed in the course specification. The Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria are communicated to the Student via the coursework documentation.</p> <p>The method of assessment shall reflect the Level, credit points (ECTS) and the schedule of time-tabled/non-timetabled hours of learning of each study unit. A variety of assessment instruments, not solely Time Constrained Assignments/Exams, are used to gather and interpret evidence of Student competence toward pre-established grading criteria that are aligned to the learning outcomes of each unit of the programme of study.</p> <p>Grading criteria are assessed through a number of tasks, each task being assigned a number of marks. The number of grading criteria is included in the respective Programme Specification.</p> <p>The distribution of marks and assessment mode depends on the nature and objectives of the unit in question.</p> <p>Coursework shall normally be completed during the semester in which the Unit is delivered.</p> <p>Time-constrained assignments may be held between 8 am and 8 pm during the delivery period of a Unit, or at the end of the semester in which the Unit is completed. The dates are notified and published on the Institute notice boards or through other means of communication.</p> <p>Certain circumstances (such as but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic) may lead Institutes and Centres to hold teaching and assessment remotely (online) as per MCAST QA Policy and Standard for Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment (Doc 020) available via link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/</p> <p>The Programme Regulations pertaining to this Programme's MQF/EQF level available at: link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, apply.</p>



Grading System	<p>All MCAST programmes adopt a Learner-centred approach through the focus on Learning Outcomes. The assessment of MCAST programmes is criterion-referenced and thus assessors are required to assess learners' evidence against a pre-determined set of Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria.</p> <p>For a student to be deemed to have successfully passed a unit, a minimum of 50% (grade D) must be achieved.</p> <p>All full time units are individually graded as follows: A* (90-100) A (80-89) B (70-79) C (60-69) D (50-59) Unsatisfactory work is graded as 'U'.</p> <p>Work-based learning units (where applicable) are graded on a Pass/Fail basis only.</p> <p>Some units which follow industry standards and regulations may also be graded on a Pass/Fail basis as per programme regulations referred below.</p> <p>Detailed information regarding the grading system may be found in the Programme Regulations pertaining to this programme's MQF/EQF Level available at: https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/ (Refer to DOC 003, 004 and 005)</p>
Exit Point (where and as applicable)	<p>Where a student will not make it to the Final Certification achievable from this Programme of Studies (as per Programme Regulations), one might wish to look into Exit Point possibilities as may be applicable to this programme for studies. Further information, is available at https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, kindly refer to <i>DOC 077 Procedure for the processing of Claims for Certificates at Interim Exit Points</i>.</p>
Contact details for Further Learning Opportunities	<p>The MCAST Career Guidance Team, offers the service of qualified and experienced Career Advisers who will be very willing to discuss with potential applicants the course which best achieves one's career ambitions, as well as exploring one's education route, or similar.</p> <p>MCAST Career Guidance Tel: 2398 7135/6 Email: career.guidance@mcast.edu.mt</p>
Regulatory Body/ Competent Authority Contact Details <i>(where applicable - in the case of a programme leading to Regulated Profession)</i>	Not Applicable

Programme Structure	Unit Code	Unit Title	ECTS	Year	Semester
	BCBST-306-1904	General Business Concepts	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	BCPRO-306-1900	Purchasing: An Introduction	6	Year 1	1 & 2



	BCHRM-306-1900	The HR Role in Business	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2307	English	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2308	Mathematics	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2309	Il-Malti	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2312	Community Social Responsibility	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2311	Science and Technology	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	CDKSK-206-2310	Information Technology	6	Year 1	1 & 2
	BCACC-306-1900	Bookkeeping for Business	6	Year 2	1 & 2
	BCSLN-306-1901	Targeting Customers	6	Year 2	1 & 2
	BCSLN-306-1902	Communication in the Sales Process	6	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2313	English	4	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2314	Mathematics	4	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2315	Il-Malti	4	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2501	Community Social Responsibility	4	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2317	Science and Technology	4	Year 2	1 & 2
	CDKSK-304-2316	Information Technology	4	Year 2	1 & 2

Allocation of Total Learning Hours (per Unit)	The total learning hours required for each unit or module are determined as follows:			
	Credits (ECTS)	Indicative contact hours ¹	Self-Learning and Assessment Hours ³	Total Student workload (hrs) ²
	1	5 – 10 hrs	20 - 15 hrs*	25 hrs
	2	10 – 20 hrs	40 - 30 hrs*	50 hrs
	3	15 – 30 hrs	60 - 45 hrs*	75 hrs
	4	20 – 40 hrs	80 - 60 hrs*	100 hrs
	6	30 – 60 hrs	120 - 90 hrs*	150 Hrs
	9	45 – 90 hrs	180 - 135 hrs*	225 hrs
	12	60 – 120 hrs	240 - 180 hrs*	300 hrs
Note: The 'Self-Learning and Assessment Hours ³ ' amount to the difference between the 'Indicative Contact Hours ¹ ' and the 'Total Student Workload ² '				

APPENDIX 1

MINIMUM CREDITS FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

MQF Level	Minimum ECTS Required for a Qualification*
8	
7	30
6	180
5	30
4	30
3	60
2	60
1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig. 1: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024). Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.

APPENDIX 2

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFICATION TYPES AT A SPECIFIC MQF LEVEL

MQF Level	Examples of qualification types at a specific MQF level (The list in this column is not exhaustive)	Number of ECTS *
8	Doctoral Programmes:	
	PhD	N/A
	Professional Doctorate	180
7	Master's Degree	90
	Postgraduate Diploma	60
	Postgraduate Certificate	30
6	Bachelor's Degree	180
	Bachelor's Honours	240
5	Undergraduate Higher Diploma	90
	Undergraduate Diploma	60
	Undergraduate Certificate	30
	VET Level 5	60
4	Advanced Diploma	120
	Pre-Tertiary Certificate	30 - 60
	MATSEC Matriculation Certificate (Advanced and Intermediate)	N/A
	VET Level 4	120
3	Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 3	60
2	Foundation Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 2	60
1	Introductory Certificate	40
	VET Level 1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig.2: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024).
Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.

BCBST-306-1904: General Business Concepts

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

This unit addresses the importance of businesses in the society. It gives a comprehensive overview of basic business concepts, businesses in our society and the procedures of their establishment. Also, this unit considers the characteristics of different types of ownership in the private and public sector. In the case of the private sector, the focus is on sole trader, partnership and limited liability companies. The public sector concept is explained through the topics related to public corporations, public limited liability companies, local councils and government departments. Students will learn about the legal context of business organisations as well as the factors such as location, trends etc.

Additionally, students will explore the main functional areas of business organisations including finance, human resources, production, research & development and sales and marketing. Learners will also be introduced to the subject of international trade.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Understand the basic business concepts and terms;*
2. *Know the forms of business ownerships and their characteristics;*
3. *Understand the economic context in which a business operates;*
4. *Understand the main functional areas in business organisations.*

BCACC-306-1900: Bookkeeping for Business

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

Transparency and accountability are the most important elements in a successful business organisation. It allows management to monitor the current situation of their organisation and to act on any issues that might jeopardize the running of the organisation, its financial situation and the overall organisational climate. Such transparency can be obtained through bookkeeping.

This unit introduces learners to the concept of book-keeping and the related methods and documentation. Learners will explore basic terms and elements such as cost, revenue, profit and stock taking as well as the concept of balance sheets and the underlying accounts.

Through a number of practical examples and exercises, learners will learn how to execute simple transaction records by affecting the relevant book-keeping entries. They will learn how to balance-off the accounts and extract a Trial Balance. Profit and loss accounts and balance sheets will be presented as the two main tools for financial decisions.

Learners will be introduced to the documentation, forms, procedures and accounting entries that are relevant for the purchasing of stock. These include forms that may be raised - quotation, invoice, delivery note ... and how the purchase of stock is recorded in the books of the business.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Identify costs, revenue and profit in a business organisation;*
2. *Understand the importance and functions of book-keeping within a business organisation;*
3. *Record basic transactions into the appropriate accounts and extract a trial balance;*
4. *Prepare the trading, profit and loss account (income statement) and balance sheet (statement of financial position) of a sole trader.*

BCHRM-306-1900: The HR Role in Business

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

This unit focuses on the core processes of Human Resources, that is advertising the vacancies available, drafting the job description, negotiating the conditions of work, what happens before, during and after the interview, selection and recruitment, the contract of employment, employment and dismissal. Moreover, the unit also highlights the importance of an efficient payroll system, on-going consultation with trade unions, induction and in-service training, organizing social events and issuing the company magazine regularly.

The HR Department is usually responsible for the overall health and safety of the company, the relations with the press (media) as well as any legal matters (internal and external) which arise. Learners will explore these core processes in order to obtain a deeper understanding of the role of all those who work within this department and its importance within a business organisation. The related documentation to such processes will also be discussed. Learners will obtain knowledge about the legislation related to the employment and the rights of employers and employees.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Understand the different types of business organisations, the organisation chart and the different roles that normally exist within a small or large organisation;*
- 2. Explain the functions conducted in the recruitment process;*
- 3. Understand the employment process;*
- 4. Understand the main task of dismissal and redundancy, as well as the trade union relations.*

BCPRO-306-1900: Purchasing: An Introduction

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

This unit introduces learners to the Purchasing Department, one of the core functional areas of business organisations. It exposes learners to the basic purchasing process and considers the required process variations and procedures, when dealing with different suppliers. Learners will explore the sequence of activities that make up the core of the purchasing process. They will also study the internal environment, that is, the interactions which occur within the purchasing department, between the purchasing department and the other departments within the same business organization, as well as and the external environment, being the interactions which occur with other business organisations.

This unit also explains the different roles and tasks of the different participants in the in the purchasing process. Learners will learn about the possible sources of demand and how demand can be calculated. They will also learn about the storage procedures that should be adopted within a business organisation.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Understand the function of the purchasing department and the different job titles one may find in this particular department;*
- 2. Describe the actual purchasing process including people involved and related documents;*
- 3. Identify the sources of a purchasing demand as a result of the several needs and wants within an organisation;*
- 4. Understand the importance of managing storage and keeping up-to-date stock records.*

BCSLN-306-1901: Targeting Customers

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

This unit gives an insight into the goods and services as part of the sales process. Different goods and services are analysed so that the students acquire the knowledge of the properties of goods and services and their influence on the sales process.

Regardless of the similarities between the customers within certain groups, they are essentially different, and their individual needs affect the way goods should be presented to them. Therefore, the students will learn about different ways of customer-oriented product presentation. The students will obtain the knowledge about different advertising approaches and methods for controlling their success as a part of day-to-day sales.

Similarly, students will be introduced to the main rules and regulations for advertising in Malta and their relation to EU standards.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Understand the different types of goods and services;*
2. *Address customer needs in accordance with the target group;*
3. *Present goods and services in a customer-oriented manner;*
4. *Develop a basic advertising and promotion plan.*

BCSLN-306-1902: Communication in the Sales Process

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit Description

This unit will give the learners an insight into the selling process itself, one of the core business processes and of essential importance for the success of a business organisation. The focus is on the sales process and the interaction between the sales representative and the potential customer. The unit provides learners with the skills to understand the potential customer reactions during the selling process. Learners will learn to understand the customer needs and expectations. This unit focuses on the different phases, properties and challenges of the selling process. It also examines the after-sales service and how important this is in order to promote future sales and to enhance the organisation's reputation.

The basic product pricing concepts such as progressive and inverse calculation will be explored in this unit. Information Technology aspects will also be explored. Learners will be introduced to the use of spread sheet programmes and learn how to handle the Electronic Point of Sale {EPOS} systems as well as their importance in the selling process. The unit also enables the learner to understand how cash registers are used and their benefits. The customer care section, cashier system, services management system, are also vital within the Sales Department.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Recognise the role of the sales representatives within the context of different customer types;*
- 2. Communicate with customers using customer oriented language and questioning techniques;*
- 3. Recognise the challenges and identify the appropriate solutions during the selling process;*
- 4. Calculate the product price, following the appropriate pricing strategy;*
- 5. Understand how to operate the Electronic Point of Sale (POS) system, its functions and benefits.*

CDKSK-206-2307: English

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 2

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit description

In this unit, the importance of communicating in our second language is highlighted as both a necessity for life as well as for education and work. The unit is built with the view that communicative competencies are the targets of the teaching process. The unit aims to empower and help students to develop communicative competences through a range of meaningful activities presented in the classroom.

Communicating in English considers all four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in meaningful situations or contexts with different objects to meet one's own communication needs or social communication requirements. Communicative competencies are analysed and practised, closely related to themes and topics in a meaningful, contextualised environment. Emphasis is placed on knowing how to use a language rather than just knowing about a language.

This unit is targeted at learners proceeding from Level 1 (therefore considering successful completion of Level 1 English) as well as those whose entry level is directly at Level 2. It is assumed that no entry qualifications such as SEC English (Ordinary Level) are necessary for learners to undertake this unit. This unit is internally assessed and verified. Assessment is carried out through assignments based on the Learning Outcomes below.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Listen to connected speech on a range of vocational topics.*
2. *Speak effectively using appropriate register and vocabulary during communication scenarios to deliver a clear message.*
3. *Read a level-appropriate given text to identify suitable responses.*
4. *Produce organised level-appropriate text in paragraphs of simple, complete and syntactical sentences.*

CDKSK-206-2308: Mathematics

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 2

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit description

Mathematics is a universal language and an important tool in everyday life. From a vocational education and training perspective, mathematics is an important subject due to its direct and indirect uses in various vocational practices. Mathematics helps students improve their problem-solving skills and supports their logical reasoning.

The aim of this unit is to help students reinforce their basic mathematical knowledge and develop their skills to endure and further their studies in vocational education.

In a supportive environment, students will be challenged to understand mathematical problems, reflect on the solutions that can be used, attempt an answer and check the validity of the answer to the problem.

In addition, considering the importance of technology in today's world, technological tools such as calculators and computer software, will be used to assist students in their work and enhance their understanding and confidence in the subject.

By the end of this unit, students will be able to apply simple mathematical techniques in solving problems and to describe the reasons behind the mathematical arguments used.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Use the basics of the number system.*
2. *Carry out numerical calculations.*
3. *Perform basic algebraic manipulations.*
4. *Draw and work with basic shapes and objects.*
5. *Use and convert basic units of measure.*
6. *Collect data and represent it graphically.*

CDKSK-206-2309: Il-Malti

Il-Livell tal-Unità: (MQF/EQF): 2

L-Għadd ta' Kreditu: 6

Mod ta' Tagħlim: Preżenti

Total ta' Sigħat ta' Tagħlim: 150

Deskrizzjoni Ġenerali tal-Unità

Il-Malti huwa l-ilsien nazzjonali tal-pajjiż. Huwa l-ilsien nattiv tal-istudenti li se jkunu qed isegwu din l-unità. Għaldaqstant m'hemmx dubju dwar l-importanza li l-istudenti għandhom ikunu profiċjenti fi lsien pajjiżhom, l-ilsien li generalment iridu jikkomunikaw bih, kemm fil-ħajja tagħhom ta' kuljum u b'mod speċjali fuq il-post tax-xogħol.

Din l-unità hija msejsa fuq l-erba' ħiliet prinċipali tal-lingwa: 1) il-Qari; 2) is-Smigh; 3) il-Kitba u 4) it-Taħdit. L-għan ewlieni huwa li l-istudenti jiġu mħarrġa f'dawn l-erba' ħiliet biex jibnu fuq dak li diġà jafu u jkomplu jtejbuh. Fil-fatt, il-livell f'din l-unità jkompli jibni fuq il-ħiliet miksuba fl-unità tal-ewwel livell. F'din l-unità, l-istudenti se jkunu qed ikopru materjal li ma jibqax bażiku imma li javvanza kemm fil-kontenut u anki fit-tul tiegħu. F'dan il-livell, l-istudenti se jkunu mhegħġa u megħjuna jaħdmu b'aktar responsabbiltà u awtonomija.

Il-kuntest tat-tagħlim u t-tgħallim tal-erba' ħiliet jibqa' generalment marbut mal-qasam vokazzjonali tal-istudenti. Għaldaqstant, f'din l-unità l-istudenti se jkunu preżentati prinċiparjament b'materjal bil-Malti li jinteressahom mill-qrib u li se jkompli jkabbar l-għarfien ġenerali tagħhom dwar il-qasam vokazzjonali magħżul minnhom. Temi kurrenti oħra dwar il-ħajja ta' kuljum jistgħu wkoll jiġu preżentati u mistħarrġa. It-temi mistħarrġa f'dan il-livell jitolbu aktar impenn minn dawk tal-ewwel livell, għalkemm xorta waħda jibqgħu temi generalment familjari mal-istudenti.

Il-qari, is-smigh, il-kitba u t-taħdit huma l-qofol tal-komunikazzjoni. Kull persuna Maltija għandha tħossha kunfidenti meta tiġi biex tikkomunika bil-Malti, kemm verbalment u kemm bil-kitba. Biex l-istudenti jkomplu jtejbu l-Malti miktub tagħhom, f'din l-unità se tkompli tingħata importanza lill-ortografija, b'enfasi fuq regoli importanti tal-grammatika. L-għan mhuwiex li l-istudenti jsiru familjari ma' listi ta' termini grammatikali jew li l-istudenti jaħdmu eżercizzji ripetuti tal-grammatika. L-għan hu li jkunu jafu jhaddmu regoli importanti tal-grammatika biex jiktbu b'Malti ortografikament tajjeb. Dan se jkun qed isir dejjem f'kuntest, b'mod partikulari f'kuntest marbut mal-qasam vokazzjonali tal-istudenti.

Il-Kisbiet mit-Tgħallim

Biex l-istudent jikseb din l-unità irid juri li kapaċi:

1. *Jidentifika t-tifsir primarju ta' testi moqrija aktar impenjattivi.*
2. *Jagħraf il-messaġġi ewlenija ta' kuntesti varji ta' smiġħ aktar impenjattivi.*
3. *Jipproduċi kitbiet aktar impenjattivi dwar suġġetti familjari u s-settur vokazzjonali.*
4. *Jikkomunika b'Malti tajjeb u b'mod kunfidenti dwar suġġetti differenti permezz tat-taħdit.*
5. *Japplika regoli importanti tal-grammatika għal aktar tishih fl-ortografija.*

CDKSK-206-2312: Community Social Responsibility

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 2

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit description

This key skill presents an opportunity for MQF level 2 learners to work upon their self-awareness, whilst contributing within a contained social environment. Learners will take time in identifying aspects of their personal self which might be seen as advantageous, and others which require attention to promote further growth. This information is to be utilised during the process of community work opportunities identification, as learners will be required to match their skills with a potential preference. The journey of identifying possible opportunities to initiate and conduct a community work experience will be mapped in advance through the development of a plan of action. A particular dedication towards compiling and abiding to classroom ground rules will directly address the need to practice and hone self-management skills and capabilities.

In line with self-regulation, the learners will be given the opportunity to practice upon their public speaking skills and the development of any tools which might boost and increase success in conveying one's message. Apart from the regular contact time, opportunities for public speaking will be presented during most of the assessment.

Learners will also be presented with multiple opportunities to conduct self-evaluation exercises - these will be regularly promoted during assessment periods, starting from an individual interview performance, followed by regular behaviour performance, and finishing with a public speaking performance evaluation. Educators will guide the learners into practicing and understanding the importance of self-evaluation, as apart from increasing one's chances for employability, this brings forth numerous opportunities for growth.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Execute a plan in preparation for a community work initiative.*
2. *Demonstrate self-reflective capabilities.*
3. *Carry out public speaking in front of a concise audience.*
4. *Demonstrate the real-time practice of rules and regulations.*

CDKSK-206-2311: Science and Technology

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 2

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit description

In this MQF Level 2 key skill, the learners will be offered three core learning outcomes. Core learning outcomes are compulsory and will be the same for every course followed at this level. The first part of this unit specification enables learners to explore the role of science in fuelling technology. Because of science, we have complex devices like cars, X-ray machines, computers, and phones. But the technologies that science has inspired include more than just hi-tech machines. The notion of technology includes any sort of designed innovation. Whether a flu vaccine, the technique and tools to perform open heart surgery, or a new system of crop rotation, it's all technology. Even simple things that one might easily take for granted are, in fact, science-based technologies: the plastic that makes up a sandwich bag, the genetically-modified canola oil in which your fries were cooked, the ink in your ballpoint pen, a tablet of ibuprofen – it's all here because of science.

Learners will then go on to deal with sustainable energy in the Maltese Islands. The learner will review different sustainable measures both already available like photovoltaic panels and solar heater and also future possibilities like offshore wind farms.

In the third part of this unit, the learner will be taught how to formulate scientific questions and how to use these questions to understand scientific concepts. The scientific concepts to be investigated will be identified according to the learners' personal and/or vocational interests. The learners will ask scientific questions, make predictions about their findings and learn how to present the results obtained from their investigation.

This unit has five other elective learning outcomes, from which one must be selected by the institute.

Depending on the selection of the elective criteria, the learners may have the opportunity to understand basic chemical formulae. Also, they will understand Investigate the types of science related business in the Maltese islands and their socio-economic impact. Another elective is concerned with safety at the workplace. The learner will appreciate the availability and use of health and safety practices, safety clothing and other equipment. Learners may also enhance their investigative skills through a site visit applicable to vocational areas, for example to include option to

visit - quarry, scrap yard, waste disposal area, amongst other. During this visit, the learners will be empowered evaluate critically the impacts of the area related to their vocational practice. Finally learners may have the opportunity to explore organs and organ systems in more detail while also seeing the effects of daily practices on such systems.

Core Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Apply science to enhance the quality of everyday life (technology).*
- 2. Identify the impact of sustainable measures for electricity generation in the Maltese Islands.*
- 3. Formulate simple scientific questions to understand scientific concepts.*

Elective Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Recognise basic chemical formulae.*
- 2. Investigate the application of science in the agriculture and food business sector in the Maltese Islands.*
- 3. Investigate health and safety at the work place.*
- 4. Carry out a fieldwork session.*
- 5. Identify the link between the living world and everyday life situations.*

CDKSK-206-2310: Information Technology

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 2

Credits: 6

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 150

Unit description

This unit is made up of a number of competences including the competence to use personal computers; the competence to manage efficiently a personal computer; the competence to operate effectively within the operating system and the competence to make productive, creative, and efficient use of the main office application software packages: word processing software, spreadsheet software, presentation software, web-browsing software & e-mail management software.

Learners will also be able to demonstrate basic knowledge skills and values of artificial intelligence, its uses, advantages and disadvantages with special attention to machine learning and computer vision in the real-world.

This unit is designed to ensure that learners are not only taught the knowledge and skills associated with productive, creative, and effective use of personal computers but should be given sufficient opportunities to find, exchange and share information. This should also ensure that learners develop the proper and correct attitudes associated with the use of information and ICT.

This unit should guide the learners to have a broad understanding of how ICT can help their learning, their work, and their social life. Learners will start to develop the ability to decide when and how to use ICT and be aware of the limitations associated with this use.

Learning Outcomes

Only 5 electives from 6 learning outcomes need to selected

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Manage computer essentials and file management.*
- 2. Recognise online essentials and tools for students.*
- 3. Use a word processing application to accomplish basic everyday tasks.*
- 4. Use a spreadsheet application to input, format data and prepare charts.*
- 5. Create basic presentations using presentation software.*
- 6. Use Artificial Intelligence and realize its applications in everyday and industry use.*

CDKSK-304-2313: English

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 4

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 100

Unit Description

This unit is targeted at learners proceeding from a Level 2 vocational programme as well as those whose entry level is directly at Level 3. It therefore takes into consideration both learners who have successfully passed their L2 English unit as well as those who have sat for, or are resitting, their SEC English Language (Y11).

At Level 3, learners are expected to have an intermediate knowledge of English which allows them to independently communicate on topics and scenarios related to everyday situations, these ranging from home, school, and work to social and public settings. For the purposes of bridging linguistic skills with vocational contexts, general emphasis is laid on work and public settings.

English at Level 3 encourages learners to combine their technical knowledge of their vocational subject with their growing knowledge of general English. They will be introduced to specialised vocabulary and information related to their area of vocational interest, to descriptions of materials and their properties, equipment and its usage. They will be exposed to video content and a range of short texts of a technical and non-technical nature, as well as learn how to conduct basic research to produce short but effective work or discipline-specific documents. A fuller understanding of spoken and written English as well as proper association of ideas are also expected at this level.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

- 1. Retrieve and interpret information obtained from spoken conversation, a presentation, or a media source.*
- 2. Communicate information and ideas verbally on a range of topics, ranging from the vocational to the discipline-specific.*
- 3. Retrieve and interpret information present in vocational or discipline-specific texts.*
- 4. Show how ideas, whether complementary or contrasting, are to be organised and presented.*
- 5. Write short work-related texts, observing format, tone, and style.*
- 6. Write longer vocation or discipline-specific texts based on researched information.*

CDKSK-304-2314: Mathematics

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 4

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 100

Unit Description

This unit aims to help students understand key mathematical concepts and gain the necessary skills, to be able to use mathematics as a problem-solving and a communication tool in their everyday life and the vocational area they are studying. This unit comprises of three main components: a compulsory component, an elective component and a compulsory final project.

The compulsory component includes one compulsory learning outcome whose mathematical content and respective criteria are key in everyday life and across all vocational areas. On the other hand, the elective component is made up of a set of elective learning outcomes which include mathematical content and respective criteria whose relevance varies across different vocational areas. Consequently, every Institute can select the learning outcomes (50 marks) whose content and criteria will help students in the particular vocational area.

Moreover, this unit will give students the opportunity to use mathematics in a project related to the vocational area they are studying. Consequently, students will experience the relevance of the subject at first-hand and hence engage better in their vocational studies.

Considering the importance of technology in today's world, technological tools, such as scientific calculators and computer software, will be used to assist students in their work and enhance their understanding and confidence in the subject.

By the end of this unit, students should demonstrate readiness and competency to independently apply mathematical techniques in solving problems and be able to communicate findings using appropriate vocabulary and rigor.

Core Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Compute numerical calculations involving fractions, decimals, percentages and units of measure.*
2. *Apply Mathematics in a practical way.*

Elective Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Apply basic numerical skills in personal, household and business financial contexts.*
2. *Carry out algebraic manipulations.*
3. *Use algebra and graphs to derive information from straight lines and their equation.*
4. *Work with shapes and angles.*
5. *Summarise and interpret statistical data both graphically and numerically.*

CDKSK-304-2315: Il-Malti

Il-Livell tal-Unità: (MQF/EQF): 3

L-Għadd ta' Kreditu: 4

Mod ta' Tagħlim: Preżenti

Total ta' Sigħat ta' Tagħlim: 100

Deskrizzjoni Ġenerali tal-Unità

Il-Malti huwa l-ilsien nazzjonali tal-pajjiż. Huwa l-ilsien nattiv tal-istudenti li se jkunu qed isegwu din l-unità. Għaldaqstant m'hemmx dubju dwar l-importanza li l-istudenti għandhom ikunu profiċjenti fi lsien pajjiżhom, l-ilsien li ġeneralment iridu jikkomunikaw bih, kemm fil-ħajja tagħhom ta' kuljum u b'mod speċjali fuq il-post tax-xogħol.

Din l-unità hija msejsa fuq l-erba' ħiliet prinċipali tal-lingwa: 1) il-Qari; 2) is-Smigh; 3) il-Kitba u 4) it-Taħdit. L-għan prinċipali ta' din l-unità huwa li l-istudenti jiġu mħarrġa f'dawn l-erba' ħiliet biex jibnu fuq dak li diġà jafu u jkomplu jtejbuh. Fil-fatt, il-livell ta' din l-unità jkompli jittarraġ fuq il-livell miksub fl-unità tat-tieni livell. F'din l-unità, il-materjal kopert ikun aktar kumpless mill-materjal tal-unità preċedenti partikularment fejn jidhol vokabolarju tekniku marbut mal-qasam vokazzjonali. F'din l-unità l-istudenti huma mistennija wkoll jaħdmu b'aktar awtonomija u responsabbiltà u jkunu mhegġa jiehdu aktar inizjattiva waħedhom.

Il-kuntest tat-tagħlim u t-tgħallim tal-erba' ħiliet huwa ġeneralment marbut mal-qasam vokazzjonali tal-istudenti. Għaldaqstant, f'din l-unità l-istudenti se jkunu preżentati prinċiparjament b'materjal bil-Malti li jinteressahom mill-qrib u li se jkompli jkabbar l-għarfien ġenerali tagħhom dwar il-qasam vokazzjonali magħżul minnhom. Temi kurrenti oħra dwar il-ħajja ta' kuljum jistgħu wkoll jiġu preżentati u mistħarrġa. It-temi mistħarrġa f'dan il-livell jitolbu aktar impenn minn daww tat-tieni livell u l-kuntesti tat-temi jistgħu ma jkunx dejjem ta' natura familjari mal-istudenti.

Il-qari, is-smigh, il-kitba u t-taħdit huma l-qofol tal-komunikazzjoni. Kull persuna Maltija għandha tħossha kunfidenti meta tiġi biex tikkomunika bil-Malti, kemm verbalment u kemm bil-kitba. Biex l-istudenti jtejbuh l-Malti miktub tagħhom, f'din l-unità se tkun qed tingħata wkoll importanza lill-ortografija, b'enfasi fuq ir-regoli tal-grammatika. L-għan mhuwiex li l-istudenti jsiru familjari ma' listi ta' termini grammatikali jew li l-istudenti jaħdmu eżerċizzji ripetuti tal-grammatika. L-għan hu li jkunu jafu jhaddmu r-regoli tal-grammatika biex jiktbu b'Malti ortografikament tajjeb. Dan se jkun qed isir dejjem f'kuntest, b'mod partikulari f'kuntest marbut mal-qasam vokazzjonali tal-istudenti. F'din l-unità, se tkun ukoll qed tingħata importanza partikulari lid-deċiżjonijiet meħuda mill-Kunsill Nazzjonali tal-Ilsien Malti fl-2008 (Deċiżjonijiet 1) u fl-2018 (Deċiżjonijiet 2).

Il-Kisbiet mit-Tgħallim

Biex l-istudent jikseb din l-unità irid juri li kapaċi:

1. *Jidentifika t-tifsir primarju u sekondarju ta' testi moqrija aktar kumplessi.*
2. *Jagħraf il-messaġġi diretti u indiretti ta' kuntesti ta' smiġħ aktar kumplessi.*
3. *Jipproduċi kitbiet b'temi tekniċi u aktar kumplessi.*
4. *Jikkomunika b'Malti tajjeb dwar suġġetti tekniċi u aktar kumplessi permezz tat-taħdit.*
5. *Japplika r-regoli tal-grammatika tajjeb għal tishih fl-ortografija.*

CDKSK-304-2501: Community Social Responsibility

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 4

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 100

Unit Description

This key skill presents an opportunity for MQF level 3 learners to work upon their analysis and evaluation capabilities, whilst working upon various employability skills. Through the compilation of a write-up, the learners will be drafting a personal biography, which highlights some of their achievements and future aspirations. The write-up will also feature the rationale behind the selection of a specific community work experience. Additional information, descriptions and anecdotes related to the community work will be provided via visual and written means.

As each learner goes through this educational journey, opportunities for social interactions and practical groupwork activities will also be presented. Through these opportunities, students will further grasp the essence of teamwork and its relevance towards becoming more competitive and employable.

Following the delivery of a selected number of educational topics, some of which targeting 'The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', the learners are to select a topic of preference and deliver relating information through a public speech. The main essence of the contents of the speech are to be acquired through referenced research. The learners are to increase the success rate of their speech delivery through the proper structuring and compilation of a visual medium compiled via software, such as PowerPoint / Canva.

Additionally, learners will also be presented with multiple opportunities to conduct self-reviews and evaluations during assessment periods. This practice is embedded within all of the assessments, these being the write-up, the teamwork activity, and the presentation. Educators will guide the learners into practicing and understanding the importance of analysing and evaluating information and oneself, as, apart from increasing one's employability skills, this brings forth numerous opportunities for growth.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Organise selections of information within a write-up.*
2. *Shows the ability to work in teams.*
3. *Elaborate upon a topic and/or issue in front of an audience.*
4. *Appraise the quality of one's own effort and contributions within assigned tasks.*

CDKSK-304-2317: Science and Technology

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 4

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 100

Unit Description

This unit enables learners to explore the role of science in a wider context. **This unit has eight elective learning outcomes, from which four must be selected by the institute.** Depending on the selection of the elective criteria, this unit enables learners to explore the role of science in a wider context. The learning outcomes will focus on the ethical issues in science and health literacy. Learners will understand the meaning of ethics and the importance of ethics in scientific research and development. They will also learn about the importance of health literacy and to understand and use information to make decisions about their health. The learners may also more familiar with the physical and chemical principles related to their individual vocational area. Also, they will understand the connection between climate change and human health. This learning outcome will help the learner understand how our vocational area and everyday life contribute to climate change. Furthermore, the impact of climate change on own personal life will be assessed. Learners may also enhance their investigative skills through a site visit applicable to vocational areas, for example to include option to visit - quarry, scrap yard, waste disposal area, amongst other. During this session, the learners will be empowered to take action to develop a project that addresses, for example, an environmental issue.

Elective Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Investigate ethical issues in science and scientific developments.*
2. *Use information and services to make informed health-related decisions.*
3. *Investigate processing of materials relevant to individual vocational area.*
4. *Apply chemistry principles to vocational area of practice.*
5. *Identify basic chemical reactions.*
6. *Identify the connection between climate change and human health.*
7. *Carry out a fieldwork session related to scientific research and development.*
8. *Identify the link between the physical world and everyday day life situations.*

CDKSK-304-2316: Information Technology

Unit Level (MQF/EQF): 3

Credits: 4

Delivery Mode: Fully Face-to-Face Learning

Total Learning Hours: 100

Unit Description

This unit aims to develop basic computer knowledge and skills needed in real-life situations. In a supportive environment, the learner will be challenged to understand how to use various real-life applications belonging to a productivity suite with the aim of providing to our learners the necessary skills required to use common computer applications necessary during their studies. By the time learners complete this unit they will be increasingly independent users of personal computers and will have a broad understanding of how ICT can help their learning, their work, and their social life. They will have a well-developed ability to decide when and how to use ICT and will be aware of the limitations associated with this use.

Through this unit the learners will achieve a broad knowledge of ICT and will be able to use ICT to carry out several increasingly complex tasks. They will become competent in using word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software to create, format and finish documents, workbooks and slide shows that contain various elements. This unit also introduces terms related to artificial intelligence and how it is being used in real life situations, information literacy and the use of online communities and online tools to build and maintain an online presence.

Learning Outcomes

To choose 4 Learning Outcomes out of 5:

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Use Office Productivity Essentials to create documents and presentations.*
2. *Identify concepts related to Artificial Intelligence.*
3. *Use Online Essentials Tools.*
4. *Identify concepts related to Information Literacy.*
5. *Use a spreadsheet to produce accurate work outputs.*