



Classes, Workshops, Lectures

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For English Speakers

The Garden Party and Other Stories

Katherine Mansfield (1888–1923) is regarded as having played an important role in the development of the short story genre. Her stories cover themes relating to family life, women's roles and questions of class. This course will provide guidance in reading, analysing and discussing a selection of Katherine Mansfield's short stories.

June Graff-Doran, B.A.Hons., Wed 24.10.-05.12.18, 10.00-11.30 h, 7-times, Volkshochschule beider Basel, Basel, fee: CHF 238.00

Ireland in Word and Image

This course offers an introduction to the work of major Irish poets and visual artists of the twentieth century, including W. B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney. Reading material will be provided weekly in advance and there will be an opportunity for discussion following each presentation. Discover how Ireland has been represented in word and image from the romanticism of the late nineteenth century to the new Irish identities forged during the twentieth.

Darragh Gallagher, Dr., Fri 26.10.18–14.12.18, 14.30-16.00 h, 8-times, Gewerkschaftshaus, Basel, fee: CHF 272.00

The Real Lord of the Rings

Magic and Mythology

When heated in the fire, the «Ring of Power» reveals a fiery inscription: In this course, we will talk about the secret script of Tolkien's world classic and explore «Middle Earth». Important topics like Elisabethan Magic, Arthurian Romance, Nordic Sagas, Demonology and Witchcraft will be included.

Richard John Cooper, Fri 02.11.-14.12.18, 19.00-20.30 h, 7-times, Gewerkschaftshaus, Basel, fee: CHF 238.00

Curses, commerce and science

The emergence of Basel as a Life Science Cluster

Whether newcomer or long-term inhabitant, we enjoy the rich culture and intellectual piquancy of the Basel environment. These talks show how the blend of science, business and social skills allowed Basel to position itself as an intellectual hub for the past half millennium.

Edwin Constable, Prof.Dr., Professor of Chemistry, University of Basel, Mon 12.11.-03.12.18, 19.00-20.15 h, 4-times, Universität Basel, fee: CHF 84.00



More than milk and money

Understanding Switzerland, from Rütli and referendums to sex and Swinglish

Discover the real Switzerland on this fun informative course that's perfect for Swiss newbies and old hands alike. Each lecture stands alone so you can delve into Swiss history, unravel Swiss politics, map the Swiss mind or (finally) understand Swissness. Or all of the above.

Diccon Bewes, travel writer, author of «Swiss Watching», Tue 15.01.-05.02.19, 18.30-19.45 h, 4-times, Universität Basel, fee: CHF 84.00

Africa – Behind the Scenes

University on Saturdays

The continent's realities and aspirations, its achievements and difficulties are far more complex and manifold than a first glance from the outside or the daily newsfeed might make us believe. The University on Saturdays provides an insight into the recent research and deepens our understanding of contemporary African societies and cultures.

Elisio Macamo, Prof. Dr., African Studies (to be confirmed); Therese Steffen, Prof. em. Dr., Literary Studies; Lucy Koechlin, Dr., Social Anthropology; Manuel Herz, Prof., Urban Studies, Sat 23.03.-13.04.19, 10.15-11.45 h, 4-times, Universität Basel, fee: CHF 84.00

Watercolor Painting

This course is an introduction to the basics of watercolor painting – from brushes to paper, color theory, wet-on-wet painting, as well as glazing and wash techniques. You will gain an understanding of composition, foreground/background sequencing and the unique transparent qualities of the medium.

After the initial discovery phase you will refine your skills by practicing still life, landscape or abstract painting.

Robin Ballard, artist, graphic designer, author, Thu 10.01.-28.02.19, 18.30-20.00 h, 8-times, Schulhaus Holbein II, Basel, fee: CHF 234.00 material not included



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About Us

Literally translated, «Volkshochschule» means «University for the People». It is a public institution for adult continuing education open to everyone.

The Volkshochschule has close links with the University of Basel and we take pride in our attractive and challenging programme. Our mission is to make general knowledge and new insights accessible to everyone. We also offer a broad range of creative classes as well as preparatory courses for language certificates.



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Courses in other languages

A selection of our broad language programme:

Französisch (en option: préparation au diplôme DALF C1)
Littérature: Yasmina Reza „Une désolation“ (2016)

Español para amantes de la literatura y del coloquio, con gramática y redacción
Tertulia Literaria: El color del silencio de Elía Barceló

Aperitivo italiano
I lunedì dell'arte
La storia italiana raccontata dal cinema

Schweizerdeutsch verstehen
Wie schreibt man gutes Deutsch? Schreib- und Grammatiktraining