



**University
of Basel**

Graduate Center



Transferable Skills

Spring Semester 2026

Start Online Registration: January 21, 2026 at 9:00 am

Scientific Tools

Python Crash Course (for Beginners) (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 2/3/9/10
Sustainability in Research Laboratories	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 10, Apr 21
Career Funding for PhDs – Overview and Services	Docs	Mar 19
Critical Reasoning and Logic (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 26/27
Career Funding for Postdocs – Overview and Services	Adv. Docs & Postdocs	Mar 26
Introduction to Statistics	Docs	Apr 20/27
Practical Strategies for Effective Research Data Management	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 21, May 5
Education for Sustainable Development (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 24
Coaching Skills for Supervising Bachelor and Master Students (blended learning)	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 28/29, Jun 2
Opening Higher Education – How to Strengthen University	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 30
Teaching with Open Educational Resources	Docs & Postdocs	May 8/22/29, Jun 5
Ethics of Science (online)	Docs & Postdocs	May 11/12/18/19
Advanced Python and Machine Learning (online)	Docs & Postdocs	May 12/19
LaTeX Crash Course	Docs & Postdocs	May 20/21
Good Scientific Practice and Its Pitfalls in Every-Day Research	Docs	Jun 1
Informationsdesign – verständliche und ansprechende Gestaltung von Print- und digitalen Medien	Docs & Postdocs	Jun 8
“Digitally Fit” – How and Why to Integrate Digital Literacy Development into Academic Teaching	Docs & Postdocs	Jun 18
Ihr Werkzeugkoffer für die digitale Lehre an der Universität Basel (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Jun 19/26
Ideation Training (online)	Docs & Postdocs	

Writing & Publishing

Grant Writing for Quantitative Economics, Social Sciences, and Public Health	Docs & Postdocs in a quantitative field	Feb 10, Apr 15, May 21
Writing to Be Published (online)	Docs	Mar 9/16/23
How to Use Generative AI for Academic Writing: Basics, Ethics, Procedures, and Hacks (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 17/24/31, Apr 7
Writing Retreats	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 10/24, May 8
Effizient wissenschaftlich schreiben	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 14
Writing Productivity	Docs	Apr 15
Grant Writing for Career Funding Programs	Adv. Docs & Postdocs	Jun 3/10/17

Communication

The Art of Scientific Communication: Video, Visual Essays and Audio	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 3, Apr 28
Crafting Clear Messages – How to Make Yourself Understood and Achieve Your Goals	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 13/20, Apr 13
Public Speaking and Impactful Communication (Not Only) in the Sciences	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 16/23
Filmmaking for Scientists	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 26/27
Out with It! – Training for Voice, Speech, Body Language	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 30/31

Out of the Box! Visualize Your Science	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 10/17
Increase Your Wordpower (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 20/27
Engaging Society through Science Communication	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 22
Crucial Conversations: A Toolkit for Effective Communication at Work	Docs & Postdocs	May 6/7
Science Filmmaking Marathon	Docs & Postdocs	Jun 25/26/27

Professional Self-Competence

Imposter Syndrome? Overcome Self-Doubt and Boost Your Career Growth (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 4/11
Improved Reading – Speed Reading Science (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 4/18, Apr 1
Better Small Talk and Effective Networking	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 4
Negotiation Skills for Scientists	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 9/10
Difficult Conversations, Conflict Management and Better Communication	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 11/12
Thesis Defense Training (online)	Adv. Docs	Mar 12/13
Personal Finance	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 16/19/23/25
Self-Management and Career Success	Docs & Postdocs	Mar 24/25
Self-Branding and Self-Promotion	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 7/8
Resilience and Well-Being in Academia (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 21/22
Project Management – A Toolbox for Scientists (online)	Docs & Postdocs	May 21/28
Project Management in Research	Docs & Postdocs	May 26/27
Introduction to Business Administration	Docs & Postdocs excl. Econ & BA	Jun 4/5
Doctoral Supervision: Methods & Tools (online)	Postdocs	Jun 19
Intercultural Communication (online)	Docs & Postdocs	Jun 23/24/25
Fit for Leadership?!	Adv. Docs & Postdocs	Jun 25/26

Career & Innovation

Writing Attractive CVs and Cover Letters (online)	Docs	Mar 6
Beyond Academia: Design Your Job Search Strategy with AI-Powered Guidance	Docs & Postdocs	Apr 9/16
Writing Attractive CVs and Cover Letters as Postdoctoral Fellows (online)	Postdocs	Apr 17
How to Find Your Job after Your Postdoc (online)	Postdocs	Apr 21
Laufbahn und Lebenslauf: Planung der nächsten Schritte und CV-Check (blended learning)	Adv. Docs & Postdocs	May 4/8
Job Interviews (online)	Docs & Postdocs	May 8/22
Successful Applications for Your Career in Industry	Adv. Docs & Postdocs	Jun 22/29

Courses for PhD Candidates of the Faculty of Science

Presentation Training for Natural and Life Scientists		Apr 14/17
Storytelling, Message Distilling and Presentation Design for Natural and Life Scientists		Apr 28/29
Writing Process in Natural Sciences: From Research to Publication (online)		May 4/18, Jun 1/15
Writing Workflow: Forming Your Next Article in the Natural and Life Sciences (blended learning)		May 6/20, Jun 3/17
Project Management in Research for Natural and Life Scientists		May 28/29
Engage, Inform, Inspire – Presentation Skills for Natural and Life Sciences		Jun 8/18



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Courses for PhD Candidates of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Theology

Project PhD: Path to a Successful Doctorate

Mar 17/18

Writing for Publication in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Apr 2/23, May 7

Getting Ready for Conference Season

May 4/5

The program for the fall semester will be online in July 2026, registration starts on August 5, 2026.



Go to the online Transferable Skills program!



Ziele

Das Kursangebot der überfachlichen Kompetenzen unterstützt Forschende während der Promotionsphase und bereitet auf neue und weiterführende Forschungs- und Berufstätigkeiten inner- und ausserhalb der Universität vor.

Inhalte

Das Kursangebot ist nach den ECTS-Grundsätzen und internationalen Standards konzipiert. Bei der Konzeption fliessen die Evaluationsergebnisse aus den jeweiligen Kursen mit ein. Das gesamte Angebot wird von anerkannten Fachpersonen durchgeführt und auf Deutsch und Englisch angeboten.

Teilnahmebestätigung

Eine Teilnahmebestätigung wird nur bei bestandenem Leistungsnachweis und lückenloser Teilnahme ausgestellt.

Kreditpunkte

ECTS-Punkte werden nach bestandenem Training gegen Ende des Semesters (Ende Januar/Juli) automatisch auf das Leistungskonto des/der Teilnehmenden übertragen und erscheinen in der Leistungsübersicht.

Anmeldung

Alle Kurse werden zu Beginn des neuen Semesters gleichzeitig zur Online-Anmeldung geöffnet und die Plätze nach 24 stündiger Anmeldeperiode per Los vergeben. Pro Person können nicht mehr als drei Kurse pro Semester besucht werden. Die Kurse sind Doktorierenden und Postdocs der Universität Basel sowie des European Campus vorbehalten und kostenfrei.

Rücktritt, Fernbleiben oder unvollständiger

Kursbesuch

Während den Kursen gilt eine vollständige Anwesenheitspflicht. Bei unentschuldigtem Fernbleiben vom Kurs oder Abmeldung nach Ablauf der Anmeldefrist wird eine Gebühr von 30 CHF erhoben sowie der/die Teilnehmende für die Kursanmeldung im nächsten Semester nicht berücksichtigt und aus anderen Kursen im selben Semester wieder ausgetragen. Die Details können unibas.ch/transferableskills entnommen werden.

Goals

The transferable skills training supports researchers during their dissertation period and prepares them for a professional career inside or outside of academia.

Content

The courses in transferable skills were specifically implemented on behalf of the individual needs of the faculties and PhD programs, based on international guidelines and ECTS standards. All courses are led by experts in the field and offered in German and English.

Certificate of Attendance

Successful completion of all tasks and perfect attendance are required for a certificate.

Credit Points

After successful completion of the training, ECTS credits will automatically be transferred to the participant's credit points account towards the end of the semester (end of January/July) and will appear in the academic progress summary.

Registration

All courses open for online registration at the same time at the beginning of the new semester. Places are allocated by lot after a 24-hour registration period. Participation is limited to three courses per semester and per person. The courses are free of charge and reserved for doctoral candidates and postdocs of the University of Basel and the European Campus.

Withdrawal, Absence or Partial Course Attendance

Full course attendance is mandatory. Participants who fail to attend a course without prior notification or withdraw after the registration deadline are subject to a fee of CHF 30 and will not be considered for course registration in the following semester and will be removed from other courses offered in the same semester. For further details, please visit unibas.ch/transferableskills.



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