

# ASPEKT FOUNDATION



## HISTORY

Founded in 1992 in Nitra, the ASPEKT Foundation has become one of the most important non-profit independent institutions of Slovakia.

Since its establishment, in close co-operation with academic institutions in Slovakia and abroad, the ASPEKT Foundation has been dedicated to the highest educational ideals and a philosophy of better human understanding and bringing people together through education and language learning.

## AIMS AND AMBITIONS

The ASPEKT Foundation is committed to efficient dissemination of instruction, cross-cultural communication and positive thinking.

Our language courses have proven to be very popular. The content of these study programmes is designed to suit people who want to learn a foreign language for business as well as for leisure purposes. All classes are conducted by fully qualified teachers and lecturers.

We are a flexible and dynamic team who are always happy to discuss prospective courses and requirements,

such as duration, class size, type of tuition, special visits, lectures and accommodation.

In our language programmes we are ready to meet the specific needs and expectations of our students.

Courses provided by the ASPEKT Foundation take place in the Agroinstitute building in Nitra, at the University of Agriculture in Nitra and other institutions. Agroinstitute is an Educational, Consultancy and Congress Centre of the Slovak Ministry of Agriculture.

For the past few years many young people and adults of all ages and interests have benefited from our language programmes and courses where the spoken language and communicative approach are emphasised. The friendly atmosphere of the school has contributed greatly to their excellent final results.

## METHODS AND PHILOSOPHY

Modern language teaching emphasises the need for students to have communicative practice in the classroom. This means that, although the rules of pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary of a foreign language are presented, this is not the only means for the students to learn a language.

“True learning requires doing.” Thus in the class it is the students who are expected to speak most of the time and learn through the use of appropriate language in realistic situations. Even at the basic level, students can practise how to communicate in the shop, greet people or give simple information about themselves.

The materials we use reflect these principles. Our textbooks are modern, attractive and give students ample opportunity for interactive learning; speaking one to one, in groups and as a whole class. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own development, to assess their own weaknesses and work to improve them. The teachers will help students in this, using

their professional expertise, but it is accepted that the success in learning depends principally on the effort of the individual student.

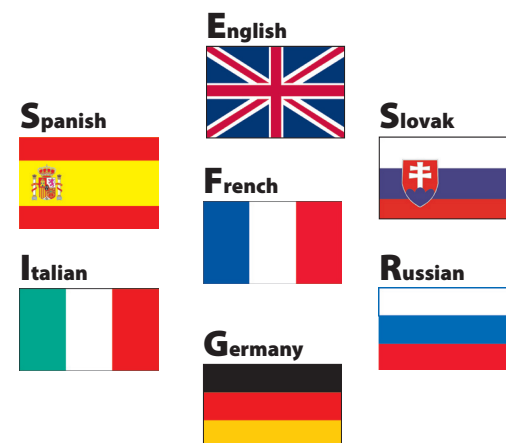
Successful completion of the programme leads to the following, internationally recognised, qualifications and certificates:

Cambridge & Oxford Universities certificates, TOEFL, Goethe Institut certificates, Österreichisches Sprachinstitut certificates, Diplôme de Langue & others.

Our clients include executives from multinational companies, such as Samsung-Calex, Volksbank, Ceram Cab, Danfoss Compressors, General Credit Bank, Slovak Gas Industry and other institutions.

## ASPEKT LANGUAGE SCHOOL

We offer day time and evening classes at all levels – from basic to proficiency. These classes are two semesters in length and can be tailored to individual requirements.



## With our open learning system you can:

- learn at your own pace and time
  - work together with tutors in small informal groups
  - attend conversation classes and meet other people
  - gain qualification without having to sit an exam.
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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

For the level I courses no previous knowledge of a particular language is required. At the start of your learning programme you and your tutor will determine together the level of the course which is best suited to your needs.

During your study you will be regularly tested, so you will be able to measure your own progress.

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## PARTNERSHIPS

The ASPEKT Foundation co-operates with Llysfasi College in North Wales UK, the University of Agriculture, the Agroinstitute, the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, Business School in Ostrava plc, the British Council Bratislava, Open Society Foundation, National Institute of Technical and Vocational education in Prague, and other Czech, Austrian, British and American organisations.

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## WHY IN NITRA?

For many centuries Nitra has been a political, economic and spiritual centre, thanks to its location on one of the branches of the famous Amber Road connecting the Mediterranean region with Northern Europe.

It is still an important cultural crossroad due to its proximity to the Golden Triangle of Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest, one of the most dynamic regions of Europe.

Nitra has a remarkable centre with many fine old buildings. It has great appeal as a city with two universities and other educational institutions, a large selection of restaurants, cafés and traditional taverns and a first division football team.

The inhabitants are well known for their cosmopolitan friendliness, sense of humour and interest in music, theatre and fine arts.

The intellectual and competitive atmosphere gives the ASPEKT Foundation the opportunity to be successful in wide range of educational activities which it offers not only to Nitra and its environs but throughout the whole country.

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## EXPANDING

The ASPEKT Foundation expanded its activities in 1995 and established a new CLASSICAL MUSIC section to support young talented people in Slovakia. Through these programmes we help them organise concerts and events with other young artists from Slovakia and abroad.

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## COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

The ASPEKT Foundation can help plan your career with the following Academic Programmes and Courses:

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## International Business

A three-year additional study programme set up in co-operation with the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Agriculture in Nitra.

## ECONOMY & MANAGEMENT

A three-year BA degree programme set up in co-operation with the Business School Ostrava plc.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Environmental Studies and Communication in English or German is a one-year, fully integrated, postgraduate course – a joint venture project with the Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering of the University of Agriculture.

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## ENGLISH SUMMER SCHOOL

Educational trips and excursions to Great Britain for bankers and agricultural managers.

These joint venture projects have been designed with Llysfasi College and Llysfasi Wrexham Training Centre in North Wales, UK.



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