Course Introduction : Learning Language thru Immersion & Context

Teaching a language is like being a Tour Guide...

What fun is there in just memorizing vocabulary and grammar rules ? Keep students engaged by immersing them in the language and culture of country. Have them participate in real-world scenarios by learning how to use, pronounce and hear everyday phrases. Guide them through the adventure. Encourage them, not just to learn the words, but to **experience** the language with *all their senses.*

Immersion Learning

There is a vast knowledge gap among learners about what is true "immersion" learning, often proclaimed as the method of many gamified mobile applications. Additionally, with the diversity of learner types (auditory, kinetic, visual, etc.), these methods are lacking in offering evidence-based immersion methods and teaching students how to identify new vocabulary and grammar through context and lexical association with their mother tongue. Through this course, we will *train the trainer* (language teachers) how to identify their students' needs and adapt their materials for accessibility and inclusivity for students of all abilities.

This minicourse is designed to help teachers of second languages to develop methods and materials that are accessible and inclusive for students of all abilities, including those with neurodiverse challenges. Incorporating AI techniques and using true immersion methods, we can efficiently and effectively teach almost anyone a new language with context and lexical association.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

Apply key principles of immersion learning in language instruction.

Develop proficiency in designing immersive activities and deliver engaging lessons.

Facilitate authentic conversations with their students and incorporate communication scenarios.

Analyze how to effectively assess their student's progress in a fully immersive learning environment.

Foster cultural awareness in language learning and improve their student's cultural competency.

Identify new teaching strategies and develop skills to adapt them to diverse learner needs.