



What is SPARK U?

- SPARK U is a professional development offering of the SPARK FOR GERMAN program.
- This flexible self-paced online training is aimed at students who want to become a "SPARK Instructor." It is also suitable for aspiring German teachers and as a refresher course.

What is SPARK U based on?

- SPARK U is based on the [DLL \(Teaching German as a Foreign Language\) training program](#)
- Important methodical and didactic DLL learning content is introduced and adapted for the context of SPARK After School programs.

How is SPARK U structured?

- The online training consists of 7 sequential modules: What is good teaching?, Learning objectives, Interactive learning, Positive learning atmosphere, Challenges, Routines and rituals, Digital media, as well as a material package for lesson planning.
- Participants work through the modules independently in an interactive online space (Moodle).
- All content and materials are provided in the online course space.

Is there a time limit for the online training?

- The 7 modules can be worked on flexibly in terms of time. Modules 1-7 are sequential. The next module is unlocked once the preceding module has been successfully completed.
- Progress is automatically saved.
- After completing a task, feedback is automatically provided.
- The online training (modules and lesson planning) takes about 11 hours in total.

How can SPARK U be successfully completed?

- In each module, at least 80% of the tasks must be completed correctly.
- Once this requirement is met, the next module is automatically unlocked.
- After completing the seventh module, the lesson planning material package is unlocked.
- SPARK U participants plan a lesson unit with the materials and submit it to their professors.
- Upon successful completion, participants can download the SPARK U diploma from the online space and have it signed by their professor.

What role do professors play?





- Professors give personal feedback on the created lesson plans.
- Upon successful completion, professors send the signed diploma (digitally or printed) to the students.
- The diploma can be downloaded by the students and sent to the professors.
- The diploma is only valid with the signature of the professor.

Can credit points be awarded for successfully completing the SPARK U online training?

- SPARK FOR GERMAN supports the awarding of credit points for the SPARK U online training.
- Professors decide whether and how many credit points can be awarded for the training.
- SPARK is happy to provide further information on credit point allocation.

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