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# Benefits of technology for language learners / exam preparation classes

In this seminar, we will provide an overview of the kinds of technology available for both learners and teachers for exam preparation both inside and outside the classroom. The emphasis will be on identifying those areas where new digital tools and resources can effectively improve learner’s exam performance and render the whole learning experience more pleasing especially in view to preparing learners for the world of academia or work beyond the classroom.

# Understanding how digital tools and resources influence a face-to-face learning environment

 The advent of new technology both in the classroom and in daily life has led to profound changes in all aspects of teaching and of social relations in general. Often, there is the justified fear that interaction with artificially intelligent devices will lead to a decline the basic social skills across the community and especially among the young. In this seminar, we will look at the way that technology can be integrated into language teaching, in such a way that it enhances and empowers the social, interpersonal aspect of language use. We will illustrate how new digital tools and resources can actually give more opportunities for learners to interact with each other in a face-to-face environment, reflecting also the way in which new technology has created new and exciting channels for (tele)communication.