

The Vienna E-Lecturing - VEL







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General Idea

VEL is

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- an Internet-supported teaching concept
- that should lead to increased commitment among the students by guiding them to grapple with the material at a deeper level

VEL is implemented in the mandatory two-part course "Research Methods and Evaluation" offered for psychology students.



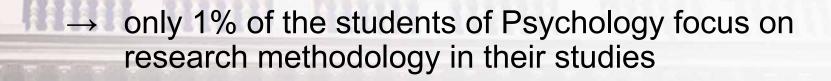


Challenge – Factual Knowledge

Students of social studies struggle with research methodology (Stark & Mandl, 2000).

Up to 80% of students show anxiety in statistics with negative consequences for performance (Onwuegbuzie, 2004).

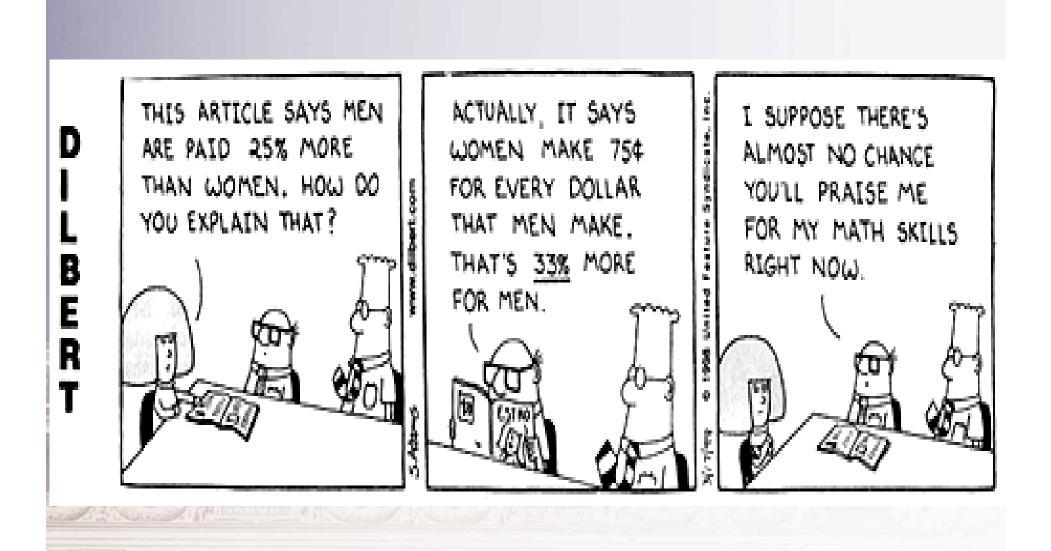
Students avoid deep examination of statistics (Lapka et al., 2006).



 only 4% students reach the best mark in research methodology at the bachelor level



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Additional Challenges

Effective self-regulation is an important competence for optimal adaptation to changing contexts (Zimmerman, 2000), but many students show deficits in self-regulated learning (Spiel & Schober, 2005; Stark & Mandl, 2005).

High performers favour a high amount of communication and cooperation (Sonnentag, 2000), but many students have problems to work successfully in teams (Stipek, 2002).

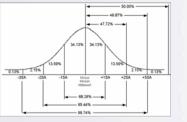
New Media are higly relevant for the future (Weibel, 2003) but universities well equipped with hardware, often don't use them efficiently (Conole & Fill, 2005).



Learning Goals

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1. Factual knowledge

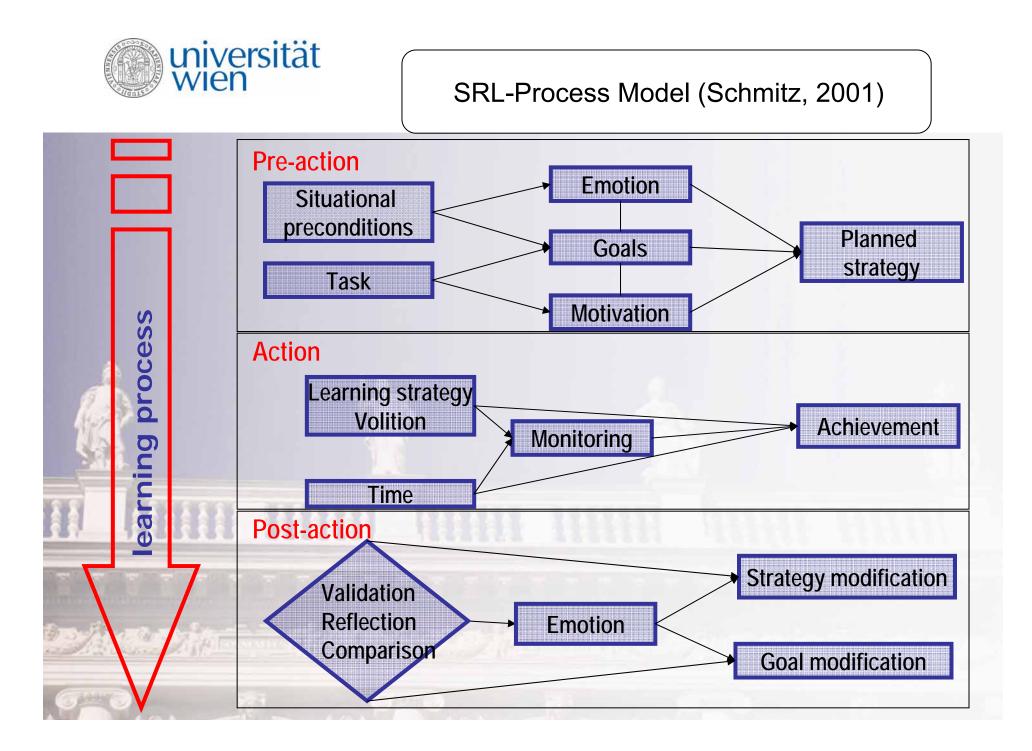


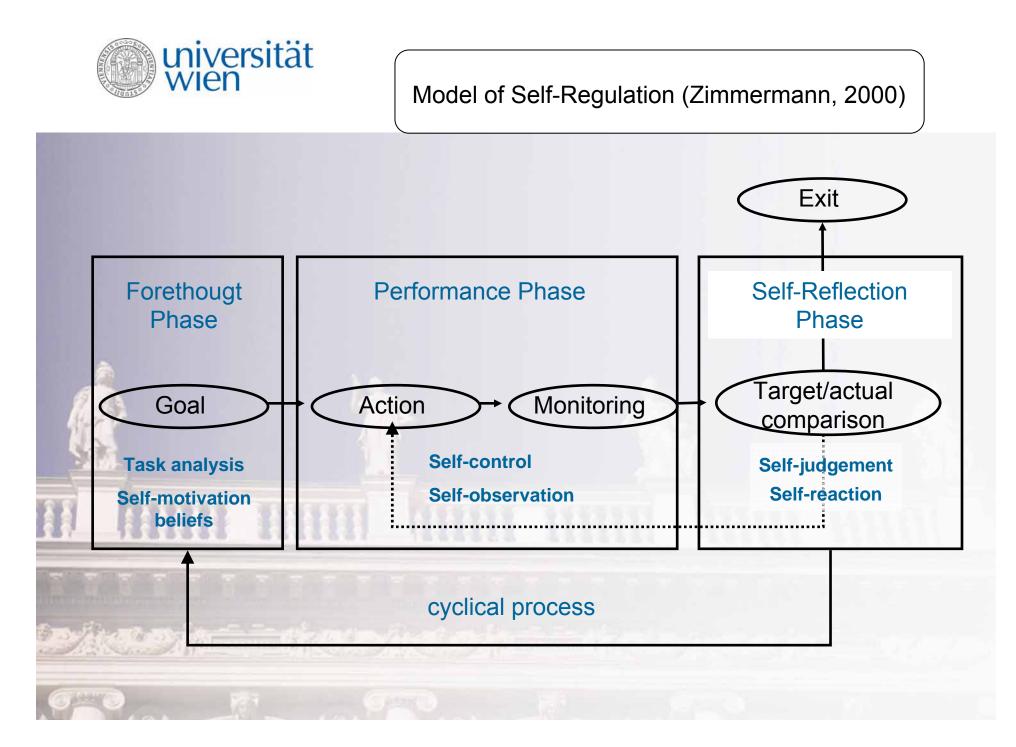
2. Learning Competence (SRL)

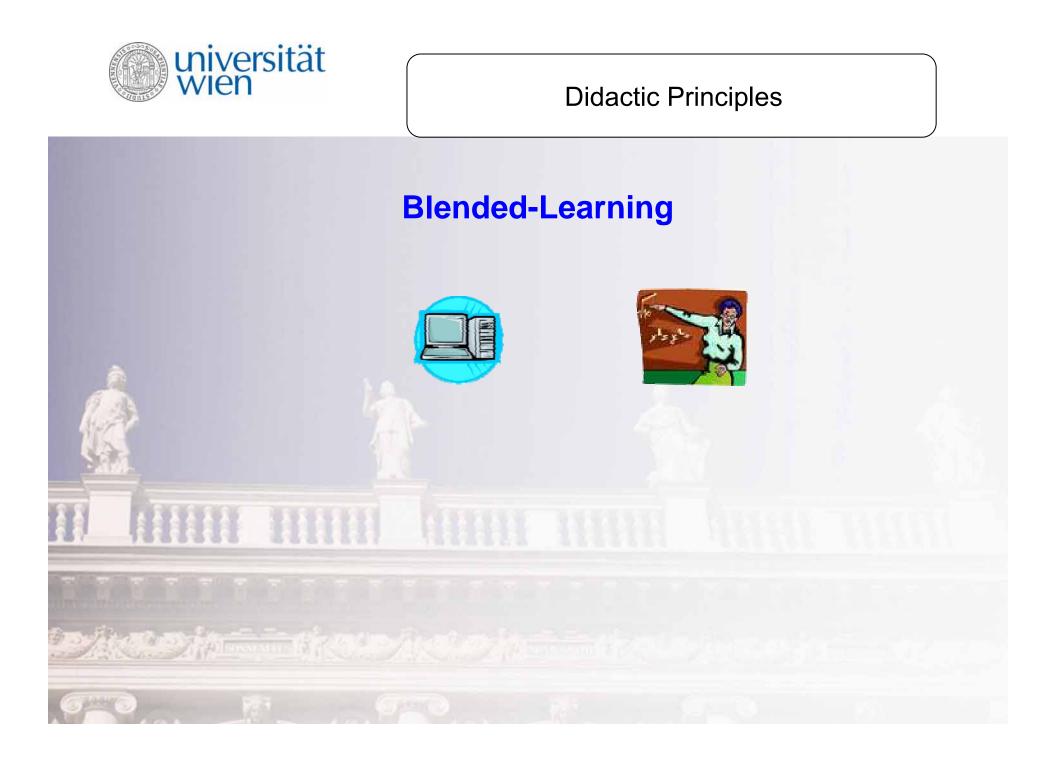
3. Cooperative learning

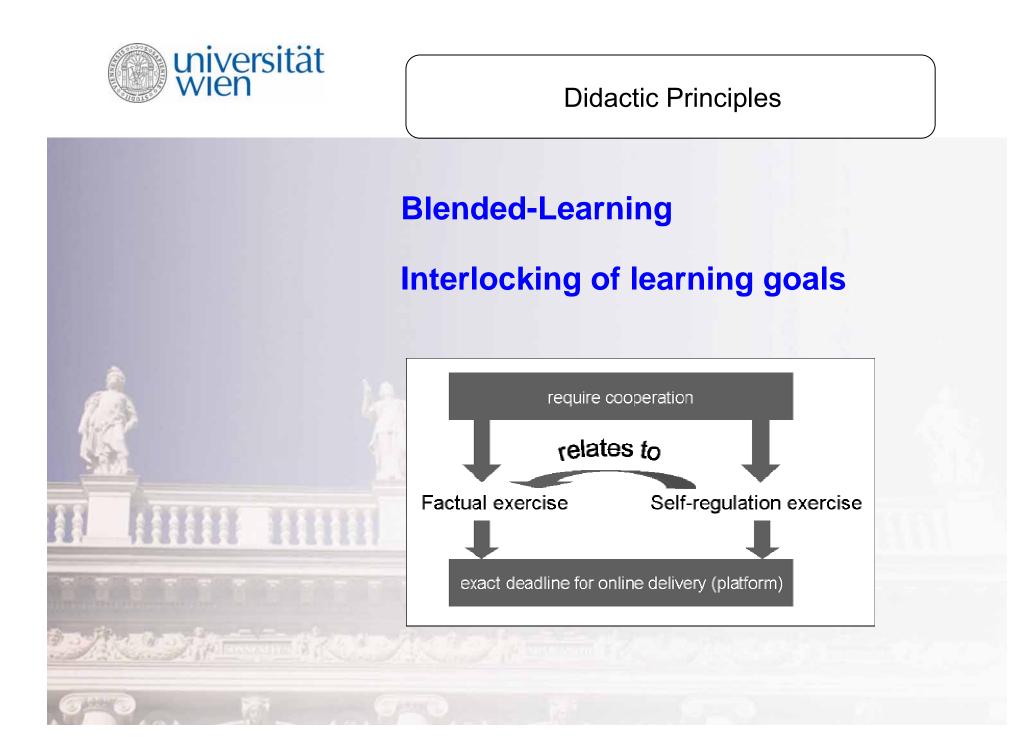


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Didactic Principles





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Didactic Principles

Blended-Learning Interlocking of learning goals Inclusion of various types of knowledge Explicit and implicit forms of imparting



Excplicit and Implicit Impartment

	explicite parts	implicit parts
Factual knowledge	 Studying literature Working on tasks Online-selbsttests Face-to-Face in Meet- the-Expert 	 Discussions in small groups and in discussionboards
Self-regulated learning	 Self-regulation exercises Face-to-Face in the training 	 Free timeplan for working on modules, except overall deadline
Collaborative learning	Face-to-face in tutorials	Small group work
E-Competence	Face-to-face in tutorials	 Working with an electronic platform



Program Structure

Face to face units

1 kick off event welcome and basic information

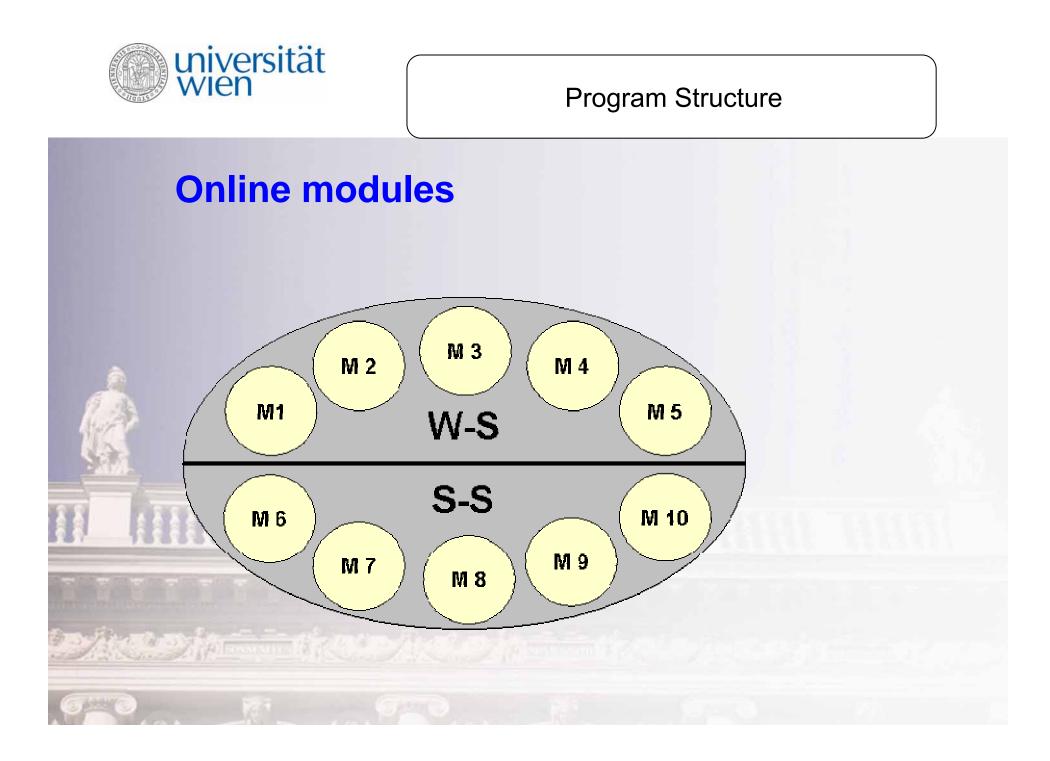
6 meet the expert units to promote substantial factual knowledge specific topics of the learning material are discussed on a deeper level

4 tutorials

to promote learning competences, cooperative learning, and ecompetence

4 SRL-units

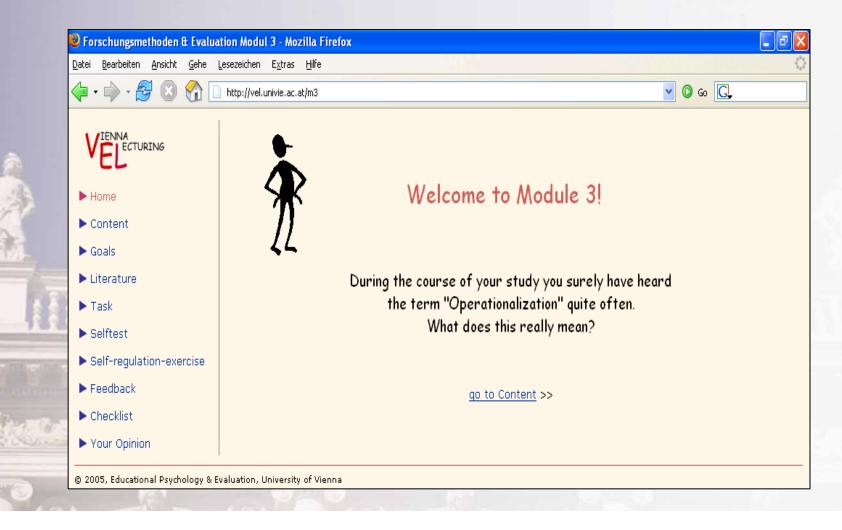
to provide concrete guidance on the self-monitoring of learning

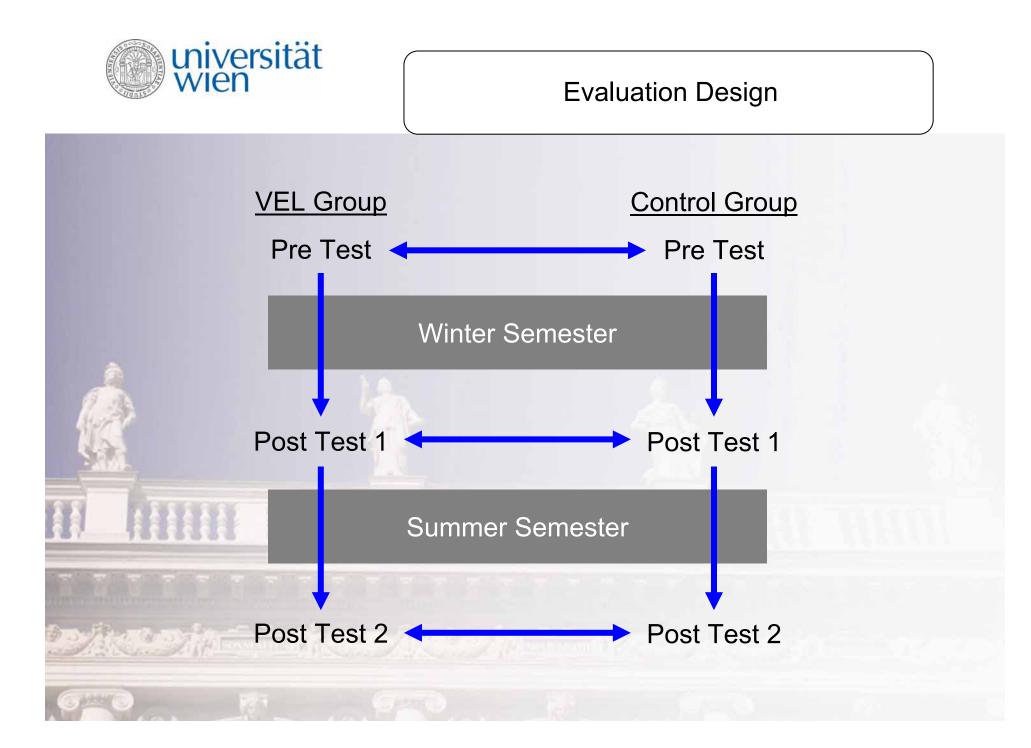




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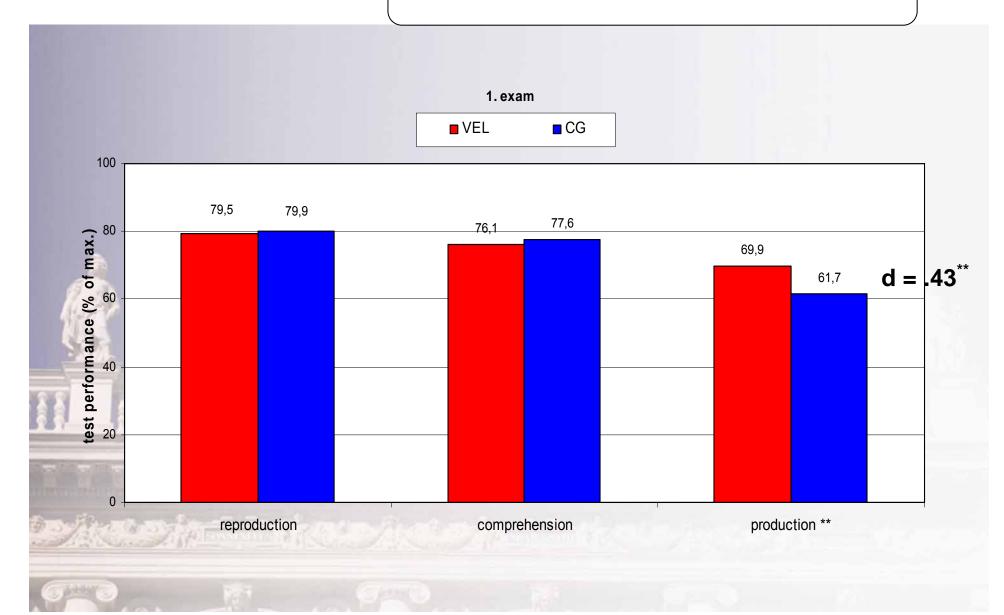
Online modules

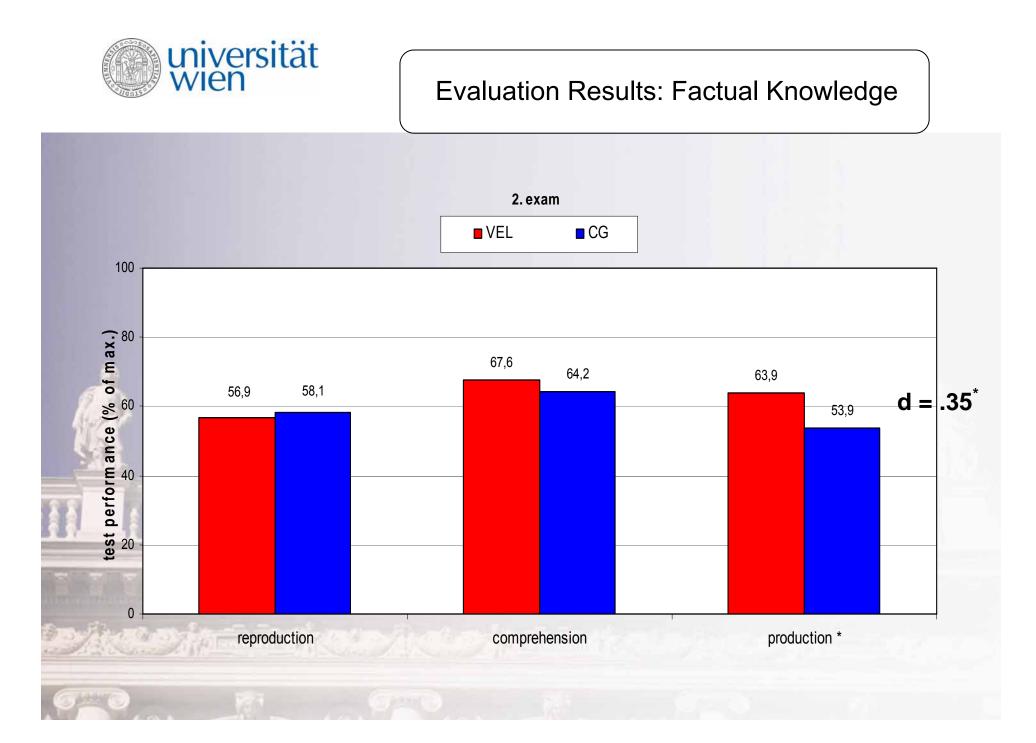






Evaluation Results: Factual Knowledge







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Evaluation Results: Summary

Positive effects over two semesters are observed concerning

Factual knowledge – production

Learning competencies – regulation of emotions (d = .22)

Collaborative learning (d = .46)

E-competence (d = .26)



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Creating a Culture of Evaluation... Now if only we could figure out Eureka! An evaluation how to grow it in the real world. culture has finally been / grown in the lab! Hey look, these guys are forming a subcommittee! Wait, nope, they're disputing the results. Dr. Pa-Rebecca Andrews © 2007 Fieldstone Alliance



Information

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