



How CIU offers you a complete upgrade of your professional life!

Your frequently asked questions (FAQ) about Skills and Vocational Courses (SVCs) And CIUs answers

1. What are Skill and Vocational Courses (SVCs) in general?

They are short courses of 6 to 12 months. They prepare you in cooperation with companies and experts for

- a job and/ or
- entrepreneurship
- or a further academic education

2. What options does a SVC offer to me?

- CIU offers job opportunities through cooperation with international and local companies
- The Zambian state offers financial support if you decide to found a business in the area of your selected SVC
- Everybody who has passed a SVC successfully can start University Foundation Course (UFC) at CIU and enter later a academic education at CIU

3. Offer SVCs already academic degrees?

- No

4. CIU is a university. Why does it offer SVCs?

- Digital Automation and Artificial Intelligence changes the global business world and the descriptions of white collar jobs quickly. Short and practical skill courses are better to keep in pace with the speed of automation than long academical scholarships.

5. What are the educational standards for SVCs?

CIU offers in every course:

- Lectures
- Workshops in cooperation with companies
- Videos
- Access to digital scripts on our Google platform
- Apps based on ChatGPT

- Introduction to tools based on artificial intelligence with which you can learn, research, develop business and automate business processes

6. Where do they take place? Does CIU have an own physical building?

CIU has not yet an own building but uses and hires rooms

- in state high schools in Zambia and
- in companies

7. What are the requirements to take part in the SVCs?

- There are no strict requirements

8. Who are the trainers/lecturers?

CIU recruits entrepreneurs and practitioners. 90% of them are based in Zambia, whereas, others in diaspora will train/lecture you via Zoom-online from Germany, Italy, The UK, etc.

9. What benefits does a SVC offer to me?

- CIU offers job opportunities through cooperation with international companies
- The Zambian state offers financial support if you decide to found a business in the area of the SVC
- Everybody who has passed a SVC successfully is allowed to start a University Foundation course at CIU and enter a academic scholarship education at CIU

10. When do the SVCs start?

- Orientations/Counselling & Winning Mindset(CWM) start on 22nd January, while the classes start on 12th February, 2024

11. What are the minimum numbers and maximum numbers of participants per course?

- Minimum: 15
- Maximum: this depends on the classroom capacity.

12. What happens if the minimum number of participants are not attained in my course?

- You will be advised to join another course or
- You will join a universally needed course in "Information & Communication Technology(ICT)". Then later you can go back to your initial course of interest when the numbers have grown!

13. Which equipment does CIU provide for the SVCs?

- This depends on a particular course. Hence, the equipment shall be introduced to you when the time for practicals come.
- Initially, any practical based course starts with the course-theory before getting to the practical sessions.

14. Can I switch to another skill course before the start?

Yes

15. Are there any additional costs beside the registration and administration fee (RAF)?

No.

16. When and where will the Open Day take place?

- Via Zoom on 20th of January
- And physically at our high school centers. The actual timings and full agenda will be posted on the WhatsApp Community. Keep an eye!

17. I am already studying at a college/ university. Do I qualify to study your SVC of interest?

- Yes you do! The SVC will be an added advantage to your other study.

18. I already possess higher studies than the SVC. Do I qualify to study your SVC of interest?

- Yes, you do! The SVC will be an added advantage to your current qualification.

19. What qualification will I obtain at the end of the course?

- An Advanced Skills Certificate

20. How will I collect my certificate?

- During our end of course graduation ceremony