

MODULE INFORMATION

TITLE	University Language Scheme
SI MODULE CODE	25-LFRL-00L (<i>this code will be amended when added to your record to reflect the language and stage you are studying</i>)

The University Language Scheme (ULS) offers you the chance to develop your language skills and knowledge of other cultures by studying a language as part of your course. Seven languages are offered: Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish.

Learning a language adds variety and fun to your study and improves your employment prospects. **'65% of businesses say they value foreign language skills among their employees'** CBI Education & Skills survey 2014.

You can study a language you have learned previously or start a new one. You do not have to be an expert linguist - we offer six stages from beginners to advanced level as detailed below. When you enrol on a language module you are placed in the appropriate ULS stage based on any previous learning, experience or qualifications in the language. All ULS enrolments are subject to availability and course and timetabling constraints.

Mandarin Chinese	stages 1 and 2
French	stages 1-6
German	stages 1-6
Japanese	stages 1 and 2
Italian	stages 1-3
Portuguese	stage 1
Spanish	stages 1-6

Please note that Level 6 students are not permitted to choose stage 1 (beginners) of any language as part of their course. To study a language as part of your course at level 6, you need to have at least a GCSE or ULS stage 1 pass or equivalent.

The aim of the scheme is to give you practical communication skills in the language of your choice for work and leisure. You also learn about the country or countries where the language is spoken. More advanced students can gear their language study towards your subject specialism. Students on sandwich courses can use their language skills to apply for a placement abroad.

Enrolment

On most courses you choose at least one optional unit. If you decide to do a language option, you normally choose this option via My Student Record as part of the module choice process.

Learning and Teaching

You will be taught in one 2 hour class per week in small, supportive classes by highly qualified, experienced and enthusiastic tutors using our digital learning facilities and a variety of lively, interactive activities. Our language assistants in the European languages are available for individual support. We have an open access study and social area and we organise a range of exciting social events to meet other speakers of the language.

Assessment

Assessment of the language module is 100% coursework during teaching weeks. The assignments are realistic and practical tasks designed to test the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. For example, assessments at stages 1 and 2 include role-plays, and short writing, reading and listening activities. Assessment at stage 3 includes presentations and a portfolio of writing, reading and listening activities. Stage 4 comprises a portfolio of activities in each of the language skills. Stage 5 comprises translation and oral presentation and research related to your course specialism. Stage 6 includes oral and written assessments, translation and interpreting or a research portfolio related to your course specialism.

Your achievement in the language

ULS language modules are mapped against the Common European Framework (CEF), which was devised by the European Commission and is widely-recognised. The 'can-do' statements enable you to demonstrate what you can do when you speak, listen, read and write in the language. You will be working towards the CEF levels detailed below:

ULS stage 1	CEF level A1
ULS stage 2	CEF level A2
ULS stage 3	CEF level B1
ULS stage 4	CEF level B2
ULS stage 5	CEF level C1
ULS stage 6	CEF level C2

Entry requirements

If you are a beginner, no previous qualifications are necessary and you enrol at stage one. The course allows individuals with existing language skills and/or qualifications to study at more advanced levels, for example if you have an A level in a language, you will enrol at stage four.

OES Code	Module Title	Credit Points	Semester
N/A	ULS Chinese	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS French	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS German	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS Italian	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS Japanese	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS Portuguese	20	Year Long
N/A	ULS Spanish	20	Year Long

If you select a language as your elective you will receive an email confirming your choice and a link asking you to register your chosen language and any previous qualifications or experience which then allows us to determine which stage you need to study.

Note: There are no 10 credit ULS modules.

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