

Language learning 'will give you amazing opportunities, let you get to know people in other countries...and open lots of doors. It can make the difference between getting a contract or not and getting a job or not.' (Malin Freiberg, Director, Global Reward, Dialog Semiconductor Electronics, 2015) 'Language assistants are able to give you one-on-one help, especially with pronunciation, you always get feedback from tutors and the online resources can help with extra content and vocabulary.'

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## **Contact us**

To find out more, search university language scheme on shuspace or contact the University Language Scheme administrator: Phone **0114 225 5256** Email **uls@shu.ac.uk** 

The information in this publication can be made available in other formats. Please contact us on 0114 225 5555 for details. Sheffield Hallam University

# Learn a language

Widen your opportunities in a global employment market.

Become a graduate with more

## Join the University Language Scheme and you can

- learn another language, or improve your existing language skills a skill highly sought after by employers
- develop your knowledge of other cultures

You may be able to study on the University Language Scheme (ULS) as part of your course, or you can take it as an additional module. Enrolment onto the scheme is subject to availability, timetabling, and course constraints, and any prior learning in the language.

You can study Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Catalan or Portuguese from beginner to advanced levels.

## Why should I study another language?

77% of UK companies require foreign language skills (CBI Education & Skills survey, 2015). Develop the skills employers want (problemsolving, customer relations, time management, persuading & influencing) through language learning & international experience (Employers Skills Survey, 2015). 'Demonstrating my knowledge of language and culture builds an instant bond' (Katie Morrison, HR Business Partner, Canon Europe, 2015).

#### Work and study abroad

The scheme is supported by opportunities to study abroad in one of our partner universities.

If you are doing a work placement as part of your course, you may have the option to work abroad. This experience is highly valuable for your employability skills and personal development.

#### How do I learn?

- two hours of tuition a week in a friendly and supportive learning environment plus a minimum of 4 hours self-study per week
- you speak, listen, read, and write in your chosen language. We focus on speaking activites.
- active, varied learning in small groups, with our highly-qualified and enthusiastic teaching team.
- extra conversation practice with our native foreign language assistants in French, German, Spanish or Italian & optional social events.
- authentic assessments mapped against the widely-recognised CEF.

#### Facilities

Our Language Centre on floor 4 of Stoddart Building offers:

- The Language Society & social learning events
- Information on our inspiring events series including the Spanish Short Film Festival.
- Internet-based language learning activities.
- Digital language classrooms & self-study materials.
- Advice on language learning & studying & working abroad.
- A meeting place for fellow speakers of the language

you are learning.

#### Fees

Your course administrator can clarify whether you can study a language module as part of your course free of charge. Alternatively, you can apply to study as an extra module for additional fees.

If the scheme is additional to your course, the fees (based on 2018/19 entry) are

Home and EU students

Semester 1 (22 class hours): £245 Semester 1 and 2 (44 class hours): £480

Overseas students

Semester 1 (22 class hours): £680 Semester 1 and 2 (44 class hours): £1355

If you are not a current student please contact us for details.

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#### Languages and stages available

Level 6 students studying for course credit must study at stage 2 or above.

- Catalan (stage one)
- French (stages one to six)
- German (stages one to six)
- Italian (stages one, two and three)
- Japanese (stages one and two)
- Mandarin (stages one and two)
- Portuguese (stage one)
- Spanish (stages one to six)

Any previous qualifications, experience and learning determine the appropriate stage for your elective study. If you're paying extra to study a ULS language, you can chose your stage. You will work towards the Common European Framework (CEF) level stated below.

- stage one beginners with no previous knowledge of the language working towards CEF A1
- stage two GCSE grade A\*-C (or equivalent) - working towards CEF A2
- stage three AS level pass (or equivalent) –working towards CEF B1
- stage four A level pass (or equivalent) –working towards CEF B2

• stage five – A level pass (or equivalent) plus one year of formal study - working towards CEF C1

• stage six – A level pass (or equivalent) plus two years of formal study or a substantial overseas placement for a minimum of three months - working towards CEF C2

For information on the Common European Framework (CEF) search University Language Scheme on Shuspace

## Application for study in the 2018/19 academic year

Search University Language Scheme via shuspace where you will find all the information you need to apply. Complete and submit your online application by 12 noon on Friday 21st September 2018. Places are subject to availability and course and timetabling constraints.

'Studying the ULS Japanese module gave me language skills and a great cultural experience. I believe it helped me get a job in Japan on the prestigious JET Programme run by the Japanese government.'

Steven Swann BA (Honours) Languages with TESOL (French)