

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)

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'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.' Tasneem Hafiz BSc (Honours) Business and ICT

Learning a new language has been a great opportunity to differentiate my professional skills from other people looking for similar roles to myself. It has also been a fun experience as it has offered something different to my usual modules that I take at university. Sam Wilmot BA(Hons) Business Studies

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 (problem-solving, 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, where available on your course. 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
- active, varied learning in small groups, with lively activities and multimedia learning
- extra conversation practice with a foreign language assistant in French, German, Spanish and Italian.

- optional social events to help you develop your authentic language skills

Facilities

Our Language Centre on floor 4 of Stoddart Building offers:

- The Languages Society & social learning opportunities
- TV, video and audio in the language you are studying
- Internet based language learning activities
- Graded, digital self-study materials
- Advice on language learning & studying & working abroad

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 2019/20 entry) are

Home and EU students

Semester 1 (22 class hours): £250

Semester 1 and 2 (44 class hours): £490

Overseas students

Semester 1 (22 class hours): £700

Semester 1 and 2 (44 class hours): £1395

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.

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

Any previous qualifications, experience and learning determine the appropriate stage for you. If you're paying extra to study a ULS language, you can choose 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 4/5/C in the last THREE years / SHU ULS stage 1 pass (or equivalent) - working towards CEF A2
- stage three – GCSE grade 6-9/B-A* in the last THREE years / AS level pass / A level pass at grade E / A level study but no pass grade / SHU ULS stage 2 pass (or equivalent) - working towards CEF B1
- stage four – A level pass grade D or higher / SHU ULS stage 3 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 C1/C2
- For information on the Common European Framework search University Language Scheme on MyHallam

Application for study in the 2019/20 academic year

Search University Language Scheme via MyHallam where you will find all the information you need to apply. Complete and submit your online application by 12 noon on Friday 27th September 2019.

'Studying the ULS Japanese course 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)