The University Language Centre

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If you are studying languages for your academic course, or in your spare time, our language learning facilities, materials and guidance can support you in your studies.

Our Self-Access Centre provides an extensive, well-resourced area for independent study, whilst our new University Language Centre classrooms have been especially designed and equipped for language learning.

Self-Access Centre for Language Learning

Our spacious Self-Access Centre encourages independent learning beyond the classroom, offering a motivating environment in which to develop and practise your language skills.

Our Self-Access Centre facilities include

- 30 fully networked PCs incorporating flip top computer desks to allow flexible use of learning space
- headphones, record and playback facilities for listening and pronunciation practice
- pleasant study area for collaborative group and pair work
- comfortable seating area for reading books, newspapers and magazines

Our materials include

- grammar and vocabulary practice books and CD-ROMs
- graded readers, magazines and dictionaries
- listening and pronunciation material including cassettes, DVDs, videos and satellite TV
- web-site support including useful language-related web links and online catalogue of all our materials
- study skills guidance

Languages

Our Self-Access collection incorporates extensive resources for learning English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Arabic, Japanese and Chinese. In addition, the centre holds a core of materials in over 50 languages.

Support

If you are new to the Self-Access Centre a member of staff will help you to find materials and use the equipment. If you need help deciding how to use the centre they can help with this too. There is always a member of staff available to help you find what you need, and it is also possible to arrange an appointment to help work out a programme of independent study. You can book an appointment at the desk.

Where are we?

We are located in the Language Resource Centre on the main Whiteknights campus.

We are open from Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm during term time. Vacation opening hours may differ, so please check the website www.cals.rdg.ac.uk/sacll.
Language Centre Classrooms

If you are studying languages as part of your academic course, you will benefit from our new Language Centre classrooms. Our PC-based networked multimedia suites with digital technology and electronic whiteboards provide an exciting language learning environment, allowing the use of:

- flexible learning spaces with flip-top computer desks
- audio, video and visual material to accommodate different learning styles
- interactive activities to motivate learners and encourage group work and communication
- colourful, attractive presentations and demonstrations to maximise engagement with lesson content

All four classrooms are equipped with Sanako Lab 300, offering high sound quality, ease of use and variety of tools, allowing:

- the use of CDs, DVDs, VCRs, cassette recorders, satellite systems and the Internet
- maximum opportunities for listening, speaking and pronunciation practice, with a range of helpful record, playback and translation facilities

If you would like further information about any of our facilities, please do contact us.
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