

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

TOP UP YOUR DEGREE: LEARN A LANGUAGE

with the Institution-Wide Language Programme (IWLP)



WHAT IS THE INSTITUTION-WIDE LANGUAGE PROGRAMME (IWLP)?

The Institution-Wide Language Programme exists to provide language learning opportunities for all members of the University community.

Each year over 900 members of the University (undergraduate and postgraduate students in all disciplines and staff) choose one of our modules either to learn a new language or to improve one they already know for academic, career development, travel or other purposes.

It's a fantastic way to meet people from outside your subject in a lively, small-group environment, as well as gain an impressive extra for your CV and useful skills for your travels.

'In a world of global business there is no better way to stamp your academic and professional passport than to undertake an IWLP language module.'

UG Admissions Tutor
Henley Business School,
University of Reading

Credit Modules

You can study one of these languages in a 20 credit module as part of your degree. Your language level will be on your University transcript to show to future employers.

You can also study a language for personal development (for a modest fee).

How does it fit with my UG studies?

Most IWLP language modules offer three contact hours per week and run through the Autumn and Spring terms, with revision classes in the Summer term. Classes start in week 2 of the Autumn term.

What will I learn and how?

Our aim is to enable you to become an effective communicator in a multicultural environment. As well as developing all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) you will gain an insight into the culture of the countries where it is spoken and an appreciation of people from different cultural backgrounds. Our teaching philosophy puts the student at the centre of the learning experience and it is highly personal. You are actively involved inside and outside the class, communicating in the target language, working individually and in teams. Learning will be enhanced by the use of a variety of media and the latest technology, making it effective, varied and enjoyable.

Who will be teaching me and how?

Classes are led by dedicated, qualified and experienced professional teachers, mostly coming from a country where the language you are learning is spoken. Our groups are small, giving you plenty of opportunities to receive regular feedback and advice on the best ways to achieve your goals.

Extra-curricular activities

Maximise your learning and develop your communication skills by taking advantage of our extra activities. We offer language learning advice, social events, a buddying scheme, and there is now an opportunity to take an academic placement overseas as part of your studies.

Great facilities

Many IWLP classrooms have PCs with internet access, high quality speakers and interactive whiteboards. You can also take advantage of the Self Access Centre for Language Learning (SACLL), an ideal place to study and access dictionaries, books, DVDs, magazines and other paper and digital resources in the language you are learning.

What can I study?

The IWLP offers credit modules from beginner to advanced level in:

- Arabic
- British Sign Language
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Modern Greek
- Russian
- Spanish





'IWLP gave me an opportunity to meet a ton of new people all doing a variety of different courses and grow my friendship circle'

Gabriele Kavaliauskaite

3rd year B.Sc in Food Science
with Business, French, Stage 1

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