



University of Essex

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Whilst language modules usually constitute an assessed component of a full-time degree scheme, members of the public have the opportunity to take a single language module by joining our new Open Language Programme. The Department of Language and Linguistics offers a wide range of modules, covering seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish). We offer up to six different levels in most languages, going from Initial for Beginners through to Mastery Level for students specialising in a particular language, also including modules such as *From the Caves to Modern Graffiti: a Visual History of the Spanish language*, *French Cinema and Culture* and *One Language - Three Countries: Austria, Germany, Switzerland*. This impressive choice allows students to tailor their modules to their exact requirements and existing language skills.

Gaining an award in modern languages

Language modules taken within the Open Language Programme on a part-time basis lead to the following awards:

Certificate of Continuing Education in Modern Languages (60 credits),

Certificate of Higher Education in Modern Languages (120 credits),

Diploma of Higher Education in Modern Languages (240 credits).

The Open Language Programme gives you the flexibility to accumulate credits in a way that suits your other commitments. When successfully completed, our single modules

carry 30 credits and our intensive modules carry 60 credits. If you register for the *Intensive Italian* module, for example, you become eligible for the Certificate of Continuing Education in Modern Languages after just one year of study. Alternatively, you could take *Initial Portuguese*, and then either continue with Portuguese in a subsequent year, or take another language module, to accumulate the 60 credits needed for the same certificate.

What's language teaching like at Essex?

All our language teaching staff are language specialists, and most are native speakers of the languages they teach. This means that we can offer a wealth of authentic activities in the classroom, designed to develop your practical language skills. We also endeavour to help you take control of your own learning, so that you can study at your own pace. Because we highlight the use of language in interpersonal communication, in self-presentation, in information gathering and analysis, you will acquire a range of skills directly relevant to the real-life use of language.

What about materials and equipment?

Most of the language teaching materials are taken from authentic sources; others are tailored by the language teaching staff to suit your needs as language learners. We make extensive use of video and audio material, of the news media, and of fiction, in order to provide the necessary cultural and social background to your study of the language.



The University has a multimedia learning centre, online satellite TV and video facilities, and a self-access laboratory; staff also use the University's well equipped computer laboratories to access multimedia modules, encyclopaedias and dictionaries. These facilities can be used 24 hours a day and from any terminal connected to the University's network.

List of language modules

French

Initial French
Elementary French
Intermediate French
Advanced French
French Professional and Multimedia Skills
Proficiency Level French
French Cinema and Culture
French Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling Skills
Mastery Level French

German

Initial German
Intensive Initial German
Elementary German
Intermediate German
Advanced German
Extended Advanced German
One Language - Three Countries
Austria, Germany and Switzerland
Proficiency Level German
Home from Home:
Influential German Expatriates in Great Britain – Past and Present
German Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling Skills
Mastery Level German

Chinese

Initial Mandarin Chinese

Arabic

Initial Arabic

Italian

Initial Italian
Intensive Initial Italian
Elementary Italian
Intermediate Italian
Advanced Italian
La Dolce Italia: A Journey Across
Enduring Italian Traditions
Proficiency Level Italian
Mastery Level Italian

Portuguese

Initial Portuguese
Spanish-Portuguese Conversion
Elementary Portuguese
Advanced Portuguese
Proficiency Level Portuguese
Mastery Level Portuguese

Spanish

Initial Spanish
Intensive Initial Spanish
Elementary Spanish
Intermediate Spanish
Advanced Spanish
From the Caves to Modern Graffiti:
A Visual History of the Spanish Language
Proficiency Level Spanish
Spanish and Latin American Art, Film and Music
Contemporary Spanish Language and Culture
Mastery Level Spanish

The Department reserves the right to update, modify or even withdraw specific modules or change staffing arrangements or methods of assessment where academic developments or unexpected contingencies render such action necessary or expedient in the judgement of the Head of Department.

About The University

The University of Essex, at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, received its Royal Charter in 1965. It is one of the UK's leading academic institutions and currently has around 9,000 students from over 130 countries. The University's Colchester Campus is set in over 200 acres of attractive parkland, much of it landscaped in the eighteenth century. There is easy access to coast and countryside, including the area of outstanding natural beauty known as 'Constable Country', after the famous landscape artist John Constable, who painted many local scenes, including Wivenhoe Park itself.

The University of Essex offers:

- a friendly and informal environment
- a flexible degree structure
- good provision of student accommodation
- a lively international community
- a welcome for mature students
- excellent facilities for sport
- a full programme of Arts events
- an active Students' Union
- established welfare and careers services

For further details on the Open Learning Programme (such as fees, and registration forms) please visit our website at: www.essex.ac.uk/lang/ or contact:

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