



Languages for All

Essential Information (2025-26)

Important Dates

Application period	10 September to 8 October 2025 (inclusive)
Language Express	Autumn Term, Weeks 3-11 (inclusive) Spring Term, Weeks 16-25 (inclusive)
Language Portfolio	Week 3: Students will be contacted by their Language Tutor with instructions for using the Rosetta Stone platform and taking the initial language level test Week 5: Classes start Week 32: Final work to be completed
Final allocation of places	Week 5
Withdrawal without penalty	31 October 2025
Fee payment	31 October 2025
Assessment	Language Express: Weeks 11, 22 and 25 Language Portfolio: To be provided by your Language Tutor

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How and when do I apply?

We have a dedicated application period where you can [apply online](#). The online application form goes live in September.

How will I know if my application has been approved?

Once your application has been processed, you'll receive a confirmation email. If your application is approved, you'll automatically be allocated to one of our classes (if you chose Language Express) or online modules (if you chose Language Portfolio).

Classes are about to start and I haven't heard about my application.

If you haven't received a response to your application, it's likely because the module you applied for is fully subscribed and you have been placed on our waiting list. We monitor attendance carefully at the start of term to maximise the use of available places, and if a place becomes available for you, we'll be in touch.

My application was rejected. What does this mean?

If your application is rejected, it either means that the course you are studying does not qualify you for a Languages for All module, or the module you've applied for is fully subscribed and we haven't been able to give you a place.

What happens if the programme is fully subscribed and I don't get a place this year?

Unfortunately, we aren't always able to place all applicants in their choice of module. You can either choose to study a different language (subject to availability) or you can submit an early application in the next academic year.

What languages can I learn?

Our provision depends on the campus you attend: Colchester, Southend or Loughton. You can find campus-specific details on our [website](#).

What levels are available?

We want to get as many of you learning languages as possible, so our offer is concentrated on Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 levels. The web-based Portfolio modules in French, German and Spanish,

however, can be studied at any level from Beginner to Advanced. Check out what's offered at the campus you're attending on our [website](#).

What learning choices do I have?

We offer evening classes through Language Express or online modules through Language Portfolio.

My language skills are higher than the modules offered. What other choices do I have?

If we don't have anything to suit your level in a particular language, you can always learn something new!

What times and days are the evening classes held?

Our Language Express evening classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and most take place from 6pm to 8pm.

Can I choose my class?

Unfortunately, you can't choose your class. Once your application is approved, the system will automatically assign you to a class.

Can I change my class?

Because of the number of students in the programme, it isn't usually possible to change class, except where the scheduled time clashes with one of your degree modules. If you'd like to be considered for a class change, you will need to put your request in writing, with reasons, to the LfA Administrator:

lfaadmin@essex.ac.uk

What do I do if my class clashes with a sport, society or social event I want to attend?

Unfortunately, we can't change your class unless it clashes with one of your degree modules. You may have to decide which is more important to you!

What assessments will I have?

The assessments you'll undertake depend on your method of study.

What will I receive to show my achievement?

If you're participating in the Big Essex Award and meet the BEA criteria (final aggregate mark of 60% or higher, completion of all three assessments, attendance rate of 70% or higher), your successfully completed module will be shown on your Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) as a 'PASS'.

If you aren't participating in the Big Essex Award and/or wish to have a record of your grade to show prospective employers, then a certification letter will be available on request from the LfA office – details will be communicated later in the year.

How do I withdraw?

You can choose to withdraw from a module at any time using our [withdrawal form](#), which you can also find on the 'Languages for All Information for Current Students' page on Moodle.

You should be aware that there are consequences associated with withdrawal after 31 October – see the Terms and Conditions on our [website](#) for full details.

What are the consequences of withdrawing?

If you withdraw from the programme after 31 October, you may lose your opportunity to study a language with us at no additional cost (see the Terms and Conditions on our [website](#)). So, make sure you're committed when you apply and when you withdraw.

Will I have to pay a fee?

Fees apply if you wish to continue learning a language after you've 'used' the offer of one Languages for All module at no additional cost – see the Terms and Conditions on our [website](#) for full details.

Can I apply for more than one module?

It is possible to study more than one module in an academic year, but you'll only be able to apply for the first one online. To apply for the second, you'll need to contact us at lfaadmin@essex.ac.uk.

Alternatively, you could wait and apply for another module in the following academic year.

Either way, you'll be liable to pay the fee for a subsequent module: £280 for 2025-26.

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