

Languages available in the Language Centre for PGR students 2017/8

1. Interfaculty daytime programme

Language	Level
Arabic	Stages 1-2
Dutch	Stages 1-2
French	Stages 1-6
German	Stages 1-5
Italian	Stages 1-3
Japanese	Stages 1-3
Mandarin	Stages 1-4
Russian	Stages 1-2
Spanish	Stages 1-6

For level descriptors, timetable and further information, please go to:

<http://nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre/teaching/language-content-modules/inter-faculty-modules.aspx>

Start of teaching: Monday, October 2nd

Frequency of class: 3 hrs per week.

Application Deadlines: Returning students, 12 Noon 15 September 1st 2017; new students, 12 noon 29th September

Application Process: Once you have received approval of funding by email, contact Oranna.speicher@nottingham.ac.uk who will discuss timetable options and availability of classes with you.

Please note: approval of funding does not guarantee a place on your chosen language course. You will be placed on a waiting list. Priority will be given to undergraduates/postgraduates who take the language module for credits. Your place on the language course will therefore not be confirmed until Friday 6th October, at the latest.

2. Evening Class Programme

Language	Level
Arabic	Levels 1-2
French	Levels 1-5, Advanced
German	Levels 1- 4
Modern Greek	Levels 1-3, plus 'Developing Greek oral skills'
Italian	Levels 1-5
Japanese	Levels 1-4
Polish	Levels 1-2
Portuguese	Levels 1-2
Russian	Levels 1-2
Spanish	Levels 1-4, plus 'Developing Spanish oral skills'

For level descriptors, timetable and further information, please go to: <http://nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre/teaching/evening-classes/index.aspx>

Start of teaching: Monday, October 10th

Frequency of class: 2 hrs per week. Classes are timetabled between the hours of 18.00-20.30 and delivered in the Trent Building. *

Application Deadlines: Returning students, 12 Noon 15 September 1st 2017; new students, 12 noon 29th September

Application Process: Once funding has been approved, please visit the respective evening class page to register yourself on the course at <http://store.nottingham.ac.uk/>. You will be able to select a "MFL Grant" option when prompted for a payment option.

Please note: Evening classes will run only if there are a minimum of ten participants. You will receive notification to confirm the class is running by Friday 29/09/2017.

3. Other language classes

a. German for Academic purposes

This course is designed for postgraduates in Arts and Humanities to be able to read academic German with some confidence. No prior knowledge of German is necessary, and you do not need to buy any materials. We will begin with the basics ('10 things you need to know about German', such as the fact that nouns always have a capital letter) and the way that German sentences work, and build towards work on more specialised vocabulary and the challenges of reading academic articles in German. There will be a 1-hour lecture and 2-hour workshop each week. The lectures will provide information on key aspects of German grammar and structures, and the workshops will look at these in the context of a variety of texts drawn from Arts and Humanities disciplines, from simple biographies to excerpts from articles. There will be short tasks for you to complete in preparation for the workshops. Areas covered can include: catalogues and abbreviations, conference calls and papers, databases, specialised vocabulary, reading complex sentences, primary texts, introductions, articles and longer texts. One real advantage of this course is that it can be tailored to suit individual requirements.

b. French for Academic purposes

This course is intended for English speakers who want to learn to read written French, and specifically for graduate students learning French for academic research. It is not designed to learn to speak French but only to read it. Therefore we will concentrate on the linguistic construction of the French language by exploring its grammatical structure, and specific vocabulary as well as the many common aspects it shares with the English language, and building on what English speakers can capitalise on. On the practical side we will work on passages of increasing difficulty so all elements of the language structure can be practised, allowing an acquaintance with the complexities that reading French presents, with the aim of looking at academic area specific work. We will start by concentrating on recognising the various elements of sentences and build a strategy to help extract information by identifying a hierarchy of importance of words to the understanding of a text in order to disregard any words deemed non-essential. We will develop all skills essential when trying to read in a foreign language without a deep knowledge of it.

Teaching starts: October 10th

Frequency: 3 hrs a week (day and time tbc)

Application Deadlines: Returning students, 12 Noon 15 September 1st 2017; new students, 12 noon 29th September

Application Process: Once funding has been approved, please visit the respective class page to register yourself on the course at <http://store.nottingham.ac.uk/>. You will be able to select a "MFL Grant" option when prompted for a payment option.

Please note: The class will run only if there are a minimum of ten participants. You will receive notification to confirm the class is running once all applications have been processed.