The Language Centre module information for inter-faculty language modules

Stage 1A (Spring Semester - 10 credits)

Languages available:
Inter Faculty Modern Standard Arabic 1A: MLAC1102 (LK11AA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty Arabic for Heritage Speakers: MLAC1147 (LK1HSA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty French 1A: MLAC1051 (LK11FA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty German 1A: MLAC1054 (LK11GA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty Italian 1A: MLAC1057 (LK11IA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty Japanese 1A: MLAC1059 (LK11JA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty Korean 1A: MLAC1156
Inter Faculty Mandarin Chinese 1A: MLAC1086 (LK11MA) (also offered in Spring Semester)
Inter Faculty Russian 1A: MLAC1066 (LK11RA)
Inter Faculty Slovene 1A: MLAC1151
Inter Faculty Spanish 1A: MLAC1069 (LK11SA) (also offered in Spring Semester)

Pre-requisites: this module is intended for those who have little or no knowledge of the language. The final decision on placement will be made after consultation with the tutor.

Description: the module introduces the basic structure of the language through topics related to social and everyday life in the countries where the target language is spoken. Students will acquire the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing together with basic grammatical structures which will enable them to manipulate the language and participate effectively in everyday social situations. Full use will be made of communicative methods, with regular opportunities for pair and group-work. As far as possible, teaching will be through the target language, with weekly classes in digital language laboratories and use of materials on Moodle and in the Self Access Centre (Trent C66).

Frequency of class: Three hours of class contact time per week: one 2-hour class and one 1-hour class. Students are also expected to do at least three hours of self-study per week.

Assessment:
oral assessment (10 minutes in groups of 2 or 3): 20%
written examination (two hours): 80%
Learning Outcomes:

- understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning self, family and friends and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly
- understand familiar words and very simple sentences, for example on notices, posters or in brief, simple paragraphs on topics covered
- interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech.

- ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics
- write short, simple passages (approximately 100 words) for example sending e-mails of introduction, fill in forms with personal details, for example entering name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.

Also:
A. Knowledge and Understanding of pronunciation, standard spelling and syntax, gist comprehension and reconstruction of audio material, basic oral skills;
B. Intellectual skills: the ability to understand the standard linguistic system, in both spoken and written form, in the context of the topics studied, develop cultural awareness;
C. Professional Skills: Preparation of short oral and written presentations on topics covered, Listening and reading with discrimination in order to elicit information;
D. Transferable Skills: Pair and group work, Time management, Independent language study, Ability to organise and present material, Ability to communicate effectively at a basic level

Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR):
The learning outcomes for Inter Faculty Stage 1A are equivalent to level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference, guidelines used to describe achievements of learners of foreign languages across Europe.