



The School of Education at the University of the West of Scotland provides *Languages for All* for students from all schools of UWS, UWS staff and members of the public.

### What languages can I study?

*Languages for All* offers you the opportunity to start learning FRENCH, GERMAN or SPANISH, or to improve your previous knowledge in any of these languages. Classes in ARABIC or GAELIC are only offered at beginner's level. For MANDARIN see information below. For information about the language classes, including timetable information, please visit <https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/cpd-short-courses-modules/short-courses/>

### How are the classes taught?

The focus is on practical language skills that you can use in social, academic and business contexts, and all classes are taught by native speakers. Topics covered are wide ranging and take account of current debates in the countries whose languages you are studying. For total language immersion, classes are conducted in the target language as much as possible, and as they are relatively small you will find that your lecturers will soon know you individually. All modules are credit bearing, the assessment is continuous and there is no exam at the end.

### Do I need to have studied a language before?

No, there are modules at a variety of levels from complete beginner to modules that are suitable for students who have a good command of the language. The majority of modules are twenty credits with some ten credit modules available as introductions to the language. See below for an example using Spanish.

- *Introduction to Spanish 1* is for complete beginners and is a 10 credit module, running from September to December (trimester one).
- *Introduction to Spanish 2* is the follow on module at 10 credits, running from January to April (trimester two).
- *Spanish 1.1* is 20 credits and suitable for complete beginners with no prior knowledge required. The contents of *Introduction 1* and *Introduction 2* are both covered in this module.
- *Spanish 1.2* is 20 credits and aimed at students who have completed a 1.1 module or have an equivalent knowledge (e.g. a good Higher pass)

The modules above are all studied at SCQF level 7. Other levels of modules are available, please see current timetable.

### Who are the classes suitable for?

The classes are suitable for anyone who wishes to learn a language for work or leisure, or to develop their existing knowledge. They are open to students, staff and members of the public.

### When do classes take place?

*Languages for All Daytime Classes* - available during trimesters one (Sep-Dec) and two (Jan-Apr). Attendance will either be two hours a week during trimesters one and two (20 credit modules) or two hours a week for one trimester only (10 credit modules). Daytime classes are available at a

range of levels. For full details and timetables, see <https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/cpd-short-courses-modules/short-courses/> All modules are subject to minimum numbers for viability.

**Students** – on many programmes can choose to take a languages module as one of their options - please discuss this with your Programme Leader or personal tutor. If this is possible for you, then your Programme Leader or tutor can use the relevant CRN from our timetable to add you directly to the module.

Most languages modules are level 7 and therefore, for certain year groups, it is not possible as an option. For students who cannot take a languages module as an option it is possible to study a language as an extra module and take advantage of a reduced price of £100 for a 20 credit module or £50 for a ten credit module. Payment is made via the online store <https://shop.uws.ac.uk/product-catalogue/schools/school-of-education> - after payment is made, we will add the module to your student record on Banner.

The deadline to be added to a module is the third week of classes.

#### **When do classes start?**

Modules in Ayr will start w/c 10<sup>th</sup> September; modules in Paisley and at the new Lanarkshire campus will start w/c 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Module Co-ordinators**

If you have a language specific query, please contact the relevant Module Co-ordinator:

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#### **Mandarin**

With the support of the Confucius Institute, UWS School of Education is pleased to offer staff and UWS students the opportunity to take part in a 10 week Mandarin course. This is not a module and carries no credits. Attendance is every Wednesday in F255, Henry Buildings West, Paisley, from 1400-1600 from Wednesday 19th September for 10 weeks. The course is suitable for complete beginners. There is no charge although attendees will be expected to buy a textbook with an approximate cost of £15. At the end of the course all students will be able to take an official Mandarin test conducted at the Confucius Institute in Glasgow. Please register via <https://shop.uws.ac.uk/product-catalogue/schools/school-of-education>

For general enquiries, please visit <https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/cpd-short-courses-modules/short-courses/>

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