

Language Courses by Distance Learning

from the University of Dundee
French • German • Spanish • Chinese • Gaelic

Entry Requirements for the Intensive Course

You would normally be expected to have some basic knowledge of the language you want to study.

However if you are a competent linguist and are willing to dedicate sufficient time (approximately 4 to 5 hours per week), then you could start from scratch. Please contact us to discuss this option.

Intensive Revision Course in Chinese/French/Gaelic/German/Spanish

If you already have some knowledge of a language (eg: a rusty Higher) then this is the course for you. It will help you rebuild your confidence and competence, and take you to a standard equivalent to SHQ Higher. Please contact us to discuss if you are qualified for this option.

How to Apply

To apply for these courses, please visit our website to download an application form or access our online application system.

	Intensive course (25 weeks)	Revision course (10 weeks)	Graduate diploma (2 years)
	Starts Jan/Feb each year	Starts April/May each year	Starts Sept/Oct in even years
Chinese	0	0	
French	0	0	0
Gaelic	0	0	
German	0	0	0
Spanish	0	0	0
Fees (2014)	£460	£230	£1,600 per year

Contact Details

Please contact us if you wish to discuss any aspect of the courses, or your application.

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Please note: All our courses will only run if sufficient numbers of students enrol.



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Languages by Distance Learning at the University of Dundee

Do you want to learn a foreign language, from home, at your own pace, when and where you like?

You can start from a basic knowledge of a language, (or even none if you are a competent linguist), and we will take you up to Higher level in our Intensive courses, over 25 weeks (or less).

If you want to take it further, our Graduate Diplomas run for two years, and are ideal if you need a language qualification for your work purposes or for personal interest.

Our staff

The tutors on these courses are native speakers in the respective language, who are experienced language teachers. They have designed and developed their courses, and are responsible for the teaching materials and student support sessions.

How the courses are taught

Our courses are delivered over the internet, using Blackboard, the University of Dundee "virtual learning environment". You will be part of a virtual learning community, in regular contact with your lecturers and fellow students. Language speaking and listening are practised via online chats (such as Skype).

Graduate Diplomas in French/German/Spanish

These courses start in September every other year (2014, 2016 etc), and run for two years. They aim to provide the challenge of an undergraduate curriculum in the relevant practical language, they carry a rating of 120 SCOTCAT points (SCQF Levels 9-10). If you are a teacher, please note that the diploma courses are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

There are three 10-week modules, and four immersion days each academic year. The modules are assessed using a variety of methods, and with an end of course extended essay, and oral and written examinations (normally held in Dundee).

The topics and skills covered include:

- language, including grammar and communication skills
- culture and society
- themes such as 20th Century literature, education, the environment, cinema
- professional studies
- project

The immersion days are held at the University of Dundee, usually on a Saturday. They provide a chance to meet other students on the diploma course, practice oral skills, and participate in a variety of activities in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

You will be expected to buy the course textbook, a reference grammar book, a good bilingual dictionary, and occasional literary texts. Please note that you will be required to have high speed internet access in order to participate in the chat sessions.

Entry Requirements for the Diploma

You would normally be expected to have:

- a degree or equivalent
- a pass in the relevant language at SQA Higher or equivalent (such as our Intensive course)

Additionally, if you are a Secondary MFL teacher seeking a qualification in an additional language:

- your degree should be in another Modern Foreign Language
- a current Secondary MFL teaching qualification
- a residence abroad is normally a prerequisite for GTC(S) registration, you need to arrange this period of residence yourself.

Intensive Courses in Chinese/French/Gaelic/German/Spanish

These distance learning courses are intended for those wishing to jump-start a language! If what you're looking for is a flexible course which you can study from home and will take you from the basics up to the equivalent of SQA Higher and beyond, then this is the course for you. If you complete the course satisfactorily you will receive a Certificate of Course Completion and 20 SCOTCAT credits.

These are often taken by students wishing to take the Graduate Diploma who lack the necessary qualifications.

The courses comprise:

- a programme of study (integrated with the course textbook and listening materials)
- weekly tasks which will be marked and commented on by the tutor
- regular suggestions for extension work often based on recommended internet sites

You will need good access to the internet, and you are expected to buy the course textbook and a good bilingual dictionary.