



UCL

EVENING LANGUAGE COURSES

2011-2012

Arabic
Dutch
French
German
Modern Greek
Hebrew
Icelandic
Italian
Japanese
Kazakh
Latin
Mandarin
Norwegian
Portuguese
Spanish
Swedish
Turkish
Welsh



Introduction

Founded in 1991, the UCL Language Centre offers courses taught to the highest standard by qualified and experienced native speakers who are also able to advise participants on language learning objectives.

The Programme

The Evening Courses Programme is designed to teach participants how to communicate effectively in a foreign language. Whether for professional or personal reasons, an Evening Course can provide the means to achieve fluency in a chosen language. All four skills are taught – **reading, writing, listening and speaking** – with particular emphasis on oral communication. Courses cover the language as it is spoken today in everyday situations, from basic survival skills at beginner level through to fluent communication at advanced levels. Formal and informal registers are taught using contemporary and cultural references of the chosen country.

Class size is an important factor in language learning. At the UCL Language Centre, the class size is limited to 12 participants in order to maximise talking time. The communicative teaching methods and small group size encourage participants to make rapid progress through active class participation.

The Evening Courses Programme attracts both academics and professionals, creating a dynamic and interesting learning environment.

Should participants miss a class, the work covered will be e-mailed/posted before the next class. Tutors are available for advice and additional self-study guidance. The Evening Courses Co-ordinator (Laura Mezzomo) is available throughout the year to support participants' learning objectives; appointments can be arranged on request (lc-eveningcourses@ucl.ac.uk).

External Accreditation

Since January 2008, all Evening Courses have been accredited by the CPD Certification Service. This service helps organisations to provide certified Continuous Professional Development and also supports further learning initiatives being undertaken by Government, professional institutions, trade associations, individual organisations and other training providers.

Evening Courses documentation was submitted for assessment and was considered by a member of an independent panel of educationalists and technical experts, and the Language Centre provision was subsequently awarded CPD Certification status. For further information, please see: www.cpd.uk.co.uk

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2011:

Monday 10th October - Friday 16th December 2011
(10 weeks)

Winter Term 2012:

Monday 16th January - Friday 23rd March 2012
(10 weeks)

Summer Term 2012:

Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July 2012*
(10 weeks)

Evening Classes are held once a week for two hours from either 17:00-19:00 or 19:00-21:00.

*Classes falling on Bank Holiday 7th May 2012 will be rescheduled to Monday 9th July 2012.

*Classes falling on Bank Holiday 4th and 5th June 2012 - TBC.

Self-Access Centre

Participants are encouraged to develop their language skills by using our Self-Access Centre for self-study. Facilities include interactive video equipment, an audio and video-cassette library, satellite television, a language laboratory, CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) and reference materials.

Self-Access Centre membership is provided free of charge to participants enrolled in all Language Centre courses.

The Self-Access Centre is open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 22:00 and from 10:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays.



Languages Offered

Courses are held in Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Greek (modern), Hebrew, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Kazakh, Latin, Mandarin, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Welsh.

Courses are taught at various levels from complete beginner to post-advanced (conditional upon sufficient enrolments); participants are expected to progress to the next level after 20 weeks. The list below outlines the different levels:

Beginners: For learners who have no previous knowledge of the language. By the end of the course (20 weeks), participants will be able to communicate in and understand the language in the context of some everyday matters.

Lower Intermediate: For learners who have studied the language before, for instance up to GCSE level, and have some knowledge of the main present and past tenses. By the end of the course (20 weeks), participants will be able to communicate in and understand the language of many practical everyday matters related to various aspects of culture. Language learning skills and methods for approaching authentic material will be developed.

Upper Intermediate: For learners who have a good basic knowledge of the language or those who studied the language at A-Level some years ago. Participants should be able to give instructions and describe events, talk about the future and have a basic knowledge of the conditional and subjunctive. By the end of the course (20 weeks), participants will be able to converse reasonably fluently with native speakers and discuss personal, social and current issues using appropriate structures. Cultural awareness will be further developed. Language learning skills and methods for approaching authentic material will be enhanced.

Advanced: For learners who have a good command of the language and its main grammatical structures or who have recently achieved a good grade at A-Level. By the end of the course (20 weeks), participants will be able to converse with native speakers, follow debates, give a short presentation and discuss current issues (local and worldwide) using more complex and linguistically accurate structures. Cultural awareness will be further developed and raised within a European/global context. Language learning skills and methods for approaching authentic material will be further enhanced.

Post-Advanced: For speakers who are able to use the language with a high degree of fluency and accuracy. At this level, participants will improve their command of topic-related vocabulary and the ability to vary their style according to the situation. Participants will be able to use all forms of the language in a professional environment. Cultural awareness will be further developed and raised within a European/global context. Language learning skills and methods for approaching authentic material will be further enhanced.

A certificate of attendance can be issued upon request (with a minimum of 70% course attendance).



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my lessons, which are extremely well prepared and fun. I have improved in all aspects of learning and speaking the language.”

“An excellent teacher. Great course. Great service.”



The UCL Language Centre

Nearest tube stations
Euston, Russell Square
or Goodge Street

Registration and how to apply

Enrolment periods:

Monday to Friday from 11:00 to 18:00

Autumn Term: 8th August to 30th September 2011

Winter Term: 7th November to 16th December 2011

Summer Term: 27th February to 30th March 2012

In order to enrol, participants should fill in the online application form on our website and contact the UCL Language Centre on 020 7679 5454 within two working days to submit payment for the course. Please note that a place on the course will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment.

Criteria for placement in a class: beginners do not need a language assessment; for all other levels participants need to check on our website to see the schedule of assessment dates, and for all other levels participants need to check the schedule of assessment dates on our website and book it online.

Fees:

£280 for 10 weeks (2 hours per week)

£530 for 20 weeks (2 hours per week)

£775 for 30 weeks (2 hours per week)

Concessions are available for UCL and University of London alumni, staff and students (proof of university affiliation must be shown). Fees can be paid by:

- credit/debit card within two working days of submission of the online application form. Participants should contact us on 020 7679 5454 to pay over the phone;
- cheque (payable to UCL) to be sent together with the application form or submitted in person in room LG10 at the UCL Language Centre;
- cash – payable only in person in room LG10 at the UCL Language Centre;
- participants funded by their employer should submit a signed sponsorship document at enrolment. This should be a letter from the employer on the organisation's headed paper, stating the participant's name, the language applied for, and the amount of sponsorship. An invoice will then be sent from our finance department.

Course confirmation will be posted to participant's home address once all classes have been timetabled. An e-mail will be circulated in the first week of term confirming the class location.

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