**The University Language Centre**

The University Language Centre provides courses and language learning resources for students from a wide variety of disciplines wishing to include a modern languages element within their studies. It also offers a wide range of courses and services for international students for whom English is not a first language.

**Language courses**

Offered as part of the University Language Centre’s institution-wide language programme (LEAP), these courses are available to students from across the University and may be studied on a credit or on a non-credit basis to complement your degree. Currently there are 17 languages offered, ranging from the main international languages to a number of less-widely taught languages:

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| * Arabic
* British Sign language
* Mandarin Chinese
* Dutch
* French
* German
* Hebrew
* Italian
* Japanese
 | * Korean
* Polish
* Persian
* Portuguese
* Russian
* Spanish
* Turkish
* Urdu
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For more information on the full range of languages and levels that are available, please consult the University Language Centre website via the link given below.

**English Language Support: In-sessional**

Whether or not English is your first language, we hope you will find our classes useful. In our workshops, experienced tutors will help you get the most out of your studies by exploring the key features of both written academic and spoken English. A particular emphasis is placed on communicating well with your intended audience. We also aim to boost your confidence to work independently in English.

Currently, we have classes available in academic writing, speaking and grammar. They are free of charge to current students and do not carry academic credit. You can find out more about these helpful classes – and get the latest updates - at: [www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/insessional](http://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/insessional) or on Twitter: @UoMLangCentre

In September 2019, we are launching some self-study materials on Blackboard. For full details, please see [www.manchester.ac.uk/academicenglishsupport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/academicenglishsupport)

PhD candidates may also book a free one-to-one academic writing consultation with English for academic purposes tutor. You submit a sample of your own writing when booking, and the tutor will then offer tailored advice and feedback specific to your needs. The feedback will focus on areas such as structure, clarity and appropriate use of English.

Full details at: [www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/tutorials](http://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/tutorials)

**Open Learning Facilities**

The University Language Centre’s open learning facilities, situated in the Samuel Alexander Building, offer:

* A well stocked library of materials in text, audio, DVD and CD-ROM formats
* Materials in more than 80 languages
* Two suites of dedicated multimedia PCs for computer aided language learning, DVD playback and access to TVoverIP (for viewing live satellite channels via the University network)
* Booths with LCD screens for group viewing of DVDs
* A conversation room for group work and voice recordings
* Short-term loan of digital recorders, cameras, webcams, etc
* Support and advice for learners from expert staff and through on-line resources
* Access to the Face-to-Face scheme: This is a reciprocal language learning scheme, in which students can meet with native speakers of the language they are learning. International students find that this is a good way to meet home students and to become more integrated into the University.  Home students can prepare themselves for study abroad by finding out about their partners’ home universities and cultures.

A full guide to the University Language Centre’s courses, services and its language learning resources is available at: **http://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk**