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Free courses

For the next academic year, the University is offering all full time undergraduate students the opportunity to study a foreign language for free. Whether you are a beginner or wish to brush up and build on your existing knowledge, learning a language can be fun, rewarding and enhance your career prospects.

If you do not study a language as a Module Outside the Main Discipline (MOMD), you now have the opportunity to take a free Open Access language course with no fee to pay. The places are funded by your home School/College.

These free language courses can be used to earn credits towards the Personal Skills Award (PSA).

Places are limited so we ask that you are committed to learning a language and the work entailed before taking up the place of a fellow student.

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Terms and Conditions

- Places are limited and are available on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.
- Only one free language course per student. Places are not available to students already undertaking a language course as a **Module Outside the Main Discipline (MOMD) (/facilities/cml/iwlp/momd/index.aspx)** .
- In line with all University modules, a minimum of 70% attendance is required for satisfactory completion of the course.
- To achieve a non-credit bearing notification of completion on your transcript, completion of a minimum of 6 pieces of formative assessment (3 in each semester) is required. These are informal assessments and their format will vary by language and level.
- Failure to attend 3 sessions in a row without a valid reason will result in expulsion from the course.
- Students will be enrolled on **Open Access (/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/index.aspx)** language modules to facilitate access to course material on Canvas and to allow course completion to be recorded on student transcripts. These modules do not contribute credits to students’ degree programmes and will not impact on any other marks.
- We reserve the right to decline enrolments which are not appropriate to students’ previous knowledge/experience of the language level.

How to apply

You can register your interest for a place on a free language course from **Friday 2 May** on the **dedicated Canvas page (https://canvas.bham.ac.uk/courses/5811)** .

Places will be confirmed to students via Canvas in Week 1 of the Autumn Term and teaching will start in Week 2.

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