

## Frequently asked questions on Modules Outside the Main Discipline

### Options:

#### I want to study a language while I'm at University even though it's not my main subject – can I get credits from a language course?

Yes – the MOMD programme allows students to study a language for credits. Most degree programmes allow MOMD study, although there are exceptions, notably degrees in the Medical School, and Joint Honours programmes.

#### Can I take a language MOMD course if I don't need credits from language study?

No, places on MOMD courses are reserved for students who require credits. If you already have your full 120 credits allocated to other modules, you can study a language as an **Open Access course**. ([/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/index.aspx](http://facilities/cml/iwlp/open/index.aspx))

#### I only have 10 credits to use for MOMD study. Can I take a language MOMD for one semester only?

No. All language MOMDs are worth 20 credits and must be taken for 2 semesters, starting in the autumn term.

#### What languages can I study?

At present, the LfA MOMD programme offers Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Portuguese, Basque, Catalan, and Galician are also offered by the **Hispanic Studies** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/lcahm/departments/hispanic/index.aspx>) team.

#### What levels are these languages available at?

- French, German, Japanese and Spanish are available at 7 levels: Level 1 (Beginners) to Level 8 (post A2).
- Our other languages are available at Level 1 (Beginner), level 2 (Near Beginner) and Level 3 (Lower Intermediate).

#### Where can I find more detailed information about the options available to me?

All MOMD handbooks containing descriptions of these modules are online at <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/policy/programmemodule/handbook/momd.aspx> (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/policy/programmemodule/handbook/momd.aspx>)

#### Can postgraduate students earn credits from language MOMDs?

Normally not. The language MOMDs are undergraduate modules and the credits do not normally contribute towards a postgraduate qualification. Students are advised to consult their course leader. Postgraduate students who wish to study a language should enrol for an Open Access course.

### Timetable:

#### What is the timetable for language MOMDs?

Classes are for 2 hours a week and are mainly timetabled in the University MOMD timetable slots so that the times are compatible with degree programmes which allow for MOMD study. [Click here for a timetable \(PDF - 292KB\)](#) ([/Documents/college-artslaw/cml/iwlp-timetable.pdf](#))

#### I can't attend all the timetabled hours for my language MOMD. What should I do?

First of all, approach your home department. If you can study an MOMD subject, you should be available in the MOMD timeslots. Your department should be able to change your seminar/lab group if this is causing you a problem with your chosen MOMD subject. If you have a core lecture in an MOMD slot which cannot be moved by your department, please let us know in case we can suggest an alternative group.

### Enrolment:

#### How do I enrol for a language MOMD?

New first year students enrol at the MOMD Fair in Welcome Week (details will be supplied by your Department if you are eligible for MOMD study) or, subject to availability of places, in week 1 of the autumn term in the Modern Languages office (Ashley Building, Room G13)

Continuing students should complete the enrolment form provided by your language tutor before the end of your current year to secure your place on the course in the following year, or when you return to the University in the autumn term (subject to availability of places).

#### Can I join a language MOMD once the course has started?

Subject to places being available, you can join in the first 3 weeks of the course, but you will need to put in extra work to catch up on what you have missed. However, we do not accept any new enrolments for level 1 courses after Week 2.

#### What qualifications do I need to enrol for a language MOMD?

As an indication:

Level 1: GCSE grade A to C (or equivalent evidence of language study) in [another](#) language

Level 2: about 50 hours of previous study of the language you wish to study

Level 3: about 100 hours of previous study of the language or GCSE grade D and below (or equivalent)

Level 4: GCSE grade A to C (or equivalent) in the language you wish to study (includes some revision)

Level 5: AS grade A to C (or equivalent) in the language you wish to study (includes some revision)

Level 6: Advanced: A2 grade A to C (or equivalent) in the language you wish to study

Level 7: one year of UG study after A2 (or equivalent) in the language you wish to study

Level 8: for proficient learners who wish to concentrate on progress on oral skills.

### Year 2 Students:

## **I didn't take a language MOMD in my first year, but want to start in the second year of my degree. Can I do this?**

You can join a Year 2 course as a direct entrant as long as you have some previous knowledge of the language you wish to study. Students who wish to apply for direct entry into a Year 2 language MOMD should contact the relevant Language Co-ordinator in LfA, who will decide on the most appropriate course for you, based on your current competence and your year of study. If you wish to pursue this option, contact the Undergraduate Administrator (details below) in the first instance.

## **Can I join a beginner's language MOMD in Year 2 of my degree?**

This is sometimes possible, but is subject to your availability in the timetable slots for Level 1 courses. You also need to be aware that you will be awarded credits at Level C (Certificate level) not Level I (Intermediate level), and will therefore need to pass all your other Year 2 modules in order to progress to your third year. Students who are considering this option should consult the appropriate member of staff in their home department for advice.

## **Erasmus Students:**

### **I am an Erasmus student – can I take a language MOMD?**

Yes, Erasmus and Exchange students can take a language MOMD course as long as the course times fit the timetable of their compulsory modules. Erasmus students with absolutely no previous knowledge of the language of study should enrol in a Level 1 module. Students who have learned the language previously should consult the appropriate Language Co-ordinator in LfA to identify the most suitable level of study for them.

## **General:**

### **I would like to talk to someone about language MOMDs. Who can I contact?**

In the first instance, contact the Undergraduate Administrator at [lfa@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lfa@contacts.bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:lfa@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

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