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Learn a language, experience a new culture. There's something for everyone on our Open Access Programme.

Languages for All runs courses for University of Birmingham students, staff, and members of the public. Courses are held on the [main University Edgbaston campus \(/http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/index.aspx\)](#)

Please read the information below and then check dates and times under [languages offered \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/index.aspx\)](#) ([Arabic \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/arabic.aspx\)](#), [Chinese \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/chinese.aspx\)](#), [French \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/french.aspx\)](#), [German \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/german.aspx\)](#), [Italian \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/italian.aspx\)](#), [Japanese \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/japanese.aspx\)](#), and [Spanish \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/languages-offered/spanish.aspx\)](#)) before making a booking.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer all languages at all times.

Group Size

Groups consist of a maximum of 16 students.

Text book

Most of our courses have a set textbook which you will need to buy. Details will be given at the first class.

Minimum age

Languages for All only accepts students who are 18 years of age or over at the time of enrolment.

Language levels

Before enrolling on a course always check your starting level. Don't guess. One of the key factors in getting the most out of your language course is to start at the correct level, and this will depend on your previous language experience.

Previous knowledge of the language

If you have some previous knowledge of the language but are unsure of your current level, refer to the Quick Guide below and maybe try one of our [placement tests \(/facilities/cml/placement/index.aspx\)](#) which you can print and complete at leisure. We have tests for most of the languages offered and they will give you an indication of your current language level.

Quick Guide to levels

- Post beginner (already completed a Beginners course) - start at Level 2
- GCSE level but needs practice - Level 3
- GCSE level Grade A/B - Level 4
- AS level or old A level - Level 5
- A level - Level 6
- Recent A level or equivalent and Degree level - Level 7

Alternatively, refer to the [What level am I? \(/facilities/cml/level.aspx\)](#) grid and compare your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills against those provided for each level.

We also have a list of [Frequently asked questions \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/faq.aspx\)](#) which may help you with any general enquiries.

And if you're still unsure, send us an [online enquiry \(/http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/cml/contact/index.aspx\)](#) and we'll be happy to help.