

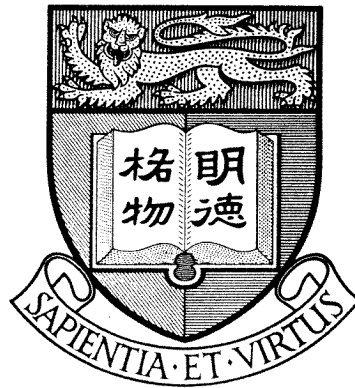
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# INTRODUCTION

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LANGUAGE CENTRE

The Language Centre was established in 1968. Its initial function was to centralize and develop facilities for language teaching in the University. Over the years to follow, the Language Centre built up programmes in European and Asian languages, including Japanese, Chinese for foreign speakers and English enhancement. These latter three programmes are now handled by the Department of Japanese Studies, the Department of Chinese and the English Centre, respectively. The Language Centre today is based now in the Faculty of Arts and is responsible for the teaching of degree and non-degree (including certificate level) courses in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai throughout the University.

Hong Kong stands at the cross-roads between East and West and a knowledge of the various European and Asian languages fosters understanding and enhances Hong Kong's position as an international centre. The Language Centre will continue its current offerings and hopes to introduce new language programmes, especially in Asian languages, in the coming years.



## Modern Teaching Methods

The Language Centre is one of the best equipped Centres for the teaching of languages in Asia. In addition to specially equipped special purpose teaching rooms for scheduled classes, the centre also runs self access facilities for self-instructional learning, equipped with audio-visual and computer facilities. There is also an audio recording studio for making audio recordings and a video workshop for the production of teaching materials and for taping student activities for language performance reviews. Language Centre staff have carried out extensive work in the production of teaching materials.

The teaching process in the Language Centre is founded on two distinct but essential strands, one human, the other electronic. The first of these is teacher contact: all languages are taught in small group settings which allow maximum individual attention in virtually all learning situations. The second is the investment in modern audio-visual and computerized equipment which include:

- audio-visual equipment with a range of practice materials in various languages
- self-access facilities including a Practice Laboratory and a Language Resource Centre having a total of 57 A-V booths and 22 booths equipped with computer workstations, all facilitating oral practice and revision, and for other self-learning activities on an individual, pair or group basis
- three classroom, audio-active comparative language laboratories for scheduled classes
- two multi-media learning centres (MMLC's) each with 30 student workstations for scheduled classes. These centres are capable of functioning as computer laboratories, language laboratories or as multi-media centres for the distribution of audio and video materials as well as for accessing outside networks
- the latest PC computer hardware and a comprehensive range of CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) software in various languages, including French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai. Other software caters for students of English, Chinese and Japanese
- equipment for receiving and distributing foreign language broadcasts from satellites for student viewing.

In addition, visits to European countries are arranged so as to enable students to attend summer courses and use European languages in their natural environment. These visits usually take place after the second year of study.

## French Section

The Language Centre offers various options to undergraduates who wish to study French in the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **major in French** or a **minor in French** (*pp. 17-23*)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in French** (*pp. 39-40*)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Business and Economics (*pp. 39-40*)

4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (pp. 53-55) and,
5. Courses leading to the award of the **Certificate in French**. This programme is open to undergraduates from all faculties on a non-credit basis, but places are limited. Priority is given to applicants from faculties other than Arts, Social Sciences and Business and Economics, as students in these three faculties have the opportunity to take French at degree level as part of their normal degree curriculum (pp. 73-75).

These programmes stretch over a period of three years and it is recommended that students enrol in a programme as early as their first year of studies in the University. The programmes aim to give students a good command of the language in four different respects: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The courses also aim at providing students with a better knowledge of contemporary French society and culture through the use and discussion of selected materials drawn from updated sources.

Students taking French are strongly encouraged to travel to France during the course of their studies. The most appropriate period is the summer vacation at the end of the second year. In order to facilitate these trips, the French staff has built up, over the years, a number of links with French universities and language institutes: University La Sorbonne in Paris, Institut Catholique of Paris, University of Dijon, University of Perpignan, Brest Language Institute, University of Grenoble, Centre de Linguistique Appliquée in Besançon, and others. The French staff has also developed links with some French-speaking academic institutions in Quebec, Canada. Moreover, First Year students will be offered the opportunity to travel in the summer to Beijing to attend a 3-week intensive course in French at Capital Normal University, while brushing up their Putonghua skills.

Locally, the French staff cooperates closely with the Cultural Service of the Consulate General of France, which offers, in addition to regular cultural events, counselling and guidance to individuals intending to continue their studies in France (see: <http://www.france.com.hk>). Every year, several scholarships for long-term study in France are put on offer by the French Education Ministry through the Consulate's services, to which students in French at the University of Hong Kong are welcome to apply. In addition, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Consulate General of France as well as of several donors from the private sector (Hermès Ltd, Dragages Ltd, Bogart Ltd), many students in French at the Language Centre have benefited over the years from study grants to cover the cost of intensive language courses in France during the summer. Finally, a "Prize of the Consulate General of France" is awarded every year to a meriting Third Year student in French.

## German Section

The German Section of the Language Centre offers four different language programmes to undergraduates in the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in German** (pp. 24-28)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in German** (pp. 41-43)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in Faculty of Business and Economics (pp. 41 - 43)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (pp. 55-58)
5. Courses leading to the award of the **Certificate in German**, open to undergraduates from all faculties (pp. 76-78)

These programmes are validated by external examiners and aim to provide students with oral as well as written language skills. The different programmes allow students to gain a deeper insight into contemporary life and culture in Germany through the study of a broad range of authentic materials. Students will be able to experience life in Germany first-hand by participating in one of the summer language courses offered by German universities or by enrolling in courses of one or two semesters' duration at selected universities in Germany and Austria e.g. the Junior Year Programme or European Semester offered by the University of Bonn. An increasing number of German universities are now offering study programmes at postgraduate level taught in English. Our language programmes will provide students who are interested in furthering their studies in Germany with the necessary language skills and cultural knowledge to adapt to the German speaking environment outside the classroom.

The German Section has well established links with tertiary institutions in Germany including the universities of Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Bonn, Leipzig, Bayreuth, Tübingen, Saarbrücken and Freiburg, which allow students to attend summer language courses in different parts of Germany after their second year of language studies. Official exchanges exist between The University of Hong Kong and the University of Bonn and Bremen Hochschule. More recently, the University has also established an exchange programme with the University of Salzburg in Austria. All in all, the Section has contacts with about 30 universities in Germany.

The German Section also maintains close relationships with the German Consulate General in Hong Kong, the German Goethe-Institute Hong Kong (German Cultural Centre) and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).

In order to support students from The University of Hong Kong who have obtained excellent results in studying German and to encourage cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and Germany, Lufthansa German Airlines, in co-operation with the University of Hong Kong, established the "Lufthansa Scholarship" in 1997. The scholarship consists of free round trip air tickets to Germany and is open to BA Year II students who are studying German degree courses in the Language Centre and who wish to enrol in summer language courses offered by universities in Germany after their second year of studies.

## Italian Section

The Language Centre's Italian Section offers degree and Certificate level language courses from beginners to advanced levels to all faculties. Links have been established with the Italian Consulate through visiting staff and scholarships are offered by the Italian Chamber of Commerce to the students who want to work with Italian companies. The courses offered by the Italian Section are::

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in Italian** (pp. 28-31)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in Italian** (pp. 43-45)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in Faculty of Business and Economics (pp. 43-45)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (pp. 59-61)
5. Courses leading to the award of the **Certificate in Italian**, open to undergraduates from all faculties (pp. 79-81)

These programmes stretch over a period of three years. Therefore, it is recommended that students enrol as early as possible upon starting their studies at the University. The objective of these programmes is to give students a good

command of the language in its four different aspects: speaking, listening reading and writing. The courses also aim at giving an insight into the contemporary Italian culture and society.

Students taking Italian are encouraged to travel to Italy during the course of their studies, preferably in the summer period after completing their second year. In order to facilitate these trips, the Italian section has built up links with the Italian Universities of Perugia and Siena who have put on offer several scholarships since the year 2000.

The Italian government has also contributed to the development of Italian studies at The University of Hong Kong by providing a full-time teacher since 1998. Locally, the Italian section cooperates closely with the cultural service of the Italian Consulate General jointly organizing cultural and social events.

The Italian section is also liaising with the University of Venice "Ca Foscari" to start a programme of students and teachers exchange between the two universities. That will be effective next year or in 2003.

An agreement was signed in 2000 between the Italian Business Association of Hong Kong, the Italian Chamber of Commerce in the Hong Kong and the Language Centre of the University of Hong Kong to provide the students of Italian at The University of Hong Kong with an opportunity of working in Italian companies which are members of the Chamber of Commerce. To improve their knowledge and use of spoken and written Italian, this internship programme is offered only during the summer.

## Portuguese Section

Portuguese language courses, organized by the Language Centre with support from the Consulate General of Portugal in Hong Kong, the Portuguese Institute of the Orient and the Camoes Institute are available to all students in the University. The Portuguese section of the Language Centre offers four different language programmes to students of the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in Portuguese** (pp. 31-33)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in Portuguese** (pp. 45-46)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Business and Economics (pp. 45-46)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (pp. 62-64)
5. Courses leading to the award of the **Certificate in Portuguese**, open to undergraduates of all faculties (pp.82-84)

## Spanish Section

The Spanish section of the Language Centre offers four different language programmes to students in the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in Spanish** (pp. 33-35)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in Spanish** (pp. 47-49)

3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Business and Economics (*pp. 47-49*)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (*pp. 64-67*)
5. Courses leading to the award of the **Certificate in Spanish**, open to all undergraduates of all faculties (*pp. 85 - 87*)

These programmes stretch over a period of three years. Therefore, it is recommended that students enrol as early as possible upon starting their studies at the University. The programmes aim to give students a good command of the language in its four different aspects: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The courses also aim at giving an insight into the culture and society of Spanish speaking countries.

Students taking Spanish are encouraged to travel to Spain during the course of their studies, preferably in the summer period after completing their second year. In order to facilitate these trips, the Spanish section has recently built up links with various Spanish universities which offer summer courses for overseas students. For more information visit the Spanish section website ([www.hku.hk/spanish](http://www.hku.hk/spanish)). There might be a possibility of obtaining scholarships in the near future for outstanding students to study in Spain.

The Spanish government has also contributed to the development of Spanish studies at The University of Hong Kong by providing a full-time visiting teacher since 1993.

## Swedish Section

The Swedish section of the Language Centre offers four different language programmes to students at the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in Swedish** (*pp. 36-37*)
2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in Swedish** (*p. 49-51*)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Business and Economics (*pp.49-51*)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (*pp. 67-70*)
5. Non-degree and non-certificate Swedish courses are open to students from all faculties (*p. 88*)

The Swedish program has been receiving continuous support from the Swedish government through the Swedish Institute and from Swedish organisations in Hong Kong. The section has built up links with several Swedish universities and language institutes which allow interested students to attend summer language courses in Sweden. The University of Hong Kong has official exchange agreements with the University of Lund and the University of Uppsala, in particular.

## Thai Section

The Thai section of the Language Centre offers four different language programmes to students of the University:

1. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts, which can lead to a **minor in Thai** (*pp. 37-39*)



2. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences, which can lead to a **minor in Thai** (pp. 51-52)
3. Degree courses open to undergraduates in the Faculty of Business and Economics (pp.51-52)
4. Degree courses offered as inter-faculty electives (pp. 70-72)
5. Non-degree and non-certificate Thai courses open to students from all faculties (p. 89)

There is also a Basic Thai course offered to the University staff and the general public. (p. 89)

## DEGREE COURSES

### Faculty of Arts

The Language Centre offers courses to students in the Faculty of Arts in the following streams:

#### 1. Major in French

Students enrolled in French courses in their first year may choose to major in French in their second and third years. The objective of the programme is to bring participants to a high level of proficiency in the language as well as to provide them with a sound knowledge of French society and culture.

In order to declare a major in French, applicants must initially complete two foundation courses in their first year (**French I.1 & French I.2**, first and second semesters, 18 credits in all) and achieve a Grade C minimum in these courses. In addition, applicants will normally be required to take part in an intensive course offered by the Centre at the end of the second semester (usually in June).

In their second and third years of studies, students pursuing a major in French must take a total of 48 credits of French courses which should normally be distributed as follows: in the Second Year, 24 credits from courses at Level 200, of which 12 credits must be from the core language course **French Language II.1**; in the Third Year, 24 credits from courses at Level 300, of which 12 credits must be from the core language course **French Language III.1**. ( See list of courses below). In addition, students will normally be required to take part in an intensive course offered by the Centre at the end of the fourth semester (usually in June). Alternatively, students will be strongly encouraged to participate in a linguistic stay in France during the summer.

<b>First Year</b>	LANG1001 : French I.1 (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1002 : French I.2 (12 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Second Year</b>	LANG2001 : French Language - II.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG2002 : French Language and Culture - II.2 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2003 : French Speech and Sounds - II.3 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2033 : Introduction to French/Chinese Translation - II.4 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG2034 : Introduction to French/English Translation - II.5 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Third Year</b>	LANG3001 : French Language - III.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG3003 : French/English Translation - Practical Skills - III.3 (3 credits/1st semester only)

- LANG3004 : French/Chinese Translation - Practical Skills - III.4 (3 credits/2nd semester only)  
 LANG3005 : French and Business - III.5 (3 credits/2nd semester only)  
 LANG3022 : French Eastern Narratives - III.6 (3 credits/1st semester only)  
 LANG3033 : French Media & Advertising - III.7 (3 credits/2nd semester only)  
 LANG3034 : French Essay Writing - III. 8 (3 credits/2nd semester only)  
 LANG3035 : French Literature of the 19th and 20th centuries - III.9 (3 credits/2nd semester only)  
 LANG3036 : French Society & Cinema - III.2 (3 credits/1st semester only)

## 2. Language Minors

A Language minor will provide students with a good command of the four different language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. A language minor will also allow students to gain a deeper insight into the contemporary life and culture of the respective country. Languages combine well with all major programmes offered within the Arts Faculty and they also provide students with additional opportunities to pursue further studies overseas.

In order to qualify for a Minor in a language students must complete a total of 24 credits in one of the languages listed below (12 credits in their 2nd year and a further 12 credits in their third year):

### FRENCH

- Year II** LANG2001 : French Language - II.1 (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3001 : French Language - III.1 (12 credits/whole year)

### GERMAN

- Year II** LANG2004 : Deutsch II.1 - German II.1 (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3007 : Deutsch III.1 - German III.1 (12 credits/whole year)

### ITALIAN

- Year II** LANG2010 : Italian II (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3012 : Italian III (12 credits/whole year)

### PORTUGUESE

- Year II** LANG2024 : Portuguese II (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3026 : Portuguese III (12 credits/whole year)

### SPANISH

- Year II** LANG2011 : Spanish II (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3013 : Spanish III (12 credits/whole year)

### SWEDISH

- Year II** LANG2023 : Swedish II (12 credits/whole year)  
**Year III** LANG3025 : Swedish III (12 credits/whole year)

## THAI

<b>Year II</b>	LANG2022 : Thai II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3024 : Thai III (12 credits/whole year)

### 3. Core or optional courses in the European Studies programme

The programme in European Studies provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of European civilization with a solid foundation in at least one European language. Students who have successfully completed **French I.1 and I.2 OR German I.1 and I.2 OR Italian I.1 and I.2 OR Spanish I.1 and I.2** and who fulfill the remaining requirements as set out by the European Studies Programme will be eligible to major in European Studies in their second and third year.

#### Programme structure and administration

The European Studies Programme is administered through the Faculty of Arts by a board of European Studies. Members include representatives of the eleven departments that contribute to the major, teachers of European Studies courses, student representatives, the deans of Arts and Social Sciences, the Programme Coordinator, and a Chairman of the Board elected by members.

#### Programme Requirements

To major in European Studies, a student must take the three European Studies Core Courses (EUST1001, EUST2001, EUST3001); three years of a Core Language (French, German, Italian or Spanish); and a minimum of twenty-four credits from an approved list of second- and third-year departmental courses. Any European Studies student who successfully fulfils the requirements of the major in French or minor in French, German, Italian or Spanish will be deemed to have satisfied the language requirement of the European Studies major. In such a case, the student will be required either to take a second language in place of the first, or to increase the load of departmental courses from 24 credits to 48 credits; and a minimum of twenty-four credits from an approved list of second- and third-year department courses offered by the eleven participating departments.

## FRENCH

<b>Core Courses:</b>	LANG1001 : French I.1 (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1002 : French I.2 (12 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG2001 : French Language - II.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG3001 : French Language - III.1 (12 credits/whole year)

<b>Optional Courses:</b>	LANG2002 : French Language and Culture - II.2 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2003 : French Speech and Sounds - II.3 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG3003 : French/English Translation : Practical Skills - III.3 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG3004 : French/Chinese Translation : Practical Skills - III.4 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3005 : French and Business - III.5 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3022 : French Eastern Narratives - III.6 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG3036 : French Society & Cinema - III.2 (3 credits/1st semester only)

## GERMAN

**Core Courses:** LANG1003 : German I.1- Deutsch I.1 (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1004 : German I.2 - Deutsch I.2 (*12 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG2004 : Deutsch II.1 -German II.1 (*12 credits/whole year*)  
LANG3007 : Deutsch III.1 - German III.1 (*12 credits/whole year*)

**Optional Courses:** LANG0002 : Introducing Germany and the Germans (*3 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG2008 : Übersetzungsübung I - Translation Exercise I (*6 credits/whole year*)  
LANG2020 : Landeskunde Deutschland - German Area Studies (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG3008 : Lektürekurs - Reading Course (*3 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG3009 : Auszüge aus der deutschen Literatur - Extracts from German Literature  
(*3 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG3010 : Projektkurs - German Project (*3 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG3023 : Übersetzungsübung II (Translation exercise II) (*6 credits/whole year*)

## ITALIAN

**Core Courses:** LANG1007 : Italian I.1 (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1008 : Italian I.2 (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG2010 : Italian II (*12 credits/whole year*)  
LANG3012 : Italian III (*12 credits/whole year*)

**Optional Courses:** LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian life and culture (*3 credits/2nd semester only*)

## SPANISH

**Core Courses:** LANG1010 : Spanish I.1 (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1011 : Spanish I.2 (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)  
LANG2011 : Spanish II (*12 credits/whole year*)  
LANG3013 : Spanish III (*12 credits/whole year*)

**Optional Courses:** LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish culture (*3 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature  
(*3 credits/2nd semester only*)

#### 4. Courses which may be taken in combination with other B.A. majors in the Faculty of Arts

In this stream, the following courses will be available:

## FRENCH

**Year I** LANG1001 : French I.1 (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1002 : French I.2 (*12 credits/2nd semester only*)  
**Year II** LANG2001 : French Language - II.1 (*12 credits/whole year*)

	LANG2002 : French Language and Culture - II.2 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2003 : French Speech and Sounds - II.3 (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2033 : Introduction to French/Chinese Translation - II.4 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG2034 : Introduction to French/English Translation - II.5 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3001 : French Language - III.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG3003 : French/English Translation - Practical Skills - III.3 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG3004 : French/Chinese Translation - Practical Skills - III.4 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3005 : French and Business - III.5 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3022 : French Eastern Narratives - III.6 (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG3033 : French Media & Advertising - III.7 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3034 : French Essay Writing - III.8 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3035 : French Literature of the 19th and 20th centuries - III.9 (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3036 : French Society & Cinema - III.2 (3 credits/1st semester only)

## GERMAN

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1003 : German I.1 - Deutsch I.1 (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1004 : German I.2 - Deutsch I.2 (12 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II / III</b>	LANG0002 : Introducing Germany and the Germans (3 credits/1st semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2004 : Deutsch II.1 - German II.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG2008 : Übersetzungsübung I - Translation Exercise I (6 credits/whole year)
	LANG2020 : Landeskunde Deutschland - German Area Studies (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3007 : Deutsch III.1 - German III.1 (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG3008 : Lektürekurs - Reading Course (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG3009 : Auszüge aus der deutschen Literatur - Extracts from German Literature (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3010 : Projektkurs - German Project (3 credits/2nd semester only)
	LANG3023 : Übersetzungsübung II - Translation Exercise II (6 credits/whole year)

## ITALIAN

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1007 : Italian I.1 (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1008 : Italian I.2 (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II / III</b>	LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture (3 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2010 : Italian II (12 credits/whole year)
	LANG2031 : Italian Reading (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG2032 : Italian and Business (3 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3012 : Italian III (12 credits/whole year)

## PORTUGUESE

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2024 : Portuguese II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3026 : Portuguese III (12 credits/whole year)

## SPANISH

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1010 : Spanish I.1 (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1011 : Spanish I.2 (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II / III</b>	LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture (3 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature (3 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2011 : Spanish II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3013 : Spanish III (12 credits/whole year)

## SWEDISH

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2023 : Swedish II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3025 : Swedish III (12 credits/whole year)

## THAI

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2022 : Thai II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3024 : Thai III (12 credits/whole year)

## Faculty of Social Sciences / Faculty of Business and Economics

The Language Centre offers courses to students in the Faculty of Social Sciences and to students in the Faculty of Business and Economics in the following streams:-

- 1. Courses which form the core or which can be taken as options in the Programme in European Studies (suspended since 1998).**
- 2. Courses which can be taken in combination with various curricula or programmes in the Faculty of Social Sciences or the Faculty of Business and Economics.**

In this stream, students can read up to the equivalent of 12 credits in their first year, and 24 credits in their second and third years (12 credits in each year) . Students in the Faculty of Social Sciences may apply to take both Parts of the 6-credit junior level language courses but with Part I counted within the 180-credit requirement and Part II counted on top of the 180-credit requirement. Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences who obtain a minimum of 24 credits in any one single language in their second and third year will be able to declare a minor in that language.

## FRENCH

<b>Year I</b>	LANG1005 : French I - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)
	LANG1027 : French I - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
<b>Year II</b>	LANG2007 : French II (12 credits/whole year)
<b>Year III</b>	LANG3006 : French III (12 credits/whole year)

## GERMAN

- Year I / II / III** YXXXXXXX : Introducing Germany and the Germans (3 credits/1st semester only)
- Year I** LANG1006 : German I - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1028 : German I - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year III** LANG2009 : German II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3011 : German III (12 credits/whole year)

## ITALIAN

- Year I / II / III** LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture (3 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year I** LANG1009 : Italian I - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1029 : Italian I - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year II** LANG2010 : Italian II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3012 : Italian III (12 credits/whole year)

## PORTUGUESE

- Year I** LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year II** LANG2024 : Portuguese II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3026 : Portuguese III (12 credits/whole year)

## SPANISH

- Year I / II / III** LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture (3 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature (3 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year I** LANG1013 : Spanish I - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1030 : Spanish I - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year II** LANG2011 : Spanish II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3013 : Spanish III (12 credits/whole year)

## SWEDISH

- Year I** LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year II** LANG2023 : Swedish II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3025 : Swedish III (12 credits/whole year)

## THAI

- Year I** LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I (6 credits/1st semester only)  
LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II (6 credits/2nd semester only)
- Year II** LANG2022 : Thai II (12 credits/whole year)
- Year III** LANG3024 : Thai III (12 credits/whole year)

# Interfaculty Electives (for the faculties of Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law and Science)

## FRENCH

- Year I** LANG1012 : French for Beginners - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1017 : French for Beginners - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year II** LANG2012 : Intermediate French - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG2013 : Intermediate French - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year III** LANG3014 : Advanced French - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG3015 : Advanced French - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)

## GERMAN

- Year I / II / III** YXXXXXXX : Introducing Germany and the Germans (*3 credits/1st semester only*)
- Year I** LANG1014 : German for Beginners - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1018 : German for Beginners - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year II** LANG2014 : Deutsch II - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG2015 : Deutsch II - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year III** LANG3016 : Deutsch III - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG3017 : Deutsch III - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)

## ITALIAN

- Year I / II / III** LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture (*3 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year I** LANG1015 : Italian for Beginners - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1019 : Italian for Beginners - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year II** LANG2016 : Intermediate Italian - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG2017 : Intermediate Italian - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year III** LANG3018 : Advanced Italian - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG3019 : Advanced Italian - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)

## PORTUGUESE

- Year I** LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year II** LANG2029 : Intermediate Portuguese - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG2030 : Intermediate Portuguese - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)
- Year III** LANG3031 : Advanced Portuguese - Part I (*6 credits/1st semester only*)  
LANG3032 : Advanced Portuguese - Part II (*6 credits/2nd semester only*)



## SPANISH

- Year I / II / III** LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture *(3 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature  
*(3 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year I** LANG1016 : Spanish for Beginners - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG1020 : Spanish for Beginners - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year II** LANG2018 : Intermediate Spanish - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG2019 : Intermediate Spanish - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year III** LANG3020 : Advanced Spanish - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG3021 : Advanced Spanish - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*

## SWEDISH

- Year I** LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year II** LANG2027 : Intermediate Swedish - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG2028 : Intermediate Swedish - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year III** LANG3029 : Advanced Swedish - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG3030 : Advanced Swedish - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*

## THAI

- Year I** LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year II** LANG2025 : Intermediate Thai - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG2026 : Intermediate Thai - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*
- Year III** LANG3027 : Advanced Thai - Part I *(6 credits/1st semester only)*  
LANG3028 : Advanced Thai - Part II *(6 credits/2nd semester only)*

## CERTIFICATE COURSES

### For All Faculties

#### FRENCH

French for Beginners  
Transition for French I \*  
Intermediate French  
Transition for French II \*  
Advanced French

#### ITALIAN

Italian for Beginners  
Transition for Italian I \*  
Intermediate Italian  
Transition for Italian II \*  
Advanced Italian

#### SPANISH

Spanish for Beginners  
Transition for Spanish I \*  
Intermediate Spanish  
Transition for Spanish II \*  
Advanced Spanish

#### GERMAN

German for Beginners  
Transition Course for German for Beginners \*  
Intermediate German  
Intermediate German - Intensive \*  
Advanced German  
Media Workshop  
Translation Course

#### PORTUGUESE

Portuguese for Beginners  
Intensive Portuguese for Beginners \*  
Transition for Portuguese I \*  
Intermediate Portuguese  
Transition for Portuguese II \*  
Advanced Portuguese

## NON-DEGREE AND NON-CERTIFICATE COURSES

### For All Faculties

#### SWEDISH

Swedish for Beginners  
Intensive Swedish for Beginners \*  
Transition for Swedish I \*  
Intermediate Swedish  
Transition for Swedish II \*  
Advanced Swedish

#### THAI

Thai for Beginners  
Intensive Thai for Beginners\*  
Intermediate Thai  
Advanced Thai

\* Courses marked with an asterisk are offered only during the summer break

# DEGREE COURSES

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### FRENCH

#### YEAR I

##### LANG1001 : French I.1

6 credits

1st semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

This course is intended for complete beginners in French and does not require any previous knowledge of the language. Participants will acquire a basic knowledge in the four areas of competence (listening, speaking, reading and writing), with a particular emphasis on communicative skills. Classes will be conducted in small groups in order to ensure a high degree of interactivity between participants and teachers. Conversation groups and laboratory groups will also be arranged separately on a regular basis.

**Prerequisite:** Nil

##### LANG1002 : French I.2

12 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

This course is a continuation of **French I.1**. It will further develop the four areas of competence with the view of expanding students' linguistic, pronunciation and communicative skills. As in **French I.1**, separate conversation and laboratory groups will be arranged to complement classroom tuition. In addition, participants will be asked to make use of a range of materials available in the Centre's self-access facilities (which include audio, video, CD-Rom and computer programmes), as well as take advantage of resources accessible through various Internet sites. Students intending to proceed to the second year will be provided before the summer break with specifically designed self-learning packages in order to consolidate the first year's work.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **French I.1** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2001 : French Language - II.1</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the first-year work. It offers a balanced range of the various language skills through further syntax acquisition, reading and textual analysis, listening comprehension, composition, translation, oral expression and communicative skills. A wide variety of teaching techniques and materials is used. Small groups are arranged throughout the year to ensure maximum opportunities for interactive practice. All students intending to continue the study of French in their third year are strongly encouraged to attend a summer intensive immersion course in France.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French II.1** is open to students who have successfully completed **French I.1** and **I.2**.  
(ii) Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.

<b>LANG2002 : French Language and Culture - II.2</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and will be based on the exploitation of authentic French material drawn from the media and other sources. The main emphasis will be on the development of reception skills, i.e. aural and reading skills. The objective of this course will be twofold: first, through an analytic approach, to make the students familiar with the actual use of French in conveying information, opinions, ideas and feelings. Second, to provide students with first-hand facts and details about French contemporary society and customs as well as issues which confront French people. This course is intended to serve as a solid preparation for the period of time students are advised to spend in the country during the summer at the end of their second year.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French II.2** is open to students who have successfully completed **French I.1** and **I.2**. Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.  
(ii) Students may not enrol in **French II.2** without enrolling in **French II.1**.

<b>LANG2003 : French Speech and Sounds - II.3</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
Whole year	

This course has the following objectives : i. To step up participants' proficiency in French, with special reference to the spoken and aural dimensions and, ii. To address some issues of sound interferences and areas of comparison between spoken French, Chinese and English. Class activities and tuition in small groups will focus on both the production and reception of the spoken language, with particular respect to sound discrimination and articulation, prosody, intonation and control of meaning. Classroom material will be in French, and French will be used as the main medium of tuition. This course is taught throughout the two semesters.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French II.3** is open to students who have successfully completed **French I.1** and **I.2**. Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.  
 (ii) Students may not enrol in **French II.3** without enrolling in **French II.1**.

<b>LANG2033 : Introduction to French / Chinese translation - II.4</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework assessment may include: (i) oral presentation (ii) periodic assignments; (iii) other coursework, as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

The objective of this course is to consolidate students' knowledge of French grammar and structure through a systematic training in translating materials from French to Chinese and conversely. Particular attention will be paid to the correction of common errors caused by cross-influences, at grammatical and lexical levels, between French and Chinese. This course, very practical in nature, will make use of materials drawn from various sources, e.g., press articles, bilingual documents, dialogues, literature, general correspondence, etc.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French II.4** is open to students who have successfully completed **French I.2**. Alternatively, students must provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.  
 (ii) Students may not enrol in **French II.4** without enrolling in **French II.1**.

<b>LANG2034 : Introduction to French / English translation - II.5</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework assessment may include: (i) oral presentation (ii) periodic assignments; (iii) other coursework, as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

The objective of this course is to consolidate students' knowledge of French grammar and structure through a systematic training in translating materials from French to English and conversely. Particular attention will be paid to the correction of common errors caused by cross-influences, at grammatical and lexical levels, between French and English. This course, very practical in nature, will make use of materials drawn from various sources, e.g., press articles, bilingual documents, dialogues, literature, general correspondence, etc.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French II.5** is open to students who have successfully completed **French I.2**. Alternatively, students must provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.  
 (ii) Students may not enrol in **French II.5** without enrolling in **French II.1**.

## YEAR III

### LANG3001 : French Language - III.1

12 credits

**Assessment:** Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) periodic assignments and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

Whole year

This course is taught throughout the year in lectures and tutorials and continues to build on the first- and second-year work. Lectures will make use of literary texts and authentic documents (press clippings, etc.) from France and other French-speaking countries, with the aim of stimulating critical reading. This study of authentic materials will also help students to investigate further French civilization and contemporary culture.

**Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.1** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**.  
(ii) Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite course.

### LANG3003 : French / English Translation - Practical Skills - III.3

3 credits

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) oral presentation, (ii) periodic assignments and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

1st semester only

The objective of this course is to reinforce students' language skills in French while making them aware of problems arising from transferring meaning from French to English and conversely. Most of the work will focus on common translation difficulties between the two languages and will propose various ways of dealing with them. This course, very practical in nature, will make use of materials drawn from various sources, e.g., literature, press articles, movies, bilingual documents and business correspondence etc.

**Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.3** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite course.  
(ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.3** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

### LANG3004 : French / Chinese Translation - Practical Skills - III.4

3 credits

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) oral presentation, (ii) periodic assignments and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

2nd semester only

The objective of this course is to reinforce students' language skills in French while making them aware of problems arising from transferring meaning from French to Chinese, and conversely. Most of the work will focus on common translation difficulties between the two languages and will propose ways of dealing with them. This course, very practical in nature, will make use of materials drawn from various sources, e.g., literature, press articles, movies, bilingual documents and business correspondence, etc.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.4** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, candidates will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite course.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.4** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

<b>LANG3005 : French ad Business - III.5</b>	
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) oral presentation, (ii) periodic assignments and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course is an introduction to the use of French in a business context. A variety of topics and situations will be studied, such as trade negotiation and deals, sale representation, commercial correspondence, contractual agreements or disputes, marketing strategies, advertising campaigns, job application, etc. The teaching materials used for this course will be drawn from actual sources and discussions will mainly focus on the local region, with the particular aim to provide the participants with first-hand facts and information on the economic relationship between France and Hong Kong.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.5** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite course.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.5** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

<b>LANG3022 : French Eastern Narratives - III.6</b>	
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) short essays, (ii) periodic assignments, (iii) presentations and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

This course offers an overview of how French writers and travellers wrote about China, Indochina and Japan over the last three centuries, from the debut of French global travelling (early 18th century) to recent periods. Through the close study of depictions and narrations of encounters, the objective will be to recognize trends, contradictions and invariants in this process of channeling home the Far East, either as a romanticized cultural alternative or as a strong repellent. The extent to which these various accounts and representations have inspired the aesthetics and literary productions of contemporary France will also be examined in some instances. The medium of discussion will be mainly French, and the texts (novel excerpts, press, films, iconography) will be in French or, where appropriate, provided with translation.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.6** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, students will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.6** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

### LANG3033 : French Media and Advertising - III.7

3 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework assessment includes (i) oral presentations, (ii) periodic assessment and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

The discussion will start with an inventory of the media in France with a particular focus on newspapers and magazines, including web-based publications. It will examine how the press targets the public, using various areas of specialization (e.g. political affiliation, social and current affairs, women issues, family and domestic sphere, etc). In a second phase, we shall look into how advertising techniques convey information as well as messages of various natures. While studying a large range of selected materials, we will aim at disclosing the rhetorical devices at work in the process of construction of images, mainly inspired by prevalent social mythologies and stereotyped representations.

The discussion will make extensive use of materials under various forms, such as pictures, posters, advertisements, videos, TV excerpts, press samples, webpages etc. The main medium of instruction is French.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.7** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, candidates will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.7** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

### LANG3034 : French Essay Writing - III.8

3 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes composition writing and oral presentation.

In this course, participants will receive tuition and guidance to complete an extended piece of writing in French based on a topic of their choice and in connection with France. Participants will also be encouraged to make use of any materials they may have collected in the course of their stay in the country. The objectives of this course are to increase students' confidence in their handling of written French, to stimulate creative writing and to enhance composition skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.8** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, candidates will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.8** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

### LANG3035 : French Literature of the 19th and 20th Centuries - III.9

3 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework assessment may include (i) short essays (ii) periodic assignments; (iii) presentations and (iv) other coursework, as prescribed.



This course offers an introduction to the major movements and authors that have shaped French literature over the last two centuries. The course is particularly designed to enhance participants' reading and analytical skills in the French language and to broaden their knowledge of French life and culture. The discussion will concentrate on texts and excerpts from works in a variety of genres (fiction, drama and poetry) chosen for their representativeness of a range of literary trends, from Romanticism, Realism and Symbolism to more recent trends, such as Surrealism, the Theatre of the Absurd and the Nouveau Roman. The medium of instruction and discussion will be French, and the texts examined will be in French.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.9** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, students must provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite courses.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.9** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

<b>LANG3036 : French Society and Cinema - III.2</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) oral presentations, (ii) periodic assessment and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course will make use of films to examine French contemporary society. Cinema will be discussed in connection with social changes brought about since the Second World War. The aim of this course is to use images to analyse how cinema through its language and technical evolution reflected the transformations of modern society.

The discussion will start with 'conventional films', e.g., narratives following the nineteenth century literary tradition focusing on plots and characters. The *'Nouvelle Vague'* and its celebrated directors François Truffaut and Eric Rohmer will help to give a better understanding of the revolution triggered by post war period and marking the birth of a new film language. Students will use films to discuss social, cultural and gender issues. The role of women in French society will be examined through a series of recent films. The main medium of instruction is French.

- Prerequisites:** (i) **French III.2** is open to students who have successfully completed **French II.1**. Alternatively, candidates will be required to provide evidence that they have attained elsewhere a standard at least comparable to a pass in the prerequisite course.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in **French III.2** without enrolling in **French III.1**.

# GERMAN

## YEAR I

### LANG1003 : German I.1 (Deutsch I.1)

6 credits

1st semester only

**Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.**

This beginners' course in German language does not require any previous knowledge of German. Students will acquire basic linguistic and communicative skills in German in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Apart from their regular language classes, students will be taught in small tutorial groups to ensure an environment highly conducive to practising language skills.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

### LANG1004 : German I.2 (Deutsch 1.2)

12 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.**

This course is a continuation of **German I.1**. It combines linguistic and communicative skills in German with a balanced emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing. Small tutorial groups, which will be arranged in addition to the regular language classes, will provide students with an environment highly conducive to practising their language skills. The course will also encourage students to exploit resources available on the *Internet* and in the Centre's self-practice facilities ( *the Language Resource Centre and Practice Lab*) which provide a wide range of materials for language practice, including audio and videotapes, CD-Roms and computer programmes. Students intending to proceed to the second year will be provided with a range of self-access materials to maintain and enhance their skills during the summer break.

**Prerequisite:** **German I.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **German I. 2** without having enrolled in **German I.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

## YEAR II / III

### LANG0002 : Introducing Germany and the Germans

3 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments (ii) (IT) projects and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

1st semester only

This course provides an introduction to contemporary life in Germany. Topics to be covered include: The German Language, Outline of German History, Geographical Diversity, Housing and Urban Development, Federalism, Germany's Political System, Festivals, Family, Youth, Education, Arts and Music, Leisure Time and Sports, Protection of the Environment, Women and Society, and Cultural Representations in Advertising. All lectures will be conducted in English.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR II

### LANG2004 : Deutsch II.1 (German II.1)

12 credits

Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

Whole year

This course is taught throughout the year and builds on the first year work. It offers a balanced range of the various language skills through further syntax acquisition, reading and text analysis, listening comprehension, composition, oral expression and communicative skills. A wide variety of teaching techniques is used. Small tutorial groups are arranged throughout the year to ensure maximum opportunities for interactive practice. All students continuing their studies in the third year are strongly encouraged to attend a summer intensive immersion course in Germany.

**Prerequisite:** German I.2 or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to German II.1 without having enrolled for German I.2 previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

### LANG2008 : Übersetzungsübung I (Translation Exercise I)

6 credits

Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration. Coursework includes (i) periodic translation assignments; and (ii) progress tests.

Whole year

This course is taught throughout the year. Students will practise written translations from German to Chinese using a variety of texts written in different styles. The main aim will be to make students aware of the major structural differences between German and Chinese and to provide them with additional information on contemporary German topics.

**Prerequisite:** **German I.2** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **Translation Exercise** without having enrolled in **German I.2** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **Translation Exercise** without enrolling in **German II.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them a complete the course satisfactorily.

<b>LANG2020 : Landeskunde Deutschland (German Area Studies)</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (50%) and Coursework (50%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) (IT) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course provides an introduction to geographical, political, social and cultural aspects of Germany in the 20th century. It focuses on developments in Germany after 1949 and covers the following topics: From Separation to Reunification, Everyday Life in the Two Germanys, Are the Germans One People Now?, Germany's Political System, Press, Radio and Television, Foreigners in Germany, and Germany in the Global Economy.

Guest speakers from Hong Kong's German speaking community will be invited to give talks on selected topics and students will be encouraged to make use of IT to study certain topics in depth. While most of the lectures will be conducted in English, German will be used in the tutorials to provide students with the necessary vocabulary and structures for the various topics.

**Prerequisite:** **German I.2** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **German Area Studies** without having enrolled in **German I.2** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **German Area Studies** without enrolling in **German II.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them a complete the course satisfactorily.

### **YEAR III**

<b>LANG3007 : Deutsch III.1 (German III.1)</b>	
<b>12 credits</b>	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.
<b>Whole year</b>	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **German II.1**. It offers a balanced range of language skills and furthers exploration of the various linguistic aspects of the language. Special attention will be given to language registers and patterns, specific terminology and structures used in a variety of fields (literature, press reports, business documents, etc.) with the aim of further stimulating critical reading. As in **German II.1**, small tutorial groups will be arranged to ensure oral fluency and writing techniques as well as the development of oral skills in the context of argumented discourses and presentations.

**Prerequisite:** **German II.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **German III.1** without having enrolled in **German II.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

<b>LANG3008 : Lektürekurs (Reading Course)</b>	
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) (IT) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

This course will only be offered during the first semester. It enhances and extends the language skills acquired during the first and second year through systematic study in the form of text analysis, discussion, translation, etc. of contemporary texts and documents written in different styles such as newspaper and magazine articles, songs, etc. drawn from current affairs and life in Germany.

**Prerequisite:** **German II.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **Reading Course** without having enrolled in **German II.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **Reading Course** without enrolling in **German III.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

<b>LANG3009 : Auszüge aus der deutschen Literatur (Extracts from German Literature)</b>	
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) (IT) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course will only be offered during the second semester. It will introduce students to works of the most prominent German writers through the study of selected readings in German from different periods of German literature. The main emphasis will be on 20th century texts.

**Prerequisite:** **German II.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **Extracts from German Literature** without having enrolled in **German II.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **Extracts from German Literature** without enrolling in **German III.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

<b>LANG3010 : Projektkurs (German Project)</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) presentation of topic in class and regular attendance of and participation in discussion sessions (40%); and (ii) written project (60%).</b>
2nd semester only	

In this course students will study in depth an approved topic of their choice in German. They will present their findings in class and submit a written project of around 2,000 words in German at the end of the course. Students wishing to enrol in this course are encouraged to make use of their stay in Germany to collect materials for their project.

**Prerequisite:** **German II.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **German Project** without having enrolled in **German II.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **German Project** without enrolling in **German III.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

<b>LANG3023 : Übersetzungsübung II (Translation Exercise II)</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration. Coursework includes (i) periodic translation assignments and (ii) progress tests.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year. Students will practise written translations from German to English and English to German using a variety of texts written in different styles. The main aim will be to make students aware of the major structural and lexical differences between German and English and to provide them with additional information on contemporary German topics.

**Prerequisite:** **German II.1** or comparable level acquired elsewhere. Students wishing to be admitted to **Translation Exercise II** without having enrolled in **German II.1** previously will have to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily. Students may not enrol in **Translation Exercise II** without enrolling in **German III.1** unless they have previously attained a standard adequate to enable them to complete the course satisfactorily.

## ITALIAN

### YEAR I

<b>LANG1007 : Italian I.1</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is intended for complete beginners in Italian and does not require any previous knowledge of the language. Participants will acquire a basic knowledge in the four areas of competence (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with a particular emphasis on communicative skills.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1008 : Italian I.2</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Italian I.1**. It will further develop the four areas of competence with the view of expanding students' linguistic, pronunciation and communicative skills. Participants will be asked to make use of a range of materials available in the Centre's self-access facilities (which include audio, video, CD Rom and computer programmes), as well as to take advantage of resources accessible through the internet.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **Italian I.1** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## **YEAR II / III**

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<b>LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: Continuous assessment and projects.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course will give an outline of Italian civilization and contemporary culture in its manifold aspects, ranging from arts, history, music, Italian customs and traditions in the different regions and cities, to cinema and tourism, food, fashion, environment, education, sport and politics with particular focus on the youth world. The teacher will present a variety of subjects making use of videos and authentic materials (music, magazines, advertising, etc.), from which the students will choose topics and discuss them in discussion groups. Each group will then present, at the end of the course, a project on a particular subject. In case the students should be interested, some basic knowledge of the Italian language will be offered.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Italian is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2010 : Italian II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) participation in class..
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Italian I.2**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Italian language and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian II** without having previously completed **Italian I.2** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2031 : Italian Reading Course</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) attendance and (iii) participation in class.
1st semester only	

This course is offered to the students at intermediate and advanced levels in order to improve their skills in textual analysis, discussion and translation of contemporary texts and documents such as magazines, newspaper, songs and articles related to current Italian life.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students must have satisfactorily completed **Italian I.2** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in the **Italian Reading Course** without enrolling in **Italian II**.

<b>LANG2032 : Italian and Business</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) oral presentation, (ii) periodic assignments; (iii) attendance and (iv) participation in class.
2nd semester only	

This course is offered to students at intermediate and advanced levels. It will focus on a variety of topics, such as commercial correspondence, marketing strategies, advertising campaigns, job applications, banking terminology, etc.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students must have satisfactorily completed **Italian I.2** or provide evidence that they have attained



- a comparable level elsewhere.
- (ii) Students may not enrol in the **Italian and Business** Course without enrolling in **Italian II**.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3012 : Italian III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Italian language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Italy, as well as Italian history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian III** without having previously completed **Italian II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## PORTUGUESE

## YEAR I

<b>LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
1st semester only	

The aim of this course is to enable students to reach a basic communicative competence in Portuguese, while developing their listening, speaking, writing and reading skills. Development of self-learning strategies will also be introduced in the later part of the course.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Portuguese for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **Portuguese for Beginners - Part I** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2024 : Portuguese II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Portuguese for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Portuguese language and develop further their production and reception skills.

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.  
(ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese II** without having previously completed **Portuguese for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3026 : Portuguese III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the Portuguese language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Portugal, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese III** without having previously completed **Portuguese II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## SPANISH

### YEAR I

<b>LANG1010 : Spanish I.1</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is intended for complete beginners in Spanish and does not require any previous knowledge of the language. Participants will acquire a basic knowledge in the four areas of competence (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with a particular emphasis on communicative skills.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1011 : Spanish I.2</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class, (iii) various assignments and (iv) an oral test.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Spanish I.1**. It will further develop the four areas of competence with the aim of expanding students' linguistic, pronunciation and communicative skills. Participants will be asked to make use of a range of materials available in the Centre's self-access facilities (which include audio, video, CD Rom and computer programmes), as well as to take advantage of resources accessible through the Internet.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **Spanish I.1** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## YEAR II / III

### LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture

3 credits

1st semester only

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

This course aims to give students an insight into Spanish culture and traditions. Students will learn about aspects of the traditions, history, art, music and customs of all Spanish speaking countries. Guest speakers (all from different Spanish speaking countries) will give talks about interesting aspects of their culture and there will be discussions about all subjects presented in the course.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

### LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature

3 credits

2nd semester only

Assessment: 100% coursework.

The course will introduce students to the basics of Spanish and Spanish American Literature and will briefly analyse the representation of educated and popular culture in Spanish and Hispanic literature. These objectives will be tackled in three ways:

- (a) presenting a brief history of Spanish and Spanish American literature (illustrated with a selection of texts from different genres);
- (b) focusing on literature as a representation of educated and popular culture;
- (c) examining this literature as represented in films.

The course will also look at the features of contemporary literature. A selection of texts will be provided in English and Spanish.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR II

LANG2011 : Spanish II	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Spanish I.2**. The intention is to build further on the first year's work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Spanish language and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June and/or September.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish II** without having previously completed **Spanish I.2** and Transition1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

LANG3013 : Spanish III	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translation, directed reading, etc..
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the Spanish language through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Spain, as well as her history and culture.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June and/or September.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish III** without having previously completed **Spanish II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the required standard.

# SWEDISH

## YEAR I

<b>LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
1st semester only	

This course is for beginners of Swedish and will introduce the students to the essentials of the Swedish language through a communicative approach. The course will cover speaking, listening, reading and writing but with emphasis on speaking. Students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as shopping, taking the bus, asking for directions, making a phone call etc. Apart from using textbooks, additional classroom materials, such as videos and other audio-visually will be used.

The course will also give students an insight to Swedish culture and society. Since Sweden, Norway and Denmark are closely related in culture and language, the course will also give a wider understanding of Scandinavia.

**Prerequisite:** Nil

<b>LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Swedish for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Swedish for Beginners - Part I.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2023 : Swedish II</b>	
12 credits	Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Swedish for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work

with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of the Swedish language and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June or September.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish II** without having previously completed **Swedish for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3025 : Swedish III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essay, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Swedish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Sweden, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June or September.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish III** without having previously completed **Swedish II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## THAI

## YEAR I

<b>LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
1st semester only	

This course aims to teach complete beginners the basics of Thai with respect to the four linguistic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also be introduced to Thai culture and society. Vocabulary and grammar will be presented in a communicative way for a variety of situations, e.g. making introductions, leave-taking, giving directions, buying things, making telephone calls and so on. The emphasis will be on the spoken language, as well as on providing a secure foundation for basic Thai.

Prerequisite: Nil

<b>LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Thai for Beginners - Part I**.

Prerequisite: **Thai for Beginners - Part I**

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2022 : Thai II</b>	
12 credits	Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Thai for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of the Thai language and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai II** without having previously completed **Thai for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3024 : Thai III</b>	
12 credits	Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examination consists of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Thai language features through the study of variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Thailand, as well as her history and cultural



background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai III** without having previously completed **Thai II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

### FRENCH

#### YEAR I

#### LANG1005 : French I - Part I

6 credits

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

1st semester only

This course is taught in the first semester. The intention is to provide students with a good foundation in both written and spoken contemporary French. By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to handle a number of practical situations as well as to produce elementary pieces of texts in the language.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

#### LANG1027 : French I - Part II

6 credits

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

2nd semester only

This course is taught in the second semester only. It is a continuation of **LANG1005 French I - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester course without having completed **French I - Part I** in the first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2007 : French II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one 2-hour written paper and an oral examination.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **French I - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of the French language and develop their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **French II** will be required to attend an intensive course (Transition I) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **French II** without having previously completed **French I - Part II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3006 : French III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one 3-hour written paper and an oral examination.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of French language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary France, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **French III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **French III** without having previously completed **French II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## GERMAN

### YEAR I / II / III

#### YXXXXXXX : Introducing Germany and the Germans

3 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii)(IT) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

1st semester only

This course provides an introduction to contemporary life in Germany. Topics to be covered include: The German Language, Outline of German History, Geographical Diversity, Housing and Urban Development, Federalism, Germany's Political System, Festivals, Family, Youth, Education, Arts and Music, Leisure Time and Sports, Protection of the Environment, Women and Society, and Cultural Representations in Advertising. All lectures will be conducted in English.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

### YEAR I

#### LANG1006 : German I - Part I

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

1st semester only

This course is only taught in the first semester. Students will be made familiar with the sound system of German and they will acquire structures that will allow them to follow simple dialogues and to express themselves in simple statements. The course will provide students with a basic understanding of both spoken and written German.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

#### LANG1028 : German I - Part II

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.

2nd semester only

This course is only taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **LANG1006 German I - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester course without having completed the **German I - Part I** in first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2009 : German II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one 2-hour written paper and an oral examination.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and consists of two components: (a) Intermediate German and (b) Media Workshop.

### (a) Intermediate German

In this component students will acquire skills that will allow them to understand more difficult texts and statements and to express themselves in more complex statements. They will participate in discussions on various issues relating to contemporary life in Germany.

### (b) Media Workshop

The basic aim of this component is to provide a conducive environment for the participants to communicate with each other in German and to make them aware of paralinguistic features which not only aid communication between native speakers, but very often form an essential part of communication. The participants will perform audio-video recordings of their own scripts. Topics may include interviews, domestic scenes, social scenes, commercials, etc.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **German II** will be required to attend a Transition Course which is normally taught by the Language Centre in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **German II** without having previously successfully completed **German I - Part II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the requisite standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3011 : German III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one 3-hour written paper and an oral examination.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and consists of two components: (a) Advanced German and (b) Translation.

### (a) Advanced German

The intention of this component is to lead students to a fairly comprehensive understanding of both written and spoken German. Through the study of selected texts and materials from different spheres the students will learn to summarize information and to express the content of a text in their own words in German.

### (b) Translation

This component mainly aims at further developing the students' written language skills. German/English texts

will be translated into English/German. The majority of the texts will be taken from the areas of business, literature, and contemporary life in Germany.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to **German III** without having previously successfully completed **German II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the requisite standard.

## ITALIAN

### YEARS I / II / III

<b>LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture</b>	
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: Continuous assessment and projects.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course will give an outline of Italian civilization and contemporary culture in its manifold aspects, ranging from arts, history, music, Italian customs and traditions in the different regions and cities, to cinema and tourism, food, fashion, environment, education, sport and politics with particular focus on the youth world. The teacher will present a variety of subjects making use of videos and authentic materials (music, magazines, advertising, etc.), from which the students will choose topics and discuss them in discussion groups. Each group will then present, at the end of the course, a project on a particular subject. In case the students should be interested, some basic knowledge of the Italian language will be offered.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Italian is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

### YEAR I

<b>LANG1009 : Italian I - Part I</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

This course is only taught in the first semester. The intention is to provide students with a good foundation in both written and oral contemporary Italian. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to handle a number of practical situations as well as to produce elementary pieces of texts in the target language.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1029 : Italian I - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is only taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **LANG1009 Italian I - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester courses without having completed the **Italian I - Part I** in first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2010 : Italian II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) participation in class..</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Italian I - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Italian and develop further their production and reception skills.

**Prerequisite:**

- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian II** without having previously completed **Italian I - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3012 : Italian III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc..</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Italian language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Italy, as well as Italian history and culture.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Italian III** without having previously completed **Italian II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the requisite standard.

## PORTUGUESE

### YEAR I

<b>LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
1st semester only	

This course is taught only in the first semester. The aim of this course is to enable students to reach a basic communicative competence in Portuguese, while developing their listening, speaking, writing and reading skills. Development of self-learning strategies will also be introduced in the later part of the course.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is only taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **LANG1025 Portuguese for Beginners-Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester courses without having completed the **Portuguese for Beginners - Part I** in first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2024 : Portuguese II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **LANG 1026 Portuguese for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of the Portuguese language and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese II** without having previously completed **Portuguese for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3026 : Portuguese III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Portuguese language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Portugal, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Portuguese III** without having previously completed **Portuguese II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the requisite standard.



## SPANISH

### YEAR I / II / III

#### LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture

3 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments (ii) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.

1st semester only

This course aims to give students an insight into Spanish culture and traditions. Students will learn about aspects of the traditions, history, art, music and customs of all Spanish speaking countries. Guest speakers (all from different Spanish speaking countries) will give talks about interesting aspects of their culture and there will be discussions about all subjects presented in the course.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

#### LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature

3 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework.

2nd semester only

The course will introduce students to the basics of Spanish and Spanish American Literature and will briefly analyse the representation of educated and popular culture in Spanish and Hispanic literature. These objectives will be tackled in three ways:

- (a) presenting a brief history of Spanish and Spanish American literature (illustrated with a selection of texts from different genres);
- (b) focusing on literature as a representation of educated and popular culture;
- (c) examining this literature as represented in films.

The course will also look at the features of contemporary literature. A selection of texts will be provided in English and Spanish.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR I

<b>LANG1013 : Spanish I - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is taught in the first semester and is intended for complete beginners in Spanish. It does not require any previous knowledge of the language. Participants will acquire a basic knowledge in the four areas of competence (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with a particular emphasis on communicative skills.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1030 : Spanish I - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class, (iii) various assignments and (iv) an oral test.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **Spanish I - Part II**. It will further develop the four areas of competence with the view of expanding the students' linguistic, pronunciation and communicative skills. Participants will be asked to make use of a range of materials available in the Centre's self-access facilities (which include audio, video, CD Rom and computer programmes), as well as to take advantage of resources accessible through Internet.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester course without having completed the **Spanish I - Part I** in first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

<b>LANG2011 : Spanish II</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **Spanish I - Part II**. The course builds further on the junior level work and widens the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Spanish and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish II** without having previously completed **Spanish I - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

<b>LANG3013 : Spanish III</b>	
12 credits	<b>Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.</b>
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Spanish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Spain, as well as her history and culture.

- Prerequisite:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Spanish III** without having previously completed **Spanish II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the required standard.

## SWEDISH

## YEAR I

<b>LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is for beginners of Swedish and will introduce the students to the essentials of the Swedish language through a communicative approach. The course will cover speaking, listening, reading and writing but with emphasis on speaking. Students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as shopping, taking the bus, asking for directions, making a phone call etc. Apart from using textbooks, additional classroom materials, such as videos and other audio-visuallys will be used.

The course will also give students an insight to Swedish culture and society. Since Sweden, Norway and Denmark are closely related in culture and language, the course will also give a wider understanding of Scandinavia.

Prerequisite: Nil

<b>LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is only taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **LANG1023 Swedish for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester course without having completed the **Swedish for Beginners - Part I** in the first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

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<b>LANG2023 : Swedish II</b>	
12 credits	Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translation, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **LANG1024 Swedish for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Swedish and develop further their production and reception skills

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June or September.  
(ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish II** without having previously completed **Swedish for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

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<b>LANG3025 : Swedish III</b>	
12 credits	Assessment: Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Swedish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Sweden, as well as Swedish history and culture.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June or September.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Swedish III** without having previously completed **Swedish II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## THAI

### YEAR I

#### LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I

6 credits

**Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.**

1st semester only

This course aims to teach complete beginners the basics of Thai with respect to the four linguistic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also be introduced to Thai culture and society. Vocabulary and grammar will be presented in a communicative way for a variety of situations, e.g. making introductions, leave-taking, giving directions, buying things, making telephone calls and so on. The emphasis will be on the spoken language, as well as on providing a secure foundation for basic Thai.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

#### LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II

6 credits

**Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) various assignments.**

2nd semester only

This course is only taught in the second semester and is a continuation of **LANG1021 Thai for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to the second semester course without having completed the **Thai for Beginners - Part I** in first semester will have to provide evidence that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR II

LANG2022 : Thai II	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 2-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and is a continuation of **LANG1022 Thai for Beginners - Part II**. The intention is to build further on the junior level work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will diversify through the use of more elaborate material and a variety of teaching techniques including work with video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Thai and develop further their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai II** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 1) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai II** without having previously completed **Thai for Beginners - Part II** and Transition 1 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the required standard.

## YEAR III

LANG3024 : Thai III	
12 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> Final examination (60%) and Coursework (40%). The examinations consist of one written paper of 3-hour duration and a separate oral examination. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests and (iii) other coursework as prescribed, such as long essays, translations, directed reading, etc.
Whole year	

This course is taught throughout the year and continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Thai language features through the study of variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Thailand, as well as Thai history and culture.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai III** will be required to attend an intensive session (Transition 2) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Thai III** without having previously completed **Thai II** and Transition 2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained the required standard.

# INTERFACULTY ELECTIVES

**for the faculties of  
Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law and Science**

## FRENCH

### YEAR I

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

#### LANG1012 : French for Beginners - Part I

6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
1st semester only	

This course is open to complete beginners interested in studying French language and culture. The aim is to provide students with a good foundation in both oral and written contemporary French and to allow them to go further in their understanding of the country. Small-sized class groups have been arranged in order to ensure effective interaction between the teacher and each of the students.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

#### LANG1017 : French for Beginners - Part II

6 credits	Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **French for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students who have successfully completed **French for Beginners - Part I** or have acquired the requisite standard elsewhere.

## YEAR II

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG2012 : Intermediate French - Part I</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in French. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of French and develop their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:**
- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate French - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **French for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition I**) usually held in June.
  - (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate French - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2013 : Intermediate French - Part II</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate French - Part I**.

- Prerequisite:**
- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate French - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate French - Part I**.
  - (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate French - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".



<b>LANG3014 : Advanced French - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.
1st semester only	

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the French language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary France, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced French - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate French - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Advanced French - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG3015 : Advanced French - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Advanced French - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced French - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced French - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced French - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## GERMAN

### YEAR I / II / III

<b>YXXXXXXX : Introducing Germany and the Germans</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment:</b> 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) (IT) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.
1st semester only	

This course provides an introduction to contemporary life in Germany. Topics to be covered include: The German Language, Outline of German History, Geographical Diversity, Housing and Urban Development, Federalism, Germany's Political System, Festivals, Family, Youth, Education, Arts and Music, Leisure Time and Sports, Protection of the Environment, Women and Society, and Cultural Representations in Advertising. All lectures will be conducted in English.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR I

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG1014 : German for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is designed for complete beginners, and the aim is to provide students with a basic understanding of both spoken and written German.

Students will be made familiar with the sound system of German and they will acquire structures that allow them to follow simple dialogues and to express themselves in simple statements. They will be able to talk about themselves, their families, their work, their studies, etc. In addition, they will learn to master situations like *ordering food in a restaurant, making telephone calls, using different types of transport, asking information in shops, asking for directions, explaining the way, etc.*

**Prerequisite:** Nil

<b>LANG1018 : German for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **German for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students who have successfully completed **German for Beginners - Part I** or have acquired the requisite standard elsewhere.

## YEAR II

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG2014 : Deutsch II - Part I</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

**Deutsch II - Part I** consists of two components: (a) Intermediate German and (b) Media Workshop

### **(a) Intermediate German**

In this component students will acquire skills that will allow them to understand more difficult texts and statements and to express themselves in more complex statements. They will participate in discussions on various topics such as *The Educational System, Unemployment among Young People, Children and TV, Protection of the Environment, News Media, etc.*

### **(b) Media Workshop**

The basic aim of this component is to provide a conducive environment for the participants to communicate with each other in German and to make them aware of paralinguistic features which not only aid communication between native speakers, but very often form an essential part of communication. The participants will perform audio/video recordings of their own scripts. Topics may include *interviews, domestic scenes, social scenes, commercials, etc.*

- Prerequisites:**
- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch II - Part I** will be required to attend a Transition Course which is normally taught by the Language Centre in June immediately following the written examination period.
  - (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch II - Part II** without having previously successfully completed **German for Beginners - Part I** and **German for Beginners - Part II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the requisite standard.

<b>LANG2015 : Deutsch II - Part II</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course is a continuation of **Deutsch II - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:**
- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch II - Part II** without having previously successfully completed **Deutsch II - Part I** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch II - Part II** without having completed **Deutsch II - Part I** must have enrolled in the Media Workshop course (p. 78) in the first semester.

## YEAR III

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG3016 : Deutsch III - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

**Deutsch III - Part I** consists of two components: (a) Advanced German and (b) Translation.

### (a) Advanced German

The intention of this component is to lead students to a fairly comprehensive understanding of both written and spoken German. Through the study of selected texts and materials from different spheres the students will learn to summarize information and to express the content of a text in their own words in German.

### (b) Translation

This component mainly aims at further developing the students' written language skills. German/English texts will be translated into English/German. The majority of the texts will be taken from the areas of business, literature, and contemporary life in Germany.

**Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch III - Part I** without having previously successfully completed **Deutsch II - Part I** and **Deutsch II - Part II** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the requisite standard.

<b>LANG3017 : Deutsch III - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Deutsch III - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:**
- (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch III - Part II** without having previously successfully completed **Deutsch III - Part I** will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.
  - (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Deutsch III - Part I** without having completed **Deutsch III - Part I** must have enrolled in the Translation course (p. 78) in the first semester.

# ITALIAN

## YEAR I / II / III

### LANG0001 : Introduction to Italian Life and Culture

3 credits

Assessment: Continuous assessment and projects.

2nd semester only

This course will give an outline of Italian civilization and contemporary culture in its manifold aspects, ranging from arts, history, music, Italian customs and traditions in the different regions and cities, to cinema and tourism, food, fashion, environment, education, sport and politics with particular focus on the youth world. The teacher will present a variety of subjects making use of videos and authentic materials (music, magazines, advertising, etc.), from which the students will choose topics and discuss them in discussion groups. Each group will then present, at the end of the course, a project on a particular subject. In case the students should be interested, some basic knowledge of the Italian language will be offered.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Italian is not necessary.

Prerequisite: Nil.

## YEAR I

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

### LANG1015 : Italian for Beginners - Part I

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.

1st semester only

The purpose of this course for complete beginners is to provide students with a solid foundation in Italian. Through a communicative approach, the students will learn how to express themselves in different practical situations as well as to develop writing skills. Grammar is presented in a "situational" context in order to make the lessons interesting and lively. Students learn how to approach various aspects of everyday life in the Italian cultural context. Videos will be used to familiarize the students with "real Italian". Additional materials will be used whenever the need arises.

Prerequisite: Nil.

<b>LANG1019 : Italian for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Italian for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of **Italian for Beginners - Part I** or students must provide evidence that they have acquired the requisite standard elsewhere.

## **YEAR II**

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG2016 : Intermediate Italian - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in Italian. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Italian language and develop their production and reception skills.

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Italian - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Italian for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition I**) usually held in June.  
(ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Italian - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2017 : Intermediate Italian - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate Italian - Part I**.

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Italian - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Italian - Part I**.

- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Italian - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

### YEAR III

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 6 credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG3018 : Advanced Italian - Part I</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>1st semester only</b>	

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Italian language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Italy, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Italian - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Italian - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Student wishing to admitted to **Advanced Italian - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG3019 : Advanced Italian - Part II</b>	
<b>6 credits</b>	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
<b>2nd semester only</b>	

This course is a continuation of **Advanced Italian - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Italian - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced Italian - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Italian - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

# PORTUGUESE

## YEAR I

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 6 credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

### LANG1025 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part I

6 credits

1st semester only

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.

The aim of this course is to enable students to reach a basic communicative competence in Portuguese, while developing their listening, speaking, writing and reading skills. Development of self-learning strategies will also be introduced in the later part of the course.

**Prerequisite:** Nil

### LANG1026 : Portuguese for Beginners - Part II

6 credits

2nd semester only

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.

This course is a continuation of **Portuguese for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **Portuguese for Beginners - Part I** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## YEAR II

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 6 credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

### LANG2029 : Intermediate Portuguese - Part I

6 credits

1st semester only

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.



This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in Portuguese. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Portuguese language and develop their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Portuguese - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Portuguese for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 1**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Portuguese - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2030 : Intermediate Portuguese - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate Portuguese - Part I**.

- Prerequisite:** Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Portuguese - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Portuguese - Part I**.

### **YEAR III**

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG3031 : Advanced Portuguese - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Portuguese language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Portugal, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Portuguese - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Portuguese - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG3032 : Advanced Portuguese - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Advanced Portuguese - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Portuguese - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced Portuguese - Part I**.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Portuguese - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## SPANISH

### YEAR I / II / III

<b>LANG0003 : Introduction to Spanish Culture</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) projects; and (iii) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course aims to give students an insight into Spanish culture and traditions. Students will learn about aspects of the traditions, history, art, music and customs of all Spanish speaking countries. Guest speakers (all from different Spanish speaking countries) will give talks about the interesting aspects of their culture and there will be discussions about all subjects presented in the course.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG0004 : Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Literature</b>	
3 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework.</b>
2nd semester only	

The course will introduce students to the basics of Spanish and Spanish American Literature and will briefly analyse the representation of educated and popular culture in Spanish and Hispanic literature. These objectives will be tackled in three ways:

- (a) presenting a brief history of Spanish and Spanish American literature (illustrated with a selection of texts from different genres);
- (b) focusing on literature as a representation of educated and popular culture;
- (c) examining this literature as represented in films;

The course will also look at the features of contemporary literature. A selection of texts will be provided in English and Spanish.

Medium of instruction: English. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

## YEAR I

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives"

<b>LANG1016 : Spanish for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

The aim of this course is to teach complete beginners the basics of the Spanish language. Through a communicative approach, students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as introducing themselves, asking for directions, buying things, ordering food and drink, etc. There will be an emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills with many exercises and practice to enhance the students' ability to speak and understand basic Spanish.

**Prerequisite:** Nil.

<b>LANG1020 : Spanish for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class, (iii) assignments and (iv) an oral test.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Spanish for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Students must have satisfactorily completed **Spanish for Beginners - Part I** or provide evidence that they have attained a comparable level elsewhere.

## YEAR II

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

### LANG2018 : Intermediate Spanish - Part I

6 credits

1st semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.

This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in Spanish. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Spanish language, and develop their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Spanish - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Spanish for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 1**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Spanish - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

### LANG2019 : Intermediate Spanish - Part II

6 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) an oral test.

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate Spanish - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Spanish - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Spanish - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Spanish - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

## LANG3020 : Advanced Spanish - Part I

6 credits

1st semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Spanish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Spain, as well as its history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Spanish - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Spanish - Part II** as well as an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Spanish - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## LANG3021 : Advanced Spanish - Part II

6 credits

2nd semester only

**Assessment:** 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) an oral test .

This course is a continuation of **Advanced Spanish - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Spanish - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced Spanish - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Spanish - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## SWEDISH

### YEAR I

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

## LANG1023 : Swedish for Beginners - Part I

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.

1st semester only

This course is for beginners of Swedish and will introduce the students to the essentials of the Swedish language through a communicative approach. The course will cover speaking, listening, reading and writing but with emphasis on speaking. Students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as shopping, taking the bus, asking for directions, making a phone call etc. Apart from using textbooks, additional classroom materials, such as videos and other audio-visuals will be used.

The course will also give students an insight to Swedish culture and society. Since Sweden, Norway and Denmark are closely related in culture and language, the course will also give a wider understanding of Scandinavia.

**Prerequisite:** Nil

## LANG1024 : Swedish for Beginners - Part II

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.

2nd semester only

This course is a continuation of **Swedish for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of **Swedish for Beginners - Part I** or students must provide evidence that they have acquired the requisite standard elsewhere.

## YEAR II

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

## LANG2027 : Intermediate Swedish - Part I

6 credits

Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.

1st semester only

This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in Swedish. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Swedish language and develop their production and reception skills.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Swedish - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Swedish for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 1**) usually held in June or September.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Swedish - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2028 : Intermediate Swedish - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate Swedish - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Swedish - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Swedish - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Swedish - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## **YEAR III**

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These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG3029 : Advanced Swedish - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of Swedish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Sweden, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Swedish - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Swedish - Part II** as well as an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June/August.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Swedish - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG3030 : Advanced Swedish - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Advanced Swedish - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Swedish - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced Swedish - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Swedish - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## THAI

### YEAR I

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG1021 : Thai for Beginners - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
1st semester only	

This course aims to teach complete beginners the basics of Thai with respect to the four linguistic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also be introduced to Thai culture and society.

Vocabulary and grammar will be presented in a communicative way for a variety of situations, e.g. making introductions, leave-taking, giving directions, buying things, making telephone calls and so on. The emphasis will be on the spoken language, as well as on providing a secure foundation for basic Thai.

**Prerequisite:** Nil

<b>LANG1022 : Thai for Beginners - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) progress tests, (ii) participation in class and (iii) assignments.</b>
2nd semester only	



This course is a continuation of **Thai for Beginners - Part I**.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of **Thai for Beginners - Part I** or students must provide evidence that they have acquired the requisite standard elsewhere.

## YEAR II

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG2025 : Intermediate Thai - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course is a continuation of the first year beginner course in Thai. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Thai language and develop their production and reception skills.

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Thai - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Thai for Beginners - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 1**) usually held in June.  
(ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Thai - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG2026 : Intermediate Thai - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Intermediate Thai - Part I**.

**Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Thai - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Thai - Part I**.  
(ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Intermediate Thai - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

## YEAR III

These courses are offered to students from the following faculties: Architecture, Education, Engineering, Law, and Science. After successful completion of the course, students will be awarded credits in the category "Inter-faculty Electives".

<b>LANG3027 : Advanced Thai - Part I</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
1st semester only	

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the Thai language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Thailand, as well as her history and cultural background.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Thai - Part I** will be required to have successfully completed **Intermediate Thai - Part II** as well as attended an intensive course (**Transition 2**) usually held in June.
- (ii) Student wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Thai - Part I** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

<b>LANG3028 : Advanced Thai - Part II</b>	
6 credits	<b>Assessment: 100% coursework. Coursework includes (i) periodic assignments, (ii) progress tests, (iii) participation in class and (iv) other coursework as prescribed.</b>
2nd semester only	

This course is a continuation of **Advanced Thai - Part I**.

- Prerequisites:** (i) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Thai - Part II** will be required to have successfully completed **Advanced Thai - Part I**.
- (ii) Students wishing to be admitted to **Advanced Thai - Part II** without having completed the above prerequisites will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Director of the Language Centre that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

# CERTIFICATE COURSES

## FRENCH

### The Language Centre Certificate in French

The Language Centre offers a three-year programme leading to the award of the Certificate in French. This programme is open to students from all faculties.

By the end of the third year, students having completed this programme will have acquired a sound command of both spoken and written French that will allow them to deal successfully with a large variety of situations and materials. It is also hoped that the completion of this course will make them more familiar with contemporary France, as special attention will be given to the selection of authentic and updated materials for use in class.

The minimum number of hours required to be admitted to the Certificate Examination is about **350**. Admission to Intermediate (Year 2) and Advanced (Year 3) levels **will be subject to continuous assessment** (3 tests a year, average of results). As it is expected that places at intermediate and advanced levels will be limited, the test results will be used as a criterion for the allocation of places. Furthermore, it must be noted that attendance at Transition Courses (I & II) held usually in June is **compulsory**. After the completion of 230 hours (intermediate level), successful students will be able to obtain a **Statement of Attendance and Proficiency**. Please refer to the chart on the following page for an outline of the certificate programme.

**YEAR ONE**

**French for Beginners**  
(100 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition I**  
(30 hours)

**YEAR TWO**

**Intermediate French**  
(100 hours)

**Statement of Attendance & Proficiency**  
(after 230 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition II**  
(30 hours)

**JUNE / JULY / AUGUST**

**recommended stay in France**

**YEAR THREE**

**Advanced French**  
(100 hours)

**CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

## French for Beginners

This course is open to complete beginners interested in studying French language and culture. The aim is to provide students with a good foundation in both oral and written contemporary French and to allow them to go further in their understanding of the country.

Students willing to enrol are expected to show an earnest commitment to the course in terms of personal work, attendance and participation in class activities. Small-sized class groups are arranged in order to ensure effective interaction between the teacher and each of the students. A *Transition Course* of 30 hours will be offered in June for those intending to proceed onto the intermediate level.

**Applicants are encouraged to arrange for a short interview prior to their enrolment. See appointment sheets posted on teachers' office doors.**

## Intermediate French

This course is open to students having completed the *French for Beginners* as well as the *Transition Course* (Level 1) held in June each year. Other applicants with comparable background (around 130 hours) may also be admitted upon interview.

The intention of this course is to build on the fundamentals already acquired and to widen the exposure to the formal aspects of the language through extensive use of written, audio and video materials. Students who have successfully completed this course and passed the Certificate Examination Part I will be awarded a **Statement of Proficiency** in French.

Another *Transition Course* (Level 2) will be held in June for students wishing to proceed to the advanced level. Furthermore, students enrolled at the intermediate level will be encouraged to travel to France at the end of the second year to attend an intensive language course in a French university.

## Advanced French

This course is intended for students who have completed an *Intermediate Course* in French offered by the Language Centre or who are able to claim a comparable achievement from another institution (between 200 and 250 hours).

The objective is to lead participants towards a comprehensive understanding of the language through the study of a variety of selected materials (written, audio and video) with special emphasis given to social issues of contemporary France, as well as to French history and culture. The course will also concentrate on the enhancement of students' oral and written performances in small group sessions on a weekly basis.

At the end of the course, eligible students will be invited to apply for the Certificate Examination (Part II) leading to the award of the **Language Centre Certificate in French**.

## GERMAN

### **The Language Centre Certificate in German**

The Language Centre offers a Language Centre Certificate in German for its German language courses. These courses are open to students from all faculties, and the first Certificate Examination was held in 1992-93.

The aim of the certificate programme is to provide the students with a fairly comprehensive understanding of both spoken and written German. The students will be able to follow reports and engage in discussions about everyday topics. It is also intended to allow a certain degree of specialization in the third year through the study of materials from different spheres such as business, literature and so on.

In order to be admitted to the Certificate Examination, students will have to attend a minimum of **300-350** hours of tuition. At present, the following courses are available: **German for Beginners, Transition Course, Intermediate German, Media Workshop, Advanced German, and Translation Course**. Please refer to the chart on the following page for an outline of the certificate programme. Non-certificate students may also apply for admission to these courses; however, preference will usually be given to certificate students. Various types of assessment will be used throughout each course. As the number of places at the intermediate and advanced levels is limited, the test results will also be used as a criterion for the allocation of places in these courses.

Students who are unable to fulfil the requirements for admission to the **Certificate Examination** may be able to obtain a **statement certifying attendance and proficiency** which will be issued after the successful completion of **230** hours and a pass in the oral examination at the end of Year II (April).

**YEAR ONE**

**German for Beginners**  
(100 hours)

**JUNE / AUGUST**

**Transition Course**  
(30 hours)

**YEAR TWO**

**Intermediate German**  
(100 hours)

**Media Workshop**  
(40 hours)

**Statement of Attendance & Proficiency**  
(after 230 hours)

**JUNE / JULY / AUGUST**

**recommended stay in Germany**

**YEAR THREE**

**Advanced German/  
BG\*/GfAP\*\***  
(60 hours)

**Translation  
Course**  
(20 hours)

**CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**  
(after 350 hours)

\* Business German

\*\* German for Academic Purposes

(subject to availability of funds)

## German for Beginners

This course is designed for complete beginners, and the aim is to provide students with a basic understanding of both spoken and written German.

Students will be made familiar with the sound system of German and they will acquire structures that allow them to follow simple dialogues and to express themselves in simple statements. They will be able to talk about themselves, their families, their work, their studies, etc. In addition, they will learn to master situations like *ordering food in a restaurant, making telephone calls, using different types of transport, asking information in shops, asking for directions, explaining the way, etc.*

## Transition Course (only offered during the summer break)

The aim of this course is to reinforce the skills acquired during the *Beginner's Course* and to expand them by introducing the past tense and structures that enable the students to enquire about others' health, to express their own health problems, etc.

## Intermediate German

This course is open to students who have successfully attended a *Beginner's Course in German* and the *Transition Course*. Others may be admitted if they have sufficient knowledge of German.

Students taking this course will acquire skills that will allow them to understand more difficult texts and statements and to express themselves in more complex sentences. They will participate in discussions on various topics relating to contemporary Germany such as *the educational system, unemployment among young people, children and TV, protection of the environment, news media, etc.*

## Media Workshop

This course is designed for students at an intermediate or advanced level and it will focus on working with video and audio equipment. Students will perform video/audio recordings of their own scripts. Topics may include interviews, domestic scenes, social scenes, commercials etc.

The basic aim of this course is to provide an environment for the participants to communicate with each other in German and become aware of paralinguistic features which not only aid communication between native speakers, but very often form an essential part of communication.

## Advanced German

The intention of this course is to lead students to a more comprehensive understanding of both written and spoken German.

Through the study of selected texts and materials from different spheres the students will learn to summarize information and to express the content of a text in their own words in German.

Students will also be made familiar with the format of the examination for the *ZDaF (Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache - Certificate of German as a Foreign Language)*.

## Translation Course

This course is designed for students at the advanced level. German/English texts will be translated into English/German. The majority of the texts will be taken from the areas of business, literature, and contemporary life in Germany. This course aims mainly at further developing the students' written language skills.



## ITALIAN

### The Language Centre Certificate in Italian

The Certificate Programme in Italian aims to give students a good knowledge of Italian for both academic and practical purposes. The programme lasts three years and comprises three main courses of 100 hours each (including a total of 30 hours in the language laboratories) and two 30-hour Transition Courses, one after the first year and one after the second year. The attendance in transition I and II courses (usually held in June) is compulsory. Students will be regularly assessed in each course and all assessments will count toward the final assessment for that course. Enrolment to subsequent courses will be subject to passing the previous examinations.

At the end of the second year, it is recommended that students spend one to two months in Italy to improve their command of Italian and their performance in the final year. The Language Centre will help students make arrangements for this summer work.

Teaching of Italian at the Language Centre uses an integrated method which merges human and media resources and includes course book materials, audio cassettes, video materials, software and interactive multimedia CD-ROMs. A presentation of the programme materials together with syllabus handouts for each year are provided at the beginning of each course.

Please refer to the chart on the next page for an outline of the course programme in certificate.

After the first **230** hours of the programme and a pass in the examination (part I) at intermediate level, students will be granted a **Statement of Attendance and Proficiency**. Students who successfully complete the full three years of the programme and pass certificate examination (part II) will be awarded the **Certificate in Italian**.

**YEAR ONE**

**Italian for Beginners**  
(100 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition I**  
(30 hours)

**YEAR TWO**

**Intermediate Italian**  
(100 hours)

**Statement of Attendance & Proficiency**  
(after 230 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition II**  
(30 hours)

**JUNE / JULY / AUGUST**

**recommended stay in Italy**

**YEAR THREE**

**Advanced Italian**  
(100 hours)

**CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

**CERTIFICATE IN ITALIAN**

## Italian for Beginners

The purpose of this course for complete beginners is to provide students with a solid foundation in Italian. Through a communicative approach, students will learn how to express themselves in different practical situations as well as to develop writing skills. Grammar is presented in a “situational” context in order to make the lessons interesting and lively. Students learn how to approach various aspects of everyday life in the Italian cultural context. Videos will be used to familiarize the students with “real Italian”. Additional materials will be used whenever the need arises. A CD-ROM software computer is installed in the Practice Laboratory (6th Floor, K.K. Leung Building) for the interactive studying of Italian.

A satellite channel is installed with 2-3 TV sets connected to the Italian national TV network in the Practice Laboratory (6th floor, K.K. Leung Building).

## Intermediate Italian

The course is designed to deepen the knowledge of grammar and spoken Italian. The textbook will be supplemented with audio-visual and additional materials. In this course, the four skills of listening, writing, reading and speaking are enhanced. Students will find that they will definitely become able to get by in most everyday situations, using Italian. Stress will be placed also on writing and pronunciation. Grammar is tackled in a communicative situational approach in order to give every grammatical point a “real” linguistic context. Italian films (subtitled) will be shown throughout the course.

This course is offered to students who have successfully completed the Beginners’ course as well as the Transition course. Applicants who have a comparable level of Italian through studies in other institutions or countries may be admitted upon interview and assessment.

## Advanced Italian

The course is intended to be the final stage of the **Certificate Course in Italian**.

The aim is to develop and establish students’ fluency in Italian. Students will be able to handle Italian in most language contexts, including applying for a job and being interviewed in Italian. Emphasis will also be placed on both written and spoken language, using authentic materials, videos, course books, video courses and multimedia.

Articles from Italian newspapers in the Internet will be analysed in a classroom context. The remaining aspects of grammar will be covered and presented in a “real” context. Students will have a chance to familiarise themselves with some aspects of Italian culture such as music and arts through the analysis of written material in Italian.

Students and tutors will also visit the Practice Laboratory to watch the Satellite TV channel connected to the Italian Television Network.

## **PORTUGUESE**

### **The Language Centre Certificate in Portuguese**

In addition to French, German, Italian and Spanish, HKU students can follow a Portuguese Language programme leading to the **Language Centre Certificate in Portuguese**.

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with the language skills necessary to communicate effectively in a wide variety of situations typical of day-to-day life in Portugal. Cultural aspects of Portuguese-speaking countries will also be part of the studies.

The programme lasts three years, comprising three main courses of 100 hours and two transition courses of 30 hours. A written examination and an oral examination will be held at the end of each year. Only students who attend a minimum of 300 hours of tuition will be admitted to the final Certificate Examination Part II. Students unable to fulfill this requirement may be able to obtain a Statement of Attendance and Proficiency after successful completion of 230 hours of tuition and a pass in the Certificate Examination Part I.

Portuguese is spoken by around 200 million people in a variety of countries and territories across the globe. It is the third most widely spoken European Language after Spanish and English. Students of Spanish, Italian and French will find many aspects of Portuguese familiar, as they are all romance languages based on Latin. The Portuguese Language plays an important role in international relations as a working language of the European Union and its Latin American equivalent, Mercosul.

Please refer to the chart on the following page for an outline of the certificate programme.

**YEAR ONE**

**Portuguese for Beginners**  
(100 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition I**  
(30 hours)

**YEAR TWO**

**Intermediate Portuguese**  
(100 hours)

**Statement of Attendance & Proficiency**  
(after 230 hours)

**JUNE**

**Transition II**  
(30 hours)

**JUNE / JULY / AUGUST**

**recommended stay in Portugal**

**YEAR THREE**

**Advanced Portuguese**  
(30 hours)

**CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

## **Portuguese for Beginners**

This 100 hour course forms the first stage of a three-level programme which continues with Intermediate Portuguese and Advanced Portuguese. It is designed for complete or near beginners who wish to acquire basic communicative competence in everyday Portuguese.

During sessions students learn how to ask about and give personal information, make, accept and decline invitations, order meals, buy goods in shops, ask for and give directions, talk about plans and future actions, etc. Classroom activities include pair or small group work so that everyone has a chance to participate.

A continuous assessment grade based on classwork, homework and progress tests will be given to the students at the end of the first semester (50 hours). Students attending the second part of the course are required to take a written test and an oral test at the end of the semester.

A transition course will be offered in June to students who successfully complete the first year and wish to go on to the Intermediate Portuguese course.

## **Intermediate Portuguese**

The course is designed for students who successfully complete the Portuguese for Beginners and the Transition I courses. Students who have knowledge of basic Portuguese and can use the language in familiar situations will be considered for admission by means of interview.

The purpose of the course is to further develop students communication skills at everyday level.

During sessions students will learn how to talk and ask about past events, ask for and give advice, express opinions, etc.

A continuous assessment grade will be given to students at the end of the first semester. Students attending the second part of the course are required to take a written test and an oral test at the end of the semester. Successful candidates will be issued a Statement of Attendance and Proficiency.

A transition course will be offered in June to students who successfully complete the Intermediate Portuguese Course and wish to go on to the Advanced Portuguese course.

After completion of this level students are recommended to travel to Portugal or Brazil to attend an immersion course at a Portuguese language university or other recognised institutions.

## **Advanced Portuguese**

The course is designed for students who successfully complete the Intermediate Portuguese and the Transition II courses. Applicants who attain a similar level elsewhere may also be admitted.

The aim of this course is to expand students' communicative competence in Portuguese beyond everyday level. To achieve this goal extracts from television and radio programmes as well as short articles from newspapers will be used as a basis for discussion of current matters related to Portuguese-speaking countries.

At the end of the course, eligible students who wish to do so can take the Certificate Examination leading to the Language Centre Certificate in Portuguese.

# SPANISH

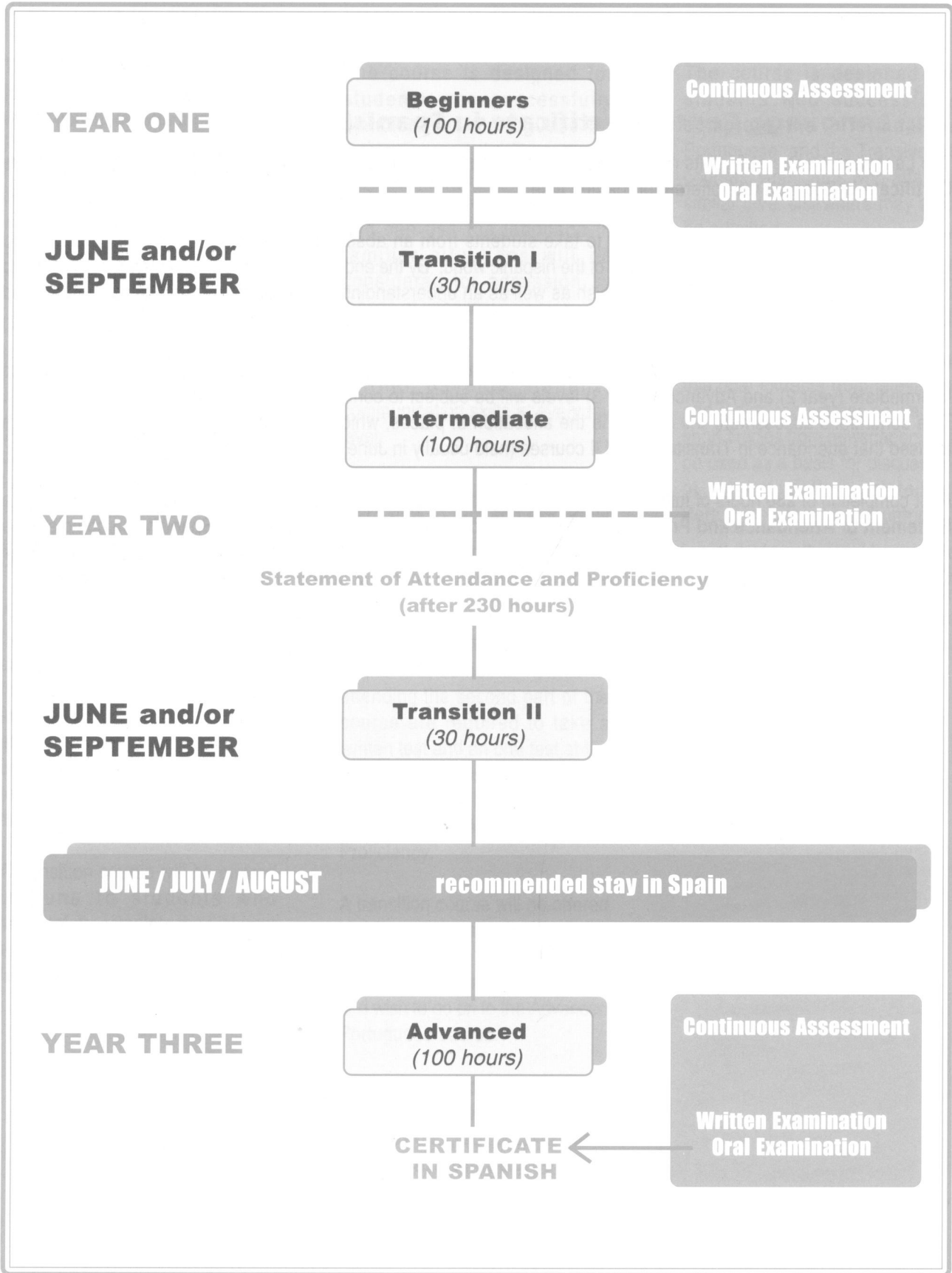
## **The Language Centre Certificate in Spanish**

The Language Centre started its non-degree Spanish programme in 1993-94 and in 1998-99 the **Language Centre Certificate in Spanish** was offered for the first time.

The aim of the Certificate Programme is to take students from an absolute beginner's stage up to an advanced knowledge of both the language and culture of the hispanic world. By the end of the third year, students will have a sound command of both spoken and written Spanish as well as an understanding of the culture and traditions of Spain and Latinamerica.

The minimum number of hours required to be admitted to the Certificate Examination is 300-350. Admission to Intermediate (year 2) and Advanced (year 3) levels will be subject to continuous assessment (homework and tests). This continuous assessment will determine the allocation of places, which are limited. Furthermore, students are advised that attendance in Transition I and II courses (held usually in June) is compulsory.

After completion of **230** hours of tuition (intermediate level) and a pass in the oral examination students will be issued a **Statement of Attendance and Proficiency**. Those who decide to further their studies in Spanish can complete the Advanced level after which they can sit the Certificate examination Part II (written and oral) and obtain the **Language Centre Certificate in Spanish**. The following chart shows the course structure of the certificate programme.





## Spanish for Beginners

The aim of this 100 hour course is to teach complete beginners the basics of the Spanish language. Through a communicative approach, students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as introducing themselves, asking for directions, buying things, ordering food and drink, etc. There will be an emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills with many exercises and practices to enhance the student's ability to speak and understand basic Spanish.

Applicants are encouraged to arrange for a short interview prior to their enrolment.

A Transition Course I will be offered usually in June for those students wishing to go on to the *Intermediate Spanish course*.

## Intermediate Spanish

This course is open to students who have successfully completed the *Beginners' Course* as well as the *Transition Course I* held usually in June each year.

Applicants who have a comparable level of Spanish through studies in other institutions or countries may also be admitted upon interview and assessment.

The aim of the course is to build up the fundamentals already acquired in the previous year and to add further skills which will enable students to deal with texts and situations which are linguistically more challenging than those experienced in lower levels.

A *Transition Course II* will be offered usually in June for those students wishing to go on to the *Advanced Spanish course*.

## Advanced Spanish

This course will be open to students who have successfully completed the *Intermediate Spanish Course* as well as the *Transition Course II* held in summer each year.

The goal of this course is to further develop the students' skills in Spanish with the aid of other materials (texts, audio and video) as well as the textbook. There will be a focus on the study of Spanish culture and history and students will be encouraged to improve their oral and written skills.

# NON-DEGREE AND NON-CERTIFICATE COURSES

## SWEDISH

The Language Centre first offered Swedish for Beginners in 1993-94.

### Swedish for Beginners

This course is for beginners of Swedish and will introduce the students to the essentials of the Swedish language through a communicative approach. The course will cover speaking, listening, reading and writing but with emphasis on speaking. Students will learn how to interact in everyday situations such as shopping, taking the bus, asking for directions, making a phone call etc. Apart from using textbooks, additional classroom materials, such as videos and other audio-visuals will be used.

The course will also give students an insight to Swedish culture and society. Since Sweden, Norway and Denmark are closely related in culture and language, the course will also give a wider understanding of Scandinavia.

### Intermediate Swedish

This course is a continuation of the beginners course in Swedish and Transition I. The intention is to build further on this initial work and widen the scope of exposure to more complex aspects of the language. The teaching will be diversified through the use of more elaborate material and other techniques such as video. Participants are expected to consolidate their understanding of Swedish language and develop their production and reception skills.

### Advanced Swedish

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the Swedish language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Sweden, as well as her history and cultural background.

# THAI

The Language Centre first offered Thai for Beginners in 1997-98.

## Thai for Beginners

This 100-hour course aims to teach complete beginners the basics of Thai in the four linguistic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the Thai language.

Students will also be introduced to Thai culture and society.

Vocabulary and grammar will be presented in a communicative way using social contexts to make the lessons interesting and lively. Students will learn to express themselves in a variety of situations, for example, making introductions, leave-taking, giving directions, buying things, making telephone calls, etc.

The emphasis will be on the spoken language as well as providing a sound foundation of basic Thai.

## Intermediate Thai

This course is open to students who have successfully completed the Beginner's Course in Thai. Others may be admitted if they have sufficient knowledge of Thai.

Students taking this course will acquire skills that will allow them to understand more difficult texts and statements and to express themselves in more complex sentences.

## Advanced Thai

This course continues to build on the two previous years' work on a more advanced level. The intention is to lead participants towards a fairly comprehensive understanding of the Thai language features through the study of a variety of documents (written, audio and video). The selection of documents will also serve as a basis for discussion on some social issues regarding contemporary Thailand, as well as her history and cultural background.

## Basic Thai Course (for University staff and the general public)

Basic Thai is designed for complete beginners. It provides a basis for communicative competence in listening and speaking skills. The course is suitable for anyone who needs to communicate effectively in Thai.

The course is structured into two integrated parts: *listening* and *speaking*. You will learn to understand and express yourselves in a variety of practical, daily situations. Basic grammar and vocabulary will be explained in real contexts.

For information on application and tuition fees for the "Basic Thai Course", please contact the Language Centre General Office (Tel: 2859 2001). Though it is not a degree course and no formal credit will be given beyond a written testimonial from the Director of the Language Centre, if requested, it is the only Thai language course supported by the Royal Thai Consulate of Hong Kong.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## DEGREE COURSES

### Examinations and Certifications

The Enrolment information and application periods for degree courses in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai follow those provided by the faculties in which the respective courses form a part.

### Enrolment Procedures

#### **Degree Courses in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Swedish, Spanish and Thai**

For examination and coursework assessment information, please refer to the University Calendar, the University of Hong Kong web page (<http://www.hku.hk>) or the course descriptions in this Handbook.

## CERTIFICATE, NON-DEGREE AND NON-CERTIFICATE COURSES

### Examinations and Certifications

#### **Language Centre Certificates in French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish**

The Language Centre has introduced certificate programmes in French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Please refer to pages 73-75 (French), pages 76-78 (German), pages 79-81 (Italian), pages 82-84 (Portuguese) and pages 85-87 (Spanish) for details.

### Enrolment Procedures [ Application Period for 2002-2003 : Aug 19 to Sept. 6, 2002 ]

There are 3 kinds of course application forms, one for each of the following types of courses : Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced. These forms can be obtained at the Language Centre General Office or downloaded from the Language Centre Web Page (<http://www.hku.hk/language>).

**PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION** in each level (i.e. beginners, intermediate and advanced). Failure to observe this rule will render your application(s) invalid!

It is important to remember that the Language Centre's courses are not lectures which you can, with a minimum of effort, simply sit through to acquire some new information. They are language courses designed to teach you particular skills. You will need to work hard both inside and outside of the classroom to derive maximum benefit from these courses.

As the number of applicants for the courses generally far exceeds the number of places, a selection will be made. If you are offered a place in more than one of the courses, **please ensure that there are no time clashes** before you pay the course deposit.

All courses are open primarily to **undergraduates**. The mounting of all courses is subject to fulfilling a minimum enrolment (normally 8). When a course for which you have registered cannot be run as scheduled, you will be informed by phone or email.

## Course Deposits and Examination Fees

You should check the results of your applications posted on the notice boards on the dates specified during each application period and pay your deposit immediately if you accept the offer. Successful applicants should obtain a "Student Fee Pay-in slip" at the counter of the Language Centre General Office, complete the slip and pay the course deposit (HK\$500 for 2002-2003) to the HongKong Bank (University Branch) in cash, then return the blue copy of the slip to the Language Centre General Office to confirm the acceptance of offer. The offer of admission will be nullified and the place will be given to another student on the waiting list if the blue copy is not received before the deadline set.

Only those who have attained an attendance of not less than 80% are eligible for a refund. Upon satisfactory completion of the course the HKU Finance and Enterprises Office will be notified by the Language Centre of your eligibility for a refund of the course deposit. Please ensure that the name you use to register for a course is the same as your bank account name. Do not, for example, register in the class as David Chan if your name is Chan Tai Wai; otherwise you might have difficulty getting the refund transferred back to your bank account after the completion of the course.

Students who apply to sit for Certificate Examinations will have to pay the examination fees as shown below:

### 2002 - 2003

Certificate Examination - Part I (oral examination only) = HK\$50

Certificate Examination - Part II (oral and written examinations) = HK\$200

## Waiting Lists

If a successful applicant fails to pay the deposit on the dates specified, his or her place will be given to another student on the waiting list. Waiting lists will be displayed on the noticeboard on the 7th floor, K.K. Leung Building. Applicants on the waiting lists will **NOT** be notified individually.

## Leave of Absence

A student who cannot attend classes days because of **medical reasons** should write to the Director not later than two days after the leave of absence. Sick leave should be supported by a copy of the certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner.

A student who desires leave of absence for **non-medical** reasons should apply to the Director in writing prior to the commencement of leave, stating the reasons for which the leave of absence is sought and providing supporting documents. Student should also contact the teacher for making up of the lessons not attended.

## **Withdrawals**

If for any reason you cannot attend the course for which you have registered, you should notify the Director in writing, so that your place can be offered to another applicant in time. The Centre will consider your request for a refund if your reason is justified. If you wish to quit in the middle of the course, you should give written notice to the Director.

# LANGUAGE PRACTICE FACILITIES

The Language Centre, apart from its three classroom language laboratories and two multi-media learning centres (MMLC's) which are used only for classroom teaching, has one **Practice Laboratory** in Room 615 in the K.K. Leung Building together with one **Language Resource Centre** in Room 402 in the Meng Wah Complex, for self-access language learning. These facilities serve both as a language audio-visual and multimedia libraries in which students can select from a large range of audio, video or CALL (computer-aided language learning) programmes for use in the Laboratory or Resource Centre as well as places where students may undertake discussions, presentations and other similar activities or consult teaching staff concerning any aspect of their language learning.

The following facilities are provided:-

- (a) self-access listening, recording and playback facilities (consisting of standalone audio-active-comparative student recorders and CD players) for a large range of recommended programmes for listening and practice. These programmes are on cassette tapes, which are kept on the shelves. A catalogue of tapes in the Practice Laboratory/ Language Resource Centre is available in the room for reference by users.
- (b) micro-computer workstations programmed for interactive self-learning software packages. Each workstation includes a CD-ROM drive for working with a wide range of language learning materials recorded on CD-ROM disks. At the same time each workstation is connected to LAN operating in each facility which in turn is connected to the University's network, thus providing access both to services on the University's network as well as to the Internet.

Other facilities include micro-computer based multi-media interactive systems with CD-ROM players for use with English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai CALL software.

- (c) self-access video facilities for viewing a range of videotaped materials with provision being made in the Language Resource Centre for two students to view a videotape together. At the same time DVD/VCD players are available in the Practice Laboratory for viewing video materials.

In addition to viewing prerecorded materials, users of the Practice Laboratory may also view foreign language programmes received via satellite. Languages made available initially include French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Putonghua.

- (d) consultation services are provided by teaching staff for any student who might need assistance or advice on the use of learning materials in the Laboratory/Resource Centre.
- (e) Student Activities Rooms where students may undertake discussions and other activities on an organized or ad-hoc basis. Portable equipment may be borrowed from the counter for use in the Activities Rooms for presentations and for audio recording/videotaping in the rooms. Such equipment is for use in Activities Rooms only and may not be taken out of the Resource Centre.
- (f) Student access points (ACENET Points) have been installed in the self access facilities to allow students to connect to the University campus network using their personal portable laptop microcomputers.

In addition, current newspapers and magazines are provided in the Student Activities Room in the Practice Laboratory and in the Reading Areas in the Language Resource Centre in the Meng Wah Complex. Information sheets outlining the use of the above facilities are available in the both locations. No tapes, worksheets or other materials may be removed from the room without permission. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask the member of staff in attendance at the counter for assistance.

**Practice Laboratory and Language Resource Centre opening hours:**

<p><b>Language Resource Centre (Room 402, Meng Wah Complex)</b></p>	<p>Monday to Friday</p>	<p>9:00 am - 6:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Practice Laboratory (Room 615, K.K. Leung Building)</b></p>	<p>Monday to Friday Saturday</p>	<p>9:00 am - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 11:00 am</p>



**Quick reference guide to facilities available in the Centre's self-access areas:**

Service / facility		Self-access area	
		Practice Laboratory K.K. Leung Bldg Rm 615	LRC Meng Wah Complex Rm 402
Audio facilities	Audio active comparative recorders	√	√
	Audio dubbing service	√	
	CD players	√	√
Video facilities	Videotape materials (VHS tapes)	√	√
	DVD / VCD players	√	
	Foreign language programmes via satellite	√	
	Booths allowing 2 users to share viewing		√
Microcomputer facilities	CALL materials	√	√
	Multimedia workstations	√	√
	Access to Internet	√	√
	Student access points to university network	√	√
<b>Consultation service (please check timetable in each facility)</b>		<b>languages other than English**</b>	<b>English</b>
Reading Area	Newspapers	√*	√
	Magazines	√*	√
Activities Room	Audio and video playback	√	√
	Portable audio cassette recorder	√	√
	Video camera recorder		√
	Overhead projector		√

√\* Combined reading area/activities room

\*\* languages other than English include French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai

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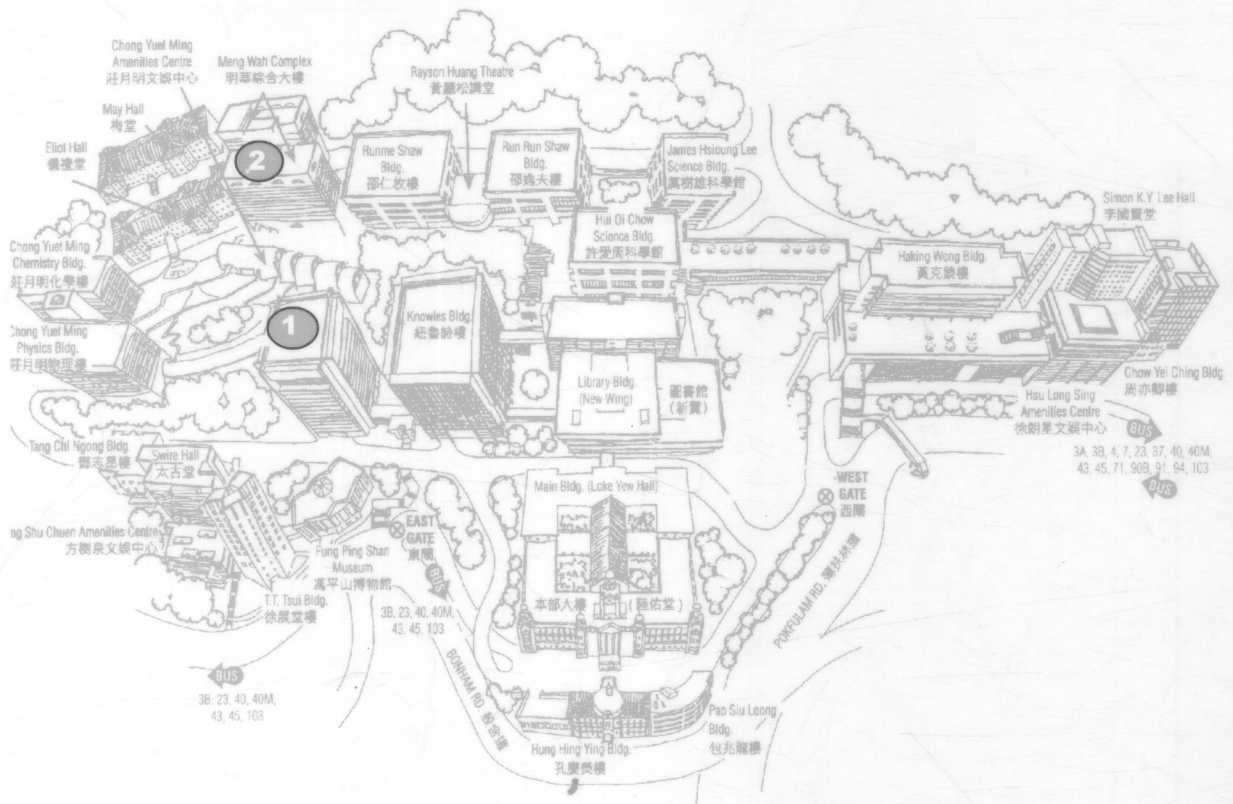
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- Language Centre General Office (Rm 706, 7/F)
- Practice Laboratory (Rm 615, 6/F)

## Meng Wah Complex - 2

- Language Resource Centre (Rm 402, 4/F)

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