

***NEW* ONLINE INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS WITH FRENCH (POST-GCSE LEVEL) MLT120 10 CREDITS**

New unit for 2009/2010

Pre-requisites

GCSE Grade A* / A/B /C or MLT102 (or equivalent). NB You are not eligible for this module if you have a qualification in French higher than GCSE.

Course fees

There will be no fee for students counting this module towards unrestricted credits at any level (subject to departmental agreement). For students who wish to take this unit in addition to their degree programmes, the course fee this year will be £100.

Aims

This new unit has been developed by the Modern Languages Teaching Centre in order to provide you with the opportunity to study beginners Italian, whilst at the same time improving your wider communication skills and "cultural agility". The unit can be taken by any student at the University, undergraduate or postgraduate. The knowledge and skills gained in the unit will be useful during your studies and social activities here at Sheffield, as well as in your future career. The unit will also be particularly relevant for students who will be entering the job market in the following year as employers are increasingly looking for evidence of language ability and intercultural skills.

This unit can be counted towards unrestricted credits at any level (subject to programme regulations and requirements). Students may also take the unit in addition to their degree programmes: the fee for this will be £100.

Intended Outcomes

By the end of the unit, students should be able to

- use productive language skills in order to accomplish speaking and writing tasks in everyday situations
- demonstrate the development of intercultural awareness and reflexivity
- synthesise the above in order to evolve the attitudes and skills necessary to engage successfully with the target language culture and by extension with other cultural communities at local, national or international level.

Methods and Materials

The unit has been designed with flexibility in mind to avoid timetable clashes. Delivery is through online interactive learning, supported by three face-to-face language evening sessions, specially-designed online intercultural tutorials and language materials and activities to consolidate the class-based language learning.

Part 1: Post-GCSE level French

This module aims to enable learners to apply their language skills with greater accuracy and sophistication. Awareness of and ability to use key aspects of grammar will be consolidated and developed, and a range of complex grammatical forms and structures will be introduced. Students

will use the BBC's "French at Your Fingertips" resources (under licence to the University) to consolidate the class-based language learning. Weekly activities will be undertaken by students. There will be weekly essential online tasks with the option of extra extension work.

Part 2: Intercultural Awareness

It is important to be able to recognise, respond appropriately towards, and live and work comfortably with people from different cultures and nationalities both at University and beyond. Whilst gaining an introduction to the theory of intercultural communication, students will be encouraged to consider their own values and behaviours and reflect on how these may affect other people. This part of the unit will include online tutorials, reading materials, video clips and activities. Over the semester there will be 6 reflective tasks to aid development of intercultural awareness.

Assessment

1. The language component will be assessed by
 - Speaking test with MLTC tutor (5 minutes)
 - Writing test (1 hour)
2. The Intercultural Awareness component will be assessed by a **small project** (500-750 words) based on a portfolio covering the development of the individual's intercultural awareness and reflexivity informed by reflection and research.

For enquiries or to sign up for the unit, please contact

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