Languages for All Guidance Notes 2016-17

These guidance notes should be read in conjunction with the Languages for All (LfA) Programme 2016-2017.

For detailed information on individual modules as well as timetable information click here and visit the page of the relevant provider.

1. The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) describes what a learner is supposed to be able to do in reading, speaking, listening and writing at each learning level. Go to the separate page on “Find Your Language Level” to see the level descriptors and find out more about the CEFR. You also need to check on the entry requirements for each module, for example you may need to have a certain grade at GCSE, or equivalent.

2. Languages courses and modules across the university are provided by:

   REL  Religion, Theology and the Bible
   ELTC  English Language Teaching Centre
   MLTC  Modern Languages Teaching Centre
   SEAS  School of East Asian Studies
   SLC  School of Languages and Cultures
   EGH  School of English
   DLL  Department of Lifelong Learning

The Sheffield Students’ Union also offers taster programmes in languages through the ‘Give it a Go’ programme. Please note that these courses are not accredited and cannot count as part of your degree.

The Sheffield Confucius Institute offers short courses in Chinese as well as programmes in Chinese culture and dance. Please note that these courses are not accredited and cannot count as part of your degree.

3. All undergraduate degree programmes are made up of 120 credits per year. Depending on your course these credits will be made up of a different combination of core (mandatory), approved (i.e. those your department will allow you to take in addition to core), and unrestricted modules which may be open to all, subject to availability.

You can study a variety of languages as unrestricted modules. In some cases you may be able to take a language as an additional module, i.e. over and above your 120 credits, but this will not count as part of your degree, and you do need to be careful you are not taking on too much. Please note that the modules provided by DLL are not available as additional modules but only as part of your 120 credits.

   In all cases you should discuss your options with your ‘home’ academic department as part of the registration process.

4. These are courses in ancient languages, designed to give a reading knowledge, and are not courses in spoken modern Hebrew or Greek.