

# **DMU Global Languages**

**Student Handbook**

2023-24

## What is the DMU Global languages offer?

Any full-time fee-paying student of De Montfort University Leicester can enrol to study a language, with 25 places available per class, per term. DMU Global offers 4 different language classes including:

- **French**
- **German**
- **Japanese**
- **Spanish**

**Courses are designed for complete beginners.** Ideal for students who have very little or no previous knowledge of the language/Common European Framework A1.

## How much do the classes cost?

The 10-week course has a participation fee of £30, the course textbook is **included in the price** (textbook provided in first class).

## When do the classes take place?

Classes are 2 hours long and run for 10 weeks in Term 1 and 2, Monday – Thursday between 5-7pm.

## Application & course dates

### **Term 1**

**Application launch:** Monday 18 September 2023  
**Application Deadline:** Monday 16 October 2023  
**Classes:** 23 October 2023 - 18 January 2024

### **Term 2**

**Application Launch** Monday 13 November 2023  
**Application Deadline:** Monday 11 December 2023  
**Classes:** 22 January 2024 – 22 April 2024

## Classes and tutors

Language	Date and time	Tutor
Spanish	Monday 5-7pm	Nidya Yanez Rodriguez
French	Tuesday 5-7pm	Alexandrine Slusarczuk
Japanese	Tuesday 5-7pm	Kaori Stansall
German	Wednesday 5-7pm	Marianne Siegfried-Brookes (Term 2: Anya Bell)

## Previous participants' feedback

*'I cannot be more complimentary about the teacher and the teaching. Brilliant knowledge and enthusiasm in delivering the course.'*

*'I really enjoyed that the class is small, the tutor had time to interact and help everyone. She encourages everyone to talk in class which helped me be more confident.'*

*'I have significantly improved my Japanese language abilities and skills, the teacher and the materials that were provided for the students were very helpful.'*

*'Learning a language is very beneficial not just for my career, but it also helped me develop my confidence with speaking in class which I struggle with a lot.'*

*'I have developed language skills, and will be able to use these skills in German as I embark on the Munich DMU Global trip this year.'*

## Teaching and Learning

Your course will be taught using English and your chosen language and will develop your awareness of **speaking, listening, reading** and **writing**. Your teachers will also introduce country-specific cultural topics. They will suggest independent online activities as well as post suggestions/links via Learning Zone, to help your progress.

## General course aims

- Enhance your language skills (both native and foreign)
- Provide opportunities to study, work, live and travel the world
- Improve your employability
- Give an appreciation of new cultures, societies and arts
- Sharpen your personal and transferable skills

**Following completion of a 10-week A1 level course, students should be able to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases to communicate and exchange information in a simple way.**

## Homework and attendance

The contact teaching time is supported by weekly homework and online activities provided by your teachers. Please do make sure you complete these tasks to ensure the smooth running of the following session and to make the most of contact time with your tutor.

Attendance in class is an essential part of learning. The constant, ongoing language contact, including the variety of interactive class activities, will provide you with the most effective progress at this level.

You are expected **to attend ALL of your classes and require at least 80% attendance in order to receive formal recognition for completing the course.** Classes will close if numbers fall below 10 for 3 consecutive weeks.

## Recognition

On completion of your language class, you will be issued with a **DMU Global Language Course Beginner Level Digital Badge** via our badge issuing platform Badgr. Once you have claimed it, you can save it to your 'digital backpack', publish it to your LinkedIn profile or even download a certificate version.

You can find out more about digital badges [here](#).

## What opportunities are there after the course?

DMU Global offers a range of overseas, extra-curricular opportunities that could help you utilise the language skills that you have gained. In the past we had the following opportunities for students:

- [Spanish Culture & Intercultural Communication in Alicante](#)
- [KGU Japanese Language and Culture Summer Programme](#)
- [German Language & Culture Summer School in Konstanz, Germany](#)
- [Rennes School of Business Summer Programmes in France](#)

Details about new trips for 2023-24 will be published on **2 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

Additionally, if you are in your second year of an undergraduate programme where it is possible to **Study on exchange** then you could spend a year at one of our partner universities (with destinations including: France, Germany, Japan & Spain). Contact [\*\*studentexchange@dmu.ac.uk\*\*](mailto:studentexchange@dmu.ac.uk) if you have any questions about this.

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