Uniwide Languages

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Enhance your CV, become a global citizen and train your brain through language learning

1. What is Uniwide Languages?
   It’s Manchester Met’s programme for language learning across the university. Many courses offer this opportunity to their students as part of their degree. It’s simple; you just replace a 15-credit option from your course with your choice of Uniwide language. Your Uniwide lessons will run for one term.

2. What languages can I learn?
   We offer 9 languages! All the options are shown above and listed on our webpage.

3. Do you have my language level?
   We offer complete Beginner classes in all our languages and a range of other levels (up to A’ level in some languages). Check the ‘Rough Guide to Uniwide levels’ on our webpage. We will check your language level when you sign up.

4. Will it be too hard for me?
   You get out what you put in! Learning a language requires some effort and practice but it won’t take long for you to learn some basics. Our tutors are friendly and supportive and will help you with your studies. We also have access to all kinds of self-study resources that you can use in your learning.

5. What assessments are there?
   You will be assessed in reading, writing, speaking and listening during the course. The assessments are integrated, meaning that each one tests more than one skill, ensuring that all your skills in the language develop. Each assessment is worth 25% so there is no big exam or test. Some tasks are done in class and others will be done at home. You will be tested according to your level and what has been covered in your lessons.

6. How many hours of classes are there every week?
   You will study in class for two hours/week over one term for 15-credits. Some languages also offer script-writing sessions so you can practise writing your new language.

7. When are the classes?
   It depends on your language choice and your level. Classes run from Monday –Friday, in slots from 9-6, just like other courses. Depending on your language and level, you may have a choice of more than one class time.
8. How do I find out if I can take a language with my degree?
   If your course offers Uniwide Languages, you will see it on your option form in the spring term. Select ‘Uniwide Language’ and choose your language and level.
   If your course doesn’t have the option of Uniwide Languages for credits, you can take Uniwide Extra. You will join the same classes as the other students. It costs £250 for one term.

9. How will I know which level to join?
   If you have done Uniwide before, choose the next level up. If you’re not sure, choose the level that seems closest to your current ability. We will check your level in April/May when we finalise the groups.

10. How can I enrol?
    If you are new to Manchester Met, you can come to one of our enrolment sessions in September.
    Sign-up for current students is by choosing ‘Uniwide language’ on your option form in the spring term.

11. What if I change my mind after I sign up?
    We hope that you will love learning a language with us, but if you find that it doesn’t suit you, let us know as soon as possible and you may be able to take an option in your home department instead.

12. I’m interested in learning a Uniwide language. What should I do next?
    Talk to your course tutor about whether Uniwide is offered as part of your degree. If it is, select it on your option form in the spring term. We will send you a form in April/May where you can choose/confirm your language level. If we have any questions we’ll get in touch with you then.
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