

# A LEVEL LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

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## Why languages?

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Quite apart from the communicative benefits offered by the knowledge of foreign languages, there are many other advantages:

- Speaking a foreign language opens the way to understanding new cultures and finding out about other nations' ways of life
- The ability to speak a foreign language fluently increases your chances in the job market and opens up a whole spectrum of careers
- Speaking a modern language or having a degree in one does not lead down any single career path; instead, languages provide skills that are recognised by employers in a wide range of industries
- The career opportunities open to linguists are much wider than teaching and translating. Over 80% of language graduates go into the private sector where they use their language skills in well-paid jobs with exciting opportunities for travel or living abroad, such as business services, banking, finance or retail. With the role played by the EU, these opportunities are increasing constantly.

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## TAKE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

### Are you:

- studying French, German or Spanish at AS or A2 Level?
- enthusiastic about using your language skills in real-life contexts?
- eager to improve your speaking, grammar and writing skills?
- keen to explore different ways and contexts of using a language?
- interested in working with authentic resources and qualified native speakers?
- curious to find out what your language(s) can do for you?
- considering taking a language as (part of) your university degree programme?

If so, the University of Westminster's A level language workshops will help you take your language skills to the next level. Our workshops have successfully run for a number of years and are delivered by teaching staff who are experienced native speakers. They focus on improving essential skills (speaking, grammar and writing). Our workshops are not syllabus and exam revision classes, but offer learners the opportunity to increase their fluency, accuracy, confidence and learning skills. We are offering workshops in French, German and Spanish (see specific programmes) 7 – 9 April 2015. Separate classes for AS and A2 groups are available for all languages. Each three-day workshop comprises 15 hours of teaching, focusing on a variety of activities.

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

The fee per three-day workshop is £50 (this covers all three days; please note that you cannot book individual days).

**Please send a cheque (we are unable to accept cash, postal orders or credit card bookings), together with a completed booking form (photocopies are acceptable) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope) to:**

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University of Westminster  
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**Please note, we are unable to process bookings by email or telephone and are unable to accept large school bookings (please enquire).**

Our workshops are popular and attract large numbers of students from across London. Places are limited, so if you want to make use of this exciting opportunity, **please book your place no later than 2 March 2015.** Each workshop is limited to 20 students. You will be notified after the deadline whether your application has been successful.

For further information please contact:  
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## DID YOU KNOW?



- 200 million people speak French across the five continents.
- Nearly 20% of the territory of France lies outside Europe. These regions are known as the 'DOM-TOM' (overseas departments and territories), where over 2.5 million French citizens live.
- France is the country which has won the most Nobel prizes for literature (13 so far).



- About a quarter of all Americans claim to have (at least partial) German ancestry.
- Over 10% of all goods exported around the world come from Germany.
- Germany and Austria belong to those countries in the EU with the lowest unemployment rate.



- Today, nearly 500 million people across the world speak Spanish.
- Spain has three other officially recognised languages (Catalan, Galician and Euskara), and language use continues to be a hot political issue in parts of the country.
- Real Madrid is the most popular football club in the world. It is supported by more than 200 million people.

# PROGRAMME

## FRENCH AS

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

### Topic Area: L'éducation et le travail

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11am – 12pm	Introduction/Le petit questionnaire de Proust
12 – 1pm	Grammar Surgery: Pronominal verbs
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Speaking skills/Interview game
3.05 – 4pm	Listening comprehension
4 – 4.30pm	Projet sur la Publicité

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### Topic Area: Le cinéma Français

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar First Aid: Using compound verbs for best effects
11.30am – 12pm	Reading: Méliès, pionnier du cinéma
12 – 1pm	Listening exercise: French film (extract)
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Quiz
3.05 – 4pm	Les grandes événements du cinéma en France et activités en classe
4 – 4.30pm	Projet sur la Publicité

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### Topic Area: Sujets chauds et controversies

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar Hospital: Subjunctive and expressing opinions
11.30am – 12.20pm	Writing: Twitter en Français
12.20 – 1pm	Discussion: Contemporary issues in France
	Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3.30pm	Speaking activity: Rôle-play
3.30 – 3.45pm	Préparation pour la présentation
3.45 – 4.30pm	Présentation du projet sur la Publicité

## FRENCH A2

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

### Topic Area: Les châteaux cathares

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11am – 12pm	Speaking skills: Personal information (dictionnaire de Proust)
12 – 1pm	Grammar: Impersonal expressions using "le subjonctif présent"
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Listening comprehension: Les châteaux cathares
3 – 4.30pm	Writing exercise: analysis and comment

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### Topic Area: La presse française

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Refreshing your irregular verbs - Part I
11.30am – 12.15pm	Press review: Exploration and analysis
12.15 – 1pm	Speaking and writing workshop: Developing comments and opinion
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	French cartoonist Plantu's 'Le Monde' drawings
3 – 3.30pm	Video document on Plantu
3.30 – 4.30pm	Pair work: Let's imagine that you are a journalist!

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### Topic Area: Le cinéma

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Refreshing your irregular verbs - Part II
11.30am – 1pm	Film: <i>Les jeux interdits</i> (René Clément)
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Writing activity: Film reviews
	Workshop evaluation
3 – 4pm	Speaking and writing: the impact of the cinematographic approach used by René Clément
4 – 4.30pm	Express yourself: The most remarkable film?

# PROGRAMME

## GERMAN A1

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

### Topic Area: Deutschland / Mode und Beruf

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11 – 11.45am	Partner interview, introduction
11.45am – 12.15pm	Discussion: What do you know about Germany?
12.15 – 1pm	Listening: Documentary about Germany Quiz
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Vocabulary and reading skills (Mode und Beruf)
3 – 3.45pm	Grammar: Adjective endings
3.45 – 4.30pm	Group work and presentation

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### Topic Area: Medien

10.30 – 11.15am	Media in the past and today
11.15am – 12pm	Grammar 2: Subjunctive and conditional
12 – 1pm	Writing: Mobile messages, internet shopping Listening skills
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3.45pm	Vocabulary expansion, listening and writing skills
3.45 – 4.30pm	Speaking activity: Role play; making complaints

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### Topic Area: Kino

10.30 – 11am	Introduction: <i>Die Welle</i>
11am – 12.45pm	Film: <i>Die Welle</i>
12.45 – 1.45pm	LUNCH BREAK
1.45 – 2.30pm	Group discussion Workshop evaluation
2.30 – 3.30pm	Grammar: Past tenses
3.30 – 4.30pm	Writing activity: Film actor description

## GERMAN A2

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

### Topic Area: Unsere Mitmenschen

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11am – 12pm	Introduction and speaking practice
12 – 1pm	Grammar 1: Cases, personal pronouns, adjective endings
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Vocabulary expansion, listening practice
3 – 3.45pm	Writing Skills
3.45 – 4.30pm	Group discussion

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### Topic Area: Unsere Arbeitswelt

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar 2: Prepositions, verbs and prepositions
11.30am – 12.15pm	Job adverts, group discussion
12.15 – 1pm	Pronunciation practice
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Speaking practice: Role play
3 – 3.45pm	Creative writing
3.45 – 4.30pm	Listening practice

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### Topic Area: Arbeit und Zukunft

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar 3: Subordinate clauses, word order
11.30am – 12.15pm	Reading Skills, text analysis
12.15 – 1pm	Revision of key grammar points Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.45pm	Speaking practice, group work
2.45 – 3.45pm	Language learning strategies
3.45 – 4.30pm	Quiz

# PROGRAMME

## SPANISH AS

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### Topic Area: Relatar experiencias pasadas

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11am – 12pm	Speaking activity: Presentations
12 – 1pm	Grammar: Pretérito imperfecto vs pretérito indefinido
1 – 1.30pm	Reading comprehension and speaking skills
1.30 – 2.30pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.30 – 3.30pm	Video: Listening exercise
3.30 – 4.30pm	Writing exercise

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### Topic Area: Planes futuros y proyectos

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: Conditional and subjunctive
12 – 1pm	Reading comprehension and speaking skills
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 4.30pm	Film: <i>Voces Inocentes</i> Task-based exercises on the film Debate

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### Topic: Latino America en el contexto mundial

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: use of 'por' and 'para'
12 – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension, listening and speaking Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.30pm	Spanish music
3.30 – 4.30pm	Quiz

## SPANISH A2

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015

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### Topic Area: Acontecimientos pasados

10.30 – 11am	Welcome meeting: all participants
11am – 1pm	Reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion, speaking activity: stereotypes about Spain
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 4.30pm	Grammar: Past tenses revision Writing exercise: Stories and anecdotes

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### Topic Area: La Guerra de las Malvinas y el cine argentino actual

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Simple past (indefinido) Historical background: Falklands War
11.30am – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension, listening and speaking
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 4.30pm	Film: <i>Un cuento chino</i> (Sebastian Borensztein) Film-based tasks

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### Topic Area: Impacto de la tecnología en la sociedad

10.30 – 11.30am	Writing activities
11.30am – 1pm	Grammar: Subjunctive – all common uses
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3.30pm	Music and debate Workshop evaluation
3.30 – 4.30pm	Vocabulary review





BOOKING FORM

Please complete (in capital letters) and return this slip, together with your deposit (by cheque – please note, we are unable to accept cash, credit cards or postal orders), to book your place.

I would like to book a place for (please indicate):

- ☐ French AS
- ☐ German AS
- ☐ Spanish AS
- ☐ French A2
- ☐ German A2
- ☐ Spanish A2

Name:

Address:

Contact phone number (no mobile):

I will be the first person in my family to go to university (please circle): Yes / No

School / College:

I have enclosed a cheque for £50 made payable to 'The University of Westminster'

Please return your booking form and payment, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, no later than Monday 2 March 2015 to:

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