

### Course Description

# Bengali Level 2

### *How long does the course last?*

45 hours of tuition - 3 parts of 15 hours each

Part 1: 15 hours

Part 2: 16-30 hours

Part 3: 31-45 hours

The length of each part depends on the type of language course.

**Evening Language Courses:** Lessons take place once a week over 10 weeks and last 1.5 hours each.

**Intensive Evening Language Courses:** Lessons take place once a week over 5 weeks and last 3 hours each.

**Saturday Language Courses & Evening Fast-track Language Courses:** Lessons take place once a week over 5 weeks and last 3 hours each.

**Summer Fast-track Language Courses:** Lessons take place twice a week over 2.5 weeks and last 3 hours each.

**Summer Intensive Language Courses:** Lessons take place 5 times a week and last 3 hours each.

### *Who is the course for?*

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a general interest in Bengali with one of the following:

- Level 1 of the MLC Evening / Saturday / Summer Language Courses
- approximately 45-60 hours' tuition
- A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- a pass at GCSE/O-level or equivalent acquired more than 4 years ago
- entry level of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)
- Breakthrough level of the Asset Languages qualifications

### *What are the objectives of the course?*

To develop existing language skills further and to achieve the equivalent of A1/A2 level of the CEFR, level 1 of the RQF, equivalent of GCSE/ O-level grade A.

By the end of the course you will:

- be able to understand general and detailed information and to communicate in standard speech on a range of everyday issues
- be able to read printed and handwritten script on a limited number of everyday topics
- be able to write simple texts using descriptive language accurately
- have developed intercultural competence

## *How is the course taught?*

A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.

Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work according to a syllabus based on systematic grammatical progression.

Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set optional homework tasks.

Students will have access to KEATS, King's e-learning platform.

## *What course can I do next?*

After completing all three parts of this course, students should be ready to join a Bengali Level 3 course at the MLC.

## *Course outline*

### *Part 1*

#### **Topics**

Daily routine

Town and city

At the hotel

Hobbies and interests

Seasons

Bengali foods

Diary – last week's activities

Directions – post office, hotel etc.

#### **Functions**

Suggesting, agreeing and disagreeing

Asking for an explanation, clarification or permission

Keeping a diary

Asking for and giving directions

#### **Grammar**

Word order

The use of Comparative adjectives

Demonstrative pronouns

The Possessive case

### *Part 2*

#### **Topics**

Bangladeshi cities

Festivals

Holidays

Health and diet

Comparison between the weather in England and in Bangladesh

## **Functions**

Replying to an enquiry  
Giving advice  
Congratulating  
Welcoming someone  
Complaining  
Making an appointment

## **Grammar**

Demonstrative adjectives  
Plural endings  
The Objective case

## ***Part 3***

### **Topics**

Free time and sports  
Quantity, size, colour and material  
Work and business  
Houses and flats  
Family background  
At the doctor's  
Events  
Houses or flats  
Likes and dislikes  
Location

## **Functions**

Understanding instructions e.g. public announcements  
Taking notes on familiar matters  
Describing pains and symptoms  
Expressing wishes  
Describing location

## **Grammar**

The negative of the Past tense  
Punctuation  
The Perfect aspect

## ***Learning resources***

### ***Textbook and exercise book***

- Teach yourself Bengali (with CD) by William Radice, 1994

Students are expected to purchase their own textbook. An exercise book may also be recommended. The teacher will supply additional material, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers and new media).

### *Recommended additional material*

- Easy Reader (A Bengali reader for the beginner, Part 1) by Dr G Murshid
- Easy Reader (A Bengali reader for the beginner, Part 2) by Dr G Murshid
- Introduction to Bengali, Part 1 (A basic course in spoken Bengali, with emphasis upon speaking and understanding the language)
- My Talking Dictionary with CD Rom (Bengali-English text)
- Colloquial Bengali book & 2 CDs by Nasrin B. Mithun & W van der Wurff
- Bengali a comprehensive grammar by Hamma-Ruth Thompson

### *Online language learning resources*

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0>

### *Independent study*

Research indicates that successful language learners revise new material and review their progress on a regular basis. The Language Resources Centre (LRC), situated in room K-1.072 in level minus one of the Strand Building, houses a wide collection of learning material including text and grammar books, magazines and newspapers, CDs, DVDs, and self-access e-learning language programmes.

During term time the LRC facilitates free speaking practice sessions as well as a range of workshops on language learning. For a list of topics and all dates and times, including the opening hours of the LRC, please go to the website: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0>