

Modern Language Centre

Evening | Saturday | Summer Language Courses

Course Description



Urdu Level 1

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.

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 Urdu. No prior knowledge of Urdu is required as the course is for complete beginners.

What are the objectives of the course?

To acquire basic language skills and to achieve the equivalent of A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), entry level of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

By the end of the course you will:

- be able to communicate in very basic everyday-life situations, including greetings, daily activities, finding your way, telling the time and date, making simple purchases, ordering a meal, etc
- be able to understand very simple oral and written texts and ascertain specific information on simple topics
- have developed an insight into Urdu-speaking life, culture and society

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 Urdu Level 2 course at the MLC.

Course outline

Part 1

Topics

Alphabet, pronunciation and script
Numbers 1-20
Greetings and introductions
Days of the week
Parts of the body
Likes and dislikes
Food
Colours, describing objects
Family, friends and relationships
Giving personal details – nationality / occupation

Functions

Introducing yourself and others
Meeting, greeting someone and responding to greetings
Asking and answering simple questions
Making polite conversation
Expressing preferences
Describing relationships
Formal and informal ways of addressing people

Grammar

Present tense of the verb to be, used with pronouns
Vowels
Question words and interrogative sentences
Yes / no questions
Number and gender
Most common verbs
Use of this, that, here, there, where, what

Part 2

Topics

Numbers up to 50
Fruit and vegetables
Daily routine
Days and months
Weather
Time
Transport
Directions
Permissions and requests

Functions

Shopping for fruit and vegetables
Giving orders
Asking for and telling the time
Asking for and giving directions
Making requests (booking a hotel / organising a holiday)

Giving permission for something

Grammar

Demonstratives

Singular and plural of adjectives

Possessive pronouns

Affirmative and negative forms of the Present tense

Cases

Present Continuous tense

Past tense

Some useful verbs

Part 3

Topics

Numbers up to 100

Health and illnesses

Idiomatic expressions

Past events

Telephone conversations

Functions

Speaking on the phone

Describing events Urdu

Talking to children

Writing a simple personal letter

Describing a place

Buying tickets

Making offers

Accepting and refusing

Expressing thanks

Giving simple opinions

Recalling past experiences

Grammar

Oblique case

Direct case

Extended oblique

Nouns and Verbs

Adjectives

Revision of the Present tense

Conditionals

Pronouns

Simple Future

Postpositions

Learning resources

Textbook and exercise book

- Teach Yourself Complete Urdu by David Matthews & Mohamed Kasim Dalvi, ISBN-10: 0340913894
ISBN-13: 978-0340913895
- Basic level Urdu Key Stage 3 by Roohi Rizvi, ISBN 10: 0952173204 / ISBN 13: 9780952173205

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

- Urdu: An Essential Grammar by Ruth Laila Schmidt.
- Beginning Urdu, A Complete Course; by Joshua H. Pein and Fauzia Farooqui
- Learn Urdu With or Without a Teacher; by Nathaniel Dean

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>