Glasgow School of Art Course Specification
Course Title: Languages



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Course Code	HECOS Code	Academic Session
UPRD212		2027-28

Course Title	Languages
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Credits	20
SCQF Level	8
When Taught	Stage 2, Semester 2

Associated Programmes	BDes/MEDes Product Design BSc Immersive Systems Design BDes Sound
Lead School	School of Innovation and Technology
Other Schools	N/A
Date of Approval	Programme Approval October 2026

Course Introduction

This course is delivered in Stage 2, Semester 2 and consists of 200 notional learning hours of which 80 will be with direct staff contact time *(or as otherwise directed by University of Glasgow Language Lab faculty who deliver the course)*.

The Languages course provides a personal study option for students from the BDes/MEDes Product Design,BSc Immersive Systems Design and BDes Sound programmes. Students choosing the MEDes *(Master of European Design)*, for example, are obligated to attend Languages course as this prepares them for the acquisition of languages skills in the future. Students not choosing the MEDes may wish to undertake the study of Languages as part of their skills portfolio. Students will develop the linguistic skills they will need to allow them to cope confidently, at a fundamental level, with most everyday social and "survival" situations in the target language and gain insight into the culture and way of life of the target country to enable them to integrate more easily into a foreign environment.

Course Aims

This course provides students with the opportunity to:

- Develop the skills required to facilitate the learning of a foreign language, through verbal delivery, aural comprehension and written communication.
- Develop language skills in areas related to students' studies and work.
- Develop awareness of the customs, culture and society of the countries in which the language is spoken
- Develop transferable skills such as communication, confidence, initiative, independent learning, social/cultural sensitivity and time management.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes
By the end of this course students will be able to: • Convey a linguistic competence capable of supporting academic exchange at a foreign institution or industrial placement. • Exchange information on familiar topics, such as personal details, both orally and in writing, as appropriate to some specific socio-cultural contexts. • Understand short and straightforward reading and listening materials on familiar topics. • Understand and use basic grammar structures of the target language, including present and past indicative

Indicative Content
Guided formal scheduled sessions that include individual and group practical exercises (for speaking, listening, reading and writing), grammar and vocabulary input.

Description of Learning and Teaching Methods
Sessions of directed self-study using the Language Centre's audio-visual facilities. Weekly time devoted to consolidating work covered in class. Timetable: Provided by Glasgow University

Indicative Contact Hours	Notional Learning Hours
80	200

Description of Formative Assessment and Feedback Methods
Students are supported in their learning through a range of formative assessment activities as they progress through the course. Continuous formative assessment in oral communication and four formal oral assessments points.

Description of Summative Assessment arrangements
Summative assessment is exam based, this includes both written and oral examination principles.

Description of Summative Assessment Method	Weight %	Submission week
Language Exercises	20 %	Week 11
Oral Assessment	30 %	Week 11
Written Examination (2 hours)	50 %	Week 12

Exchange/Study Abroad	
Can this course be taken by Exchange/Study Abroad students?	Yes
Are all the students on the course taught wholly by distance learning?	No
Does this course represent a work placement or a year of study abroad?	No
Is this course collaborative with any other institutions?	Yes
If yes, then please provide the names of the other teaching institutions	University of Glasgow

Reading and On-line Resources
An on-line resource list will be provided to students at the start of the course. This will be reviewed annually to remain relevant and current for the course and subject specialism. An indicative list of resource s is accessible via Resource Lists.