

COURSE DATES and STRUCTURE

Lifelong Learning language courses at the University of Southampton are taught in the evenings from 19.00 – 21.00 (unless otherwise stated). Stage 1-3 courses will run for a full year with teaching being delivered in 3 blocks of 10 weeks (Stages 1, 2) or 2 blocks of 12 weeks (Stage 3).

All teaching begins the week commencing 6th October.

At the beginning of your course, your tutor will provide you with a week-by-week outline of your classes and throughout the semester. Through a variety of pair, small and full group tasks, you will focus on work prepared beforehand based on a variety of texts, exercises and speaking and listening activities with which you will be provided if your course does not include a set coursebook. You and your fellow students will derive more value – and indeed enjoyment – from this class if essential work is carried out in preparation and if you are willing to participate!

COURSEBOOKS

Your tutor will provide details of the coursebook to be used for the course. You are strongly advised not to purchase a course book until the language course has been confirmed.

Course books should be available from all major booksellers. *October Books* will have evening stalls open at the beginning of the courses on Avenue Campus, and also have a permanent base at 243 Portswood Road, Southampton SO17 2NG; tel: 023 8058 1030

RESOURCES

In addition to any coursebooks used, your tutor will provide you with supplementary materials and you may also use The Languages Resources Centre or LRC (Avenue 2155) at the University. This provides opportunities for listening and viewing, as well as reading, research and language practice on computer or on paper. Questionnaires on language-specific resources are available to all students from the grey filing cabinet outside the entrance to the LRC and they are intended to give you initial help in finding your way around. The LRC is open from 8.45-19.30, Monday-Thursday, and 8.45-17.00 Fridays in term-time.

You may borrow materials available for loan from the LRC for a period of 7 days on production of your student card. You will also find the largest selection of foreign language videos and DVDs at the University of Southampton (and viewing facilities) in the Avenue Library on Upper Level 2. Other DVD foreign language titles are available for 48 hour loan from the LRC.

ASSESSMENT

The language courses within the Humanities Lifelong Learning programme at the University of Southampton do not contain any form of compulsory assessment. However, you will be encouraged to complete regular homework and preparation tasks in order to help you progress in your language study which your tutor will return to you in the following class. A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded at the end of the course subject to reasonable attendance to all students who have enrolled onto their course.

For any further queries, please contact lifelonglearning@soton.ac.uk

Thank you for your interest in our courses. We hope that you will choose the University of Southampton for your lifelong learning classes.