

Centre for Modern Languages

School of Humanities

Why study a language at CML?

As one of the largest centres for modern languages in Singapore, the CML is able to provide a wide choice of language electives. Our languages can be studied from beginners' level to varying intermediate levels, depending on the individual languages.

Studying modern languages at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) involves much more than language proficiency. Our courses also cover cultural and historical aspects, all taught by native speakers and experts in their field.

One of the highlights of studying modern languages at the CML are the opportunity to join cultural activities or to go on immersion trips overseas. Students will benefit from studying the language in its country of origin and it is an effective and exciting way to learn a language.

- ◆ A wide variety of courses
- ◆ A student-centric experience
- ◆ Native-speaker teachers
- ◆ Student-centered learning
- ◆ Up-to-date resources
- ◆ Cutting-edge education
- ◆ Extensive use of:
 - ◆ enquiry-based learning
 - ◆ blended learning
 - ◆ digital media
- ◆ Lots of fun!

CML Learning Outcomes

CML classes follow an Outcomes Based Teaching and Learning (OBTL) curriculum and students can expect to:

- ◆ Develop interactive, interpretive, and presentational communication skills in the target language.
- ◆ Demonstrate understanding of and be able to integrate key linguistic features of the target language and the cultural concepts, underpinning their use.

Contact and Information

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Choose from 16 languages:

Arabic - Chinese - French - German - Hindi – Italian – Japanese -
Korean - Latin - Malay - Russian - Singapore Sign Language -
Spanish - Swedish - Thai - Vietnamese



Languages Available at CML

Arabic

Arabic is an exciting languages to learn. It is spoken by more than 350 million native speakers living in 28 countries and it is one of the six official working languages of the United Nations. We offer three levels of Arabic corresponding to the levels A1-A2 of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).

Chinese

Chinese is a language with a history spanning thousands of years, which is now spoken by one fifth of the world's population. In four levels (A1-B1 according to CEFR) we will take students on a learning journey to discover the characteristics of the language and its culture.

French

French is taught on five continents, spoken daily by more than 220 million people, and it is a language associated with food, fashion, and design. We offer six levels (A1-B2 according to CEFR), which will equip students to live, work and study in a French speaking country.

German

With 100 million native speakers **German** is the most widely spoken language in the European Union. Thus, learning German opens new study and job opportunities, and makes graduates more employable in a globalised economy. In four levels the CML offers German classes corresponding to the levels A1, A2, and B1 (CEFR).

Hindi

Hindi is one of the official languages of India, and the trade language for most of the SAARC countries. The beginner level classes (A1 according to CEFR) provide an introduction to the language of a fast growing economy and enable students to explore the diverse culture of South Asia.

Italian

Learning **Italian** will give students the great opportunity to discover the facets of the "Bel Paese" (the Beautiful Country), famous worldwide for its rich historical heritage, its gastronomic variety and its natural beauty. The CML offers three levels of Italian, corresponding to A1-A2 according to CERF.

Japanese

Japanese Anime, J-pop stars, Japanese Food, or travels to Japan might inspire students to learn Japanese and be enriched by Japan's language and culture. Our classes span seven levels, which will equip participants with a thorough understanding of the language to the Intermediate level of ACTFL.

Korean

Interest in **Korean** dramas, K-Pop, and the wish to travel or work in Korea might encourage students to learn the language. In six levels (A1-B2 according to CEFR) our Korean language courses develop strong foundations in the language and expose students to various aspects of the Korean culture.

Latin

Though **Latin** is an ancient language it is useful today, particularly for linguistics, science and medicine, where Latin words can be found throughout the curriculum. Learning Latin (A1 of CEFR) will also provide students with the opportunity to read the rich body of Latin literature in its original language.

Malay

Malay is one of the official languages of Singapore and is widely spoken in South-East-Asia. Students can embark on a three-level learning journey (A1-A2 of CEFR) to unravel the beauty of the language and become conversant with the lingua franca of the Malay world.

Russian

Russian is ranked the fifth most spoken language in the world with 300 million people speaking it worldwide and 167 million speaking it as their native language. Russia's size and natural resources open vast opportunities in a global market. The CML offers Russian courses corresponding to A1 (CEFR).

SG Sign Language

Singapore Sign Language is the preferred language for the deaf and hard of hearing community in Singapore. In two levels (A1 according to CEFR) students are introduced to the basics of manual languages and visual-gestural communication, enabling participants to communicate using the visual-manual language, while broadening perceptions.

Spanish

Speaking **Spanish** will allow students to communicate with more than 500 million people in 21 countries and in five continents. It will also greatly increase students' employment options with many of the world's leading companies seeking Spanish speakers. We offer four levels of Spanish, from A1-B1 (CEFR).

Swedish

Swedish is the most widely spoken Scandinavian language and students taking Swedish classes will find themselves more equipped when travelling to Sweden, one of the top five most popular exchange destinations for NTU students. The CML offers two levels (A1 according to CEFR) which provide an introduction to the language and will open the door to the whole of Scandinavia.

Thai

Thailand attracts nearly one million visitors from Singapore yearly. With great food, fascinating culture, splendid mountains and spectacular beaches, Thailand has become a favourite destination for many Singaporeans. Students can join us on our three-level course journey (A1-A2 of CEFR) to uncover the beautiful **Thai** language and culture.

Vietnamese

Vietnam is a very diverse and popular tourist destination. The CML offers two levels of **Vietnamese** courses (A1 according to CEFR), which will equip students with enough knowledge and vocabulary to travel through Vietnam and discover the charm of this beautiful country and its people.