

# 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, according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).

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. Students also have the opportunity to join cultural activities or to go on immersion trips overseas (LIP).

- ◆ A wide variety of courses
- ◆ Student-centred learning
- ◆ Native-speaker teachers
- ◆ Cutting-edge education
- ◆ Extensive use of blended learning, collaborative learning, and fun!

## Minor in Modern Languages

The CML now offers NTU students the opportunity to study towards a Minor in Modern Languages in five main languages (French, German, Japanese, Korean, or Spanish). Completing the Minor in Modern Languages demonstrates an appreciation of foreign cultures and an interest in the world beyond. A minor in a foreign language will enable students to acquire higher-level language skills and to perceive areas of their specialisation in a new light. These qualities provide extra dimensions for career opportunities and adds an important credential to CVs and can greatly improve employment prospects.

## 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 15 languages:

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



# Languages Available at CML

**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.

Arabic

**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.

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).

German

**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.

Hindi

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 CEFR.

Italian

**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.

Japanese

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.

Korean

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.

Latin

**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.

Malay

**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 opens vast opportunities in a global market. The CML offers Russian courses corresponding to A1 and A2 (CEFR).

Russian

**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.

SG Sign Language

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).

Spanish

**Tamil** is one of the official languages of Singapore, India, and Sri Lanka. Tamil is also spoken by Tamils in Malaysia, Mauritius, and Réunion. With more than 77 million speakers, Tamil is a widely spoken language. Tamil is also the 5th most spoken language in India. The CML offers beginner level classes (A1 according to CEFR) which provide an introduction to the language.

Tamil

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.

Thai

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.

Vietnamese