Our Mission

To provide excellent language teaching to reflect the multilingual nature of Nanyang Technological University

The CML’s Mission supports the University’s aim to provide students with a broad and holistic education to be excellent global citizens, while meeting the requirements of future employers.

With this in mind, the CML promotes and enhances multilingualism amongst University students and staff by encouraging and supporting language learning for personal, academic and professional purposes.

We strive to achieve excellent language education through innovative program design, research-informed teaching and through the use of the latest technologies.

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Welcome to the World of Modern Languages! We live in a globalised world and learning languages broaden your horizons. Join us to experience the intellectual, cultural and personal enrichment that comes from learning a new language.

At the Centre for Modern Languages, we provide students of varying disciplines with a choice of courses in Asian and European languages from introductory to advanced levels.

The CML offers many language immersion and exchange programmes. Seize the opportunity to learn these languages in their countries of origin, as well as to travel to exiting destinations.
Arabic
Arabic is one of the most 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 two levels of Arabic, providing a thorough introduction into the language.

Chinese
Chinese is a language with a history spanning thousands of years, which is spoken by one fifth of the world’s population. We offer four levels, using highly interactive and task-based teaching methods. Our experienced and dedicated teachers are able to give students a fruitful and enjoyable learning experience.

French
Spoken daily by more than 220 million, French is taught on five continents. French is a language of culture, a language for higher education, and therefore for better job opportunities. We offer five levels (A1 - B1), which will equip you to live in a French speaking country and to pass official French language examinations.

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 CML offers German classes corresponding to the levels A1, A2, and B1 (CEFR).

Hindi
Being one of the oldest languages in the world, Hindi enables you to experience the fabulous culture of the Hindi speaking people. Hindi is spoken in India, and is also the trade language for most of the SAARC countries. The beginner level classes provide an introduction to the language of a fast growing economy.

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

Japanese
Love Japanese Anime, J-pop stars and Japanese Food? Want to travel to Japan? Learn Japanese and be intrigued and enriched by its language and rich culture. Our innovative and creative pedagogy, spanning six levels, will leave you with memorable learning experiences and equip you with a thorough understanding of the language.

Korean
Frustrated with poorly worded subtitles in your favourite Korean dramas? Wish you could work in, or travel around, the hometown of your favourite K-pop star? In five levels, our Korean language courses offer strong foundations in reading, writing and oral skills, and expose students to many aspects of Korean culture.

Malay
A language is not just a sequence of words but an expression of the community and its culture. Join us in our journey to unravel the beauty of the Malay world. We offer three levels of Malay language, enabling you to communicate fluently.

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. Due to Russia’s size and natural resources, it opens vast business opportunities in a global market. CML offers Russian course corresponding to the equivalent of A1.1 (CEFR).

Singapore Sign Language
Singapore Sign Language is the preferred language for Deaf and hard of hearing community in Singapore. The programme introduces students to the basics of manual languages and visual-gestural communication, highlighting fundamental differences in the ways visual-manual languages are understood. Through the module students will understand how different languages modalities shape social and cultural perceptions.

Thai
Thailand attracts nearly one million visitors from Singapore yearly. With great food, exotic wildlife, fascinating culture, majestic mountains and spectacular beaches, Thailand has become the favourite destination of 1 in 5 Singaporeans each year! Join us in our three-level course journey to uncover its beautiful language and fascinating culture.

Spanish
Speaking Spanish will allow you to communicate with more than 500 million people in 21 countries and in all five continents. It will also greatly increase your employment options with many of the world’s leading companies needing Spanish speakers. We offer four levels of Spanish (A1 - B1) and learning Spanish will make travelling easier.

Vietnamese
Vietnam is a very diverse and popular tourist destination. We offer a beginner level Vietnamese course, which will equip you with enough knowledge and vocabulary to travel through Vietnam and discover the charm of this beautiful country and its people. Ordering food and shopping will simply be a breeze.