Programme Specification

1 Awarding body
University of London

2 Teaching Institution
Birkbeck, University of London

3 Programme Title(s)
Cert HE Linguistics and Language

4 Programme Code(s)
UCHLINGC_C

5 UCAS code
N/A

6 Home Department
Department of Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics

7 Exit Award(s)
N/A

8 Duration of Study (number of years)
2 years

9 Mode of Study
FT PT ✓ DL

10 Level of Award (FHEQ)
4

11 Other teaching depts or institution
N/A

12 Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) details
N/A

13 QAA Benchmark Group
N/A

14 Programme Rationale & Aims
This certificate programme is designed to give you a foundation in linguistics – the scientific study of language. The linguistics elements of the programme provide you with conceptual, theoretical and analytical skills which will enable you to reflect on and analyse structural, functional and communicative features of language. A distinctive feature of this programme is that it provides an opportunity to study areas of applied linguistics.

You will also learn Beginner’s level Japanese; French; German; Italian or Spanish, which will enable you to communicate in your chosen language in a variety of social and work situations.

15 Entry Criteria
No specific A-level requirement.
Non-standard qualifications considered.
Written test and interview for linguistics applicants.

16 Learning Outcomes
If you complete the pathway starting with Language 1, you will develop fluency in communicating in a variety of everyday social and work situations. You will also develop an ability to understand more complex situations. You will also acquire the ability to read and write in your chosen language at intermediate level.

If you complete the pathway starting with Language 2, you will be able to sustain relatively complex conversations in a wide range of social and work situations. You will also be able to
distinguish different levels of politeness appropriately, and to understand relatively complex discussions and exchanges in a wide range of social and business situations. You will develop an understanding of the role of cultural sensitivity in understanding and speaking your chosen language.

The Linguistics modules will give you an understanding of how language is structured, and the functions language performs in the individual, the group and society. You will learn linguistic concepts and theories, and how to apply these to analyse language data.

You will develop an understanding of Linguistics as a scientific approach to describing features of language, and exploring how language is used as a means of communication. Studying Linguistics will help you develop analytical and critical skills, and to understand the role of theory in explaining how language is organised and the roles that it plays in communication.

Through studying Linguistics you will gain an understanding of how ideas about language and language behaviour relate to other areas, such as psychology, society, and culture.

Working with fellow students, you will engage in critical debates, and carry out teamwork through group tasks. You will broaden your thinking and analytical skills through your study of a technically rigorous discipline.

17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods
Teaching takes several forms, including lectures, seminars, discussions and presentations.
The Linguistics subjects in your degree are assessed entirely by your coursework, mainly in the form of essays. The language components are also assessed by written work, as well as by unseen exams.

18 Programme Description
The basic unit of certificate programmes is the module (30 credits). Students on the CertHE Linguistics and Language programme must complete 4 core modules over 2 years on a part-time basis.

In your first year you must take both the Approaches to Study (level 4) module and the Language 1 or Language 2 (level 4) module, depending on your proficiency in the language. In your second year you must take both the Approaches to Language (level 4) module and the Language 2 (level 4) or Language 3 (level 5) module, depending on which language module you took in your first year.

The programme has five possible routes, so that once completed a student will leave with one of the following awards based on what language they had studied:

CertHE Linguistics and French
CertHE Linguistics and German
CertHE Linguistics and Italian
CertHE Linguistics and Spanish
CertHE Linguistics and Japanese
### Programme Structure

**Part-Time programme – 2 years**

**Year 1**

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**Status**

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module.

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