

## Programme Specification

1	<b>Awarding body</b>	University of London				
2	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	<b>Birkbeck, University of London</b>				
3	<b>Programme Title(s)</b>	<b>Cert HE Linguistics and Language</b>				
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	UCHLINGC_C				
5	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A				
6	<b>Home Department</b>	Department of Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics				
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	N/A				
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	2 years				
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT		PT	✓	DL
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	4				
11	<b>Other teaching depts or institution</b>	N/A				
12	<b>Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details</b>	N/A				
13	<b>QAA Benchmark Group</b>	N/A				

14	<b>Programme Rationale &amp; Aims</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

16	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
17	<p><b>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</b></p>
	<p>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.</p>
18	<p><b>Programme Description</b></p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>In your first year you must take both the <i>Approaches to Study</i> (level 4) module and the <i>Language 1</i> or <i>Language 2</i> (level 4) module, depending on your proficiency in the language. In your second year you must take both the <i>Approaches to Language</i> (level 4) module and the <i>Language 2</i> (level 4) or <i>Language 3</i> (level 5) module, depending on which language module you took in your first year.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CertHE Linguistics and French</li> <li>CertHE Linguistics and German</li> <li>CertHE Linguistics and Italian</li> <li>CertHE Linguistics and Spanish</li> <li>CertHE Linguistics and Japanese</li> </ul>

19	<b>Programme Structure</b>			
<b>Part-Time programme – 2 years</b>				
<b>Year 1</b>				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
4	ARLL004S4	Doing Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics	30	Core
4	ARMC161S4; AREL062S4; AREL065S4; ARIB106S4 ARCL039S4	Language 1 to include either Japanese 1, French 1, German 1, Spanish 1, Italian 1	30	Compulsory
		<b>OR</b> (depending on entry level)		
4	ARMC164S4; AREL067S4; AREL070S5; ARIB115S4 ARCL040S4	Language 2 to include either Japanese 2, French 2, German 2, Spanish 2, Italian 2	30	Compulsory
<b>Year 2</b>				
4	LNLN026S4	Approaches to Language	30	Core
4	ARMC164S4; AREL067S4; AREL074S4 ARIB115S4 ARCL040S4	Language 2 to include either Japanese 2, French 2, German 2, Spanish 2, Italian 2	30	Compulsory
		<b>OR</b> (depending on module taken in previous year)		
5	ARMC165S5; AREL070S5; AREL077S5; ARIB118S5 ARCL041S5	Language 3 to include either Japanese 3, French 3, German 3, Spanish 3, Italian 3	30	Compulsory

**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

20	<b>Programme Director</b>	Dr Rachelle Vessey
21	<b>Start Date</b> ( <i>term/year</i> )	Autumn 2011
22	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Spring 2011
23	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Summer 2011
24	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	July 2022 (for Autumn 2022)