

# A LEVEL LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS 6 – 8 APRIL 2016



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## TAKE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

### Are you:

- studying French, German or Spanish at AS or A2 level?
- enthusiastic about using your language skills in real-life contexts?
- eager to improve your speaking, grammar and writing skills?
- keen to explore different ways and contexts of using a language?
- interested in working with authentic resources and qualified native speakers?
- curious to find out what your language(s) can do for you?
- considering taking a language as (part of) your University degree programme?

If so, the University of Westminster's A level language workshops will help you take your language skills to the next level.

Our workshops have successfully run for a number of years and are delivered by teaching staff who are experienced native speakers. They focus on improving essential skills (speaking, grammar and writing). Our workshops are not syllabus and exam revision classes, but offer learners the opportunity to increase their fluency, accuracy, confidence and learning skills.

We are offering workshops in French, German and Spanish (see programmes) 6 – 8 April 2016. Separate classes for AS and A2 groups are available in all languages. Each three day workshop comprises 15 hours of teaching, focusing on a variety of activities.

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

The fee for one of our workshops is £50 (this covers all three days; please note that you cannot book individual days).

Please send a cheque (we are unable to accept cash, postal orders or credit card bookings), together with a completed booking form (**photocopies are acceptable**) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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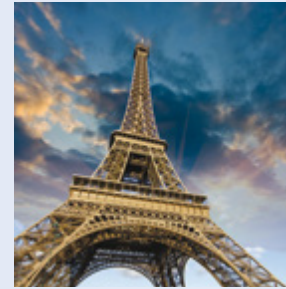
**Please note, we are unable to process bookings by email or telephone and are unable to accept large school bookings (please enquire).**

Our workshops are popular – and attract large numbers of students from across London. Places are limited and workshops usually fill up very early on.

The booking deadline is **Monday, 29 February 2016**. Each workshop is limited to 20 students. You will be notified after the deadline whether your application has been successful.

For further information please contact:  
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## DID YOU KNOW?



- 200 million people speak French across the five continents.
- Nearly 20% of the territory of France lies outside Europe. These regions are known as the 'DOM-TOM' (overseas departments and territories), where over 2.5 million French citizens live.
- France is the country which has won the most Nobel prizes for literature (13 so far).



- About a quarter of all Americans claim to have (at least partial) German ancestry.
- Over 10% of all goods exported around the world come from Germany.
- Germany and Austria belong to those countries in the EU with the lowest unemployment rate.



- Today, nearly 500 million people across the world speak Spanish.
- Spain has three other officially recognised languages (Catalan, Galician and Euskara), and language use continues to be a hot political issue in parts of the country.
- Real Madrid is the most popular football club in the world. It is supported by more than 200 million people.

# PROGRAMME

## FRENCH A1

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016

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### Topic Area: L'éducation et le travail

9.45 – 10.30am	Workshop registration
10.30am – 12pm	Introduction/Le petit questionnaire de Proust
12 – 1pm	Grammar Surgery: pronominal verbs
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Speaking Skills/Interview game
3 – 3.30pm	Remue-méninges grammatical 1
3.30 – 4pm	Writing skills: Describing a photograph

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### Topic Area: Le cinéma Français

10 – 11am	Grammar First Aid: compound verbs
11am – 12pm	Reading: Méliès, pionnier du cinéma
12 – 1pm	Film extract and discussion
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Remue-méninges grammatical 2
3 – 4pm	Les grands événements du cinéma en France et activités en classe

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### Topic Area: Sujets chauds et controverses

10 – 11am	Grammar Hospital: Subjunctive and expressing opinions
11am – 12pm	Writing: Twitter en Français
12 – 1pm	Discussion: contemporary issues in France Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Speaking skills: role-plays
3 – 4pm	Language and culture quiz

## FRENCH A2

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### Topic Area : Les châteaux cathares

9.45 – 10.30am	Workshop registration
10.30 – 11am	Speaking skills: introductions
11am – 12pm	Grammar: Impersonal expressions using "le subjonctif présent"
12 – 1pm	Translation activities and practice
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Listening comprehension: Les châteaux cathares
3 – 4pm	Writing skills

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### Topic Area: La presse française

10 – 11am	Grammar: Irregular verbs (Part I)
11am – 12pm	Press review based on "Le Figaro" and "Le Monde" newspapers - Exploration and analysis
12 – 1pm	Speaking and writing skills: Developing comments and opinion
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 4pm	French cartoonist Plantu's "Le Monde" drawings Video documentary on Plantu. Pair work: Let's imagine that you are a journalist

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### Topic Area: Le cinéma

10 – 11am	Grammar: Irregular verbs (Part II)
11am – 12.30pm	Film: "Les jeux interdits"
12.30 – 1pm	Film discussion
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Writing activity: Film reviews Workshop evaluation
3 – 4pm	Language and culture quiz

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## GERMAN A1

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### Topic Area: Deutschland/Mode und Beruf

9.45 – 10.30am	Workshop registration
10.30 – 11am	Partner interview: introductions What do you know about Germany?
11 – 11.30am	Film: Documentary about Germany
11.30am – 12pm	Grammar: Objects
12 – 1pm	Vocabulary and reading skills (Mode und Beruf)
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.45pm	Grammar: Adjective endings
2.45 – 4pm	Group work and presentation

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### Topic Area: Medien

10 – 10.45am	Media in the past and today
10.45 – 11.30am	Grammar: Subjunctive
11.30am – 12.15pm	Writing: Mobile messages, internet shopping
12.15 – 1pm	Listening activity
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Vocabulary expansion, listening and writing skills
3 – 4pm	Speaking activity: Role play: Making complaints

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### Topic Area: Kino

10 – 11am	Introduction: Fack ju Göhte
11am – 1pm	Film: Fack ju Göthe
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Group discussion Workshop evaluation
3 – 4pm	Language and culture quiz

## GERMAN A2

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### Topic Area: Menschen heute

9.45 – 10.30am	Workshop registration
10.30 – 11am	Introduction and speaking practice
11am – 12pm	GRAMMAR 1: Revision of cases, pronouns and adjective endings
12 – 1pm	Famous German people, vocabulary expansion and quiz
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Listening and speaking practice
3 – 4pm	Writing skills and group discussion

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### Topic Area: Arbeiten heute

10 – 11am	GRAMMAR 2: Prepositions and prepositional verbs
11am – 12pm	Job adverts, vocabulary expansion
12 – 1pm	Speaking practice: job interview
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Creative writing
3 – 4pm	Group work

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### Topic Area: Unsere Zukunft

10 – 11am	GRAMMAR 3: Subordinate clauses, word order
11am – 12pm	Reading skills, text analysis
12 – 1pm	Revision of key grammar points Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.45pm	Speaking practice: expressing opinions
2.45 – 3pm	Language learning strategies
3 – 4pm	Language and culture quiz

# PROGRAMME

## SPANISH AS

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### Topic Area: **Relatar experiencias pasadas**

9.45 – 10.30am	Workshop registration
10.30 – 11.30am	Speaking skills: presentations
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar: “pretérito imperfecto” vs “pretérito indefinido”
12.30 – 1pm	Reading comprehension and speaking skills
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Video, Listening Exercise
3 – 4pm	Writing exercise: descriptive writing

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### Topic Area: **Planes futuros y proyectos**

10am – 12pm	Grammar: Conditional and Subjunctive
12 – 1pm	Reading comprehension and speaking skills
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 4pm	Film “Diarios de motocicleta” Task-based exercise on the film and debate

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### Topic Area: **Latino America en el contexto mundial**

10am – 12pm	Grammar: Por Vs Para and Ser Vs Estar
12 – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension, listening and speaking Workshop evaluation
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.30pm	Spanish music
3 – 4pm	Language and culture quiz

## Why languages?

Quite apart from the communicative benefits offered by the knowledge of foreign languages, there are other advantages:

- Speaking a foreign language opens the way to understanding new cultures and finding out about other nations' ways of life
- The ability to speak a foreign language fluently increases your chances on the job market and opens up a whole spectrum of careers
- Speaking a modern language or having a degree in one does not lead down any single career path; instead, languages provide skills that are recognised by employers in a wide range of industries
- The career opportunities open to linguists are much wider than teaching and translating. Over 80% of language graduates go into the private sector where they use their language skills in well-paid jobs with exciting opportunities for travel or living abroad, such as business services, banking, finance or retail. With the role played by the EU, these opportunities are increasing constantly.

## SPANISH A2

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### Topic Area: Acontecimientos pasados

- 9.45 – 10.30am Workshop registration  
 10.30 – 11.15am Speaking practice/presentations  
 11.15am – 12.15pm Multiple choice grammar and vocabulary quizzes  
 12.15 – 1pm Reading: analysis of a literary text  
 1 – 2pm LUNCH BREAK  
 2 – 4pm Grammar: Preterite, Present Perfect and Pluperfect  
 Writing exercise: stories and anecdotes

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### Topic Area: La España actual: aspectos sociales, políticos y económicos

- 10 – 11am Grammar: regular and irregular imperative verbs  
 11 – 11.30am Speaking activity: role play  
 11.30am – 1pm Skills focus: reading comprehension, listening and speaking  
 1 – 2pm LUNCH BREAK  
 2 – 4pm Film 'El truco del Manco' by Santiago Zannou  
 Film-based tasks

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### Topic Area: Impacto de la tecnología en la sociedad

- 10 – 11.30am Grammar: subjunctive to express opinion, doubt and wishes  
 11.30am – 1pm Writing activity: film review  
 Workshop evaluation  
 1 – 2pm LUNCH BREAK  
 2 – 3pm Debate: technology  
 3 – 4pm Language and culture quiz



## BOOKING FORM

Please complete (clearly and in capital letters – in case we need to contact you by post or phone) and return this slip, together with your deposit (by cheque – please note we are unable to accept cash, credit cards or postal orders), to book your place.

I would like to book a place for (please indicate):

- French AS  German AS  Spanish AS  
 French A2  German A2  Spanish A2

Name:

Address:

Contact phone number (no mobile):

I will be the first person in my family to go to University (please circle): Yes / No

School/ College:

I have enclosed a cheque for £50 made payable to 'The University of Westminster'

Please return your booking form and payment, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to arrive no later than Monday 29 February 2016 to:

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