



## **4th year Language Modules**

(4M1: French, 4M2: German, 4M3: Spanish, 4M4: Japanese)

**Students who wish to take a language module in Part IIB must make a binding commitment to take 4M1 French, 4M2 German, 4M3 Spanish or 4M4 Japanese when they enter their preferences in COMET towards the end of the Easter term.**

**When COMET closes on the last day of Full Term in June all language module selections will be locked. It will not be possible to change them either at the start of the Michaelmas term or at the start of the Lent term.**

Language modules take place in Michaelmas Term for Japanese and Spanish, and in Lent Term for French and German. Day, times and location to be confirmed.

### **Levels**

Modules can be chosen by students with at least a B1/B2 (CEFR) level in the respective language (i.e. equivalent to AS or A-level). In any case, students wishing to take a language module must contact the relevant language coordinator in order to ensure they hold the necessary qualifications.

The seminars, although part of the teaching programme, are open to everyone with intermediate or advanced level.

### **Course Structure**

7 seminars normally consisting of a talk (around 45 minutes) by a guest speaker followed by a discussion (60-75 minutes where students work in groups to prepare questions to ask the guest speaker and the guest speaker answers these questions) but some sessions might vary in format.

The final seminar is used for individual presentations.

The exact course content will be announced at the start of the term the module takes place in.

### **Assessment**

The assignments will be marked for both language and content (50% language, 50% content). In the case of native-speakers, the quality of the language production will be assessed accordingly.

The course work consists of 2 written reports and 1 oral presentation. Each will be on a different topic.

Task	Deadline for submission	Weighting
Written report	End of week 3	30%
Written report	End of week 5	30%
Oral presentation	Week 8	40%

### The written reports

Each written report should be about 900 words for French and Spanish and about 700 words for German. Students should write on the issues addressed by the guest speaker(s) and the discussion held in a seminar of their choice. The report should be presented in a structured way and demonstrate analytical, synthetic and/or critical thinking skills.

### The oral exam

The oral presentation is scheduled for 25 minutes, between 10 and 15 minutes of presentation followed by questions. The oral topic must be different from the topics chosen for the written reports.

### **Marks**

Out of 60 marks.