

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which Languages are taught at the Department of Foreign Languages ?

German, Russian, French, Spanish and Japanese are taught at the Department of Foreign Languages. The former three (German, Russian and French) even have postgraduate courses (M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.)

What is the Duration of the part time courses?

The Duration of the Certificate and Diploma Courses is ONE Academic year. The Intensive Certificate and Intensive Diploma Courses have tenure of ONE term.

What are the minimum educational qualifications required for taking admission to these courses?

Person who has completed Secondary school and who has passed S.S.C. or equivalent examination is eligible to take admission. The admission process is online and strictly on merit basis with reservation quotas as stipulated by the government.

Can I take admission directly to Diploma course?

The entry point for the Courses in Foreign Languages is essentially Certificate Course. But an exception is made for direct admission to higher levels as follows -

### JAPANESE LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Certificate Course in Japanese</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10 <sup>th</sup> standard <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11 <sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)
<b>Diploma in Japanese</b>	<b>Basic qualification :</b> Certificate course in Japanese from University of Pune. <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 80% (320 marks) in JLPT Level 4 (Yonkyu) <u>OR</u> JLPT Level 3 (Sankyu) with at least 250 marks (10 seats for JLPT Certificate holders) <u>OR</u> 80% in JLPT level N5 <u>OR</u> 60% in JLPT level N4
<b>Advanced Diploma in Japanese</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> Diploma in Japanese from University of Pune. <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 80% (320 marks) in JLPT Level 3 (Sankyu) <u>OR</u> JLPT Level 2 (Nikyu) with at least 250 marks (5 seats for JLPT Certificate holders) <u>OR</u> 80% in JLPT level N4 <u>OR</u> 60% in JLPT level N3
<b>Special Diploma in Japanese Translation and Civilization</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> Advanced Diploma in Japanese from University of Pune with 'B' grade or above (70% seats) <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 80% in Nikyu (JLPT) <u>OR</u> 80% in JLPT level N2

## GERMAN LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Certificate</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10<sup>th</sup> standard</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11<sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)</p>
<b>Intensive Certificate</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10<sup>th</sup> standard</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11<sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)</p>
<b>Diploma</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> (70% seats)</p> <p>Certificate / Int. Certificate course in German from University of Pune</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> (30% seats.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HSC (Std.10+2) with minimum 70% marks in German subject / 100 marks paper</li> <li>2. F.Y.B.A. / B. Com. with 70% marks in German Subject at beginner's OR advanced level</li> <li>3. 180 hrs. course in German from any recognised University or institution with minimum 80% marks.</li> <li>4. A2 of GI/MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')</li> </ol>
<b>Intensive Diploma</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> (70% seats)</p> <p>Certificate / Int. Certificate course in German from University of Pune</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> (30% seats.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HSC (Std.10+2) with minimum 70% marks in German subject / 100 marks paper</li> <li>2. F.Y.B.A. / B. Com. with 70% marks in German Subject at beginner's OR advanced level</li> <li>3. 180 hrs. course in German from any recognised University or institution with minimum 80% marks.</li> <li>4. A2 of GI/MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')</li> </ol>
<b>Advanced Diploma</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> (70% seats)</p> <p>Diploma/ Int. Diploma in German of University of Pune</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> (30% seats)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. S.Y.B.A. with at least 60% marks in German general or Special</li> <li>2. 360 hrs course in German from any recognised University or institution with min. 80% marks.</li> <li>3. B2 of GI/MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')</li> </ol>
<b>Special Diploma</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> (70% seats) Adv. Diploma in German of University of Pune</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> (30% seats)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. B.A. with at least 60% marks in German at general or Special level</li> <li>2. 540 hrs course in German from any recognised University or institution with min. 80% marks.</li> <li>3. C1 of GI/MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')</li> </ol>

## FRENCH LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Certificate Course in French</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10<sup>th</sup> standard</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11<sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)</p>
<b>Intensive Certificate Course in French</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10<sup>th</sup> standard</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11<sup>th</sup> std</p>
<b>Diploma in French :</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certificate course in French from University of Pune</li> <li>2. Intensive Certificate course in French from University of Pune</li> </ol> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. HSC (Std.10+2) with minimum 70% marks in French subject of 100 marks paper</li> <li>4. FYBA passed in all subjects with min. 70% in the subject of adv. level French.</li> <li>5. FY B Com passed in all subjects with min. 70% marks in French.</li> <li>6. Any other Course in French of at least 180 hrs. from any recognised University or institution with minimum 80% marks.</li> </ol>
<b>Advanced Diploma in French</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification</b> 1. Diploma in French of University of Pune</p> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. SYBA general with at least 75% marks in the subject of French / French Special with at least 60% marks</li> <li>3. Course in French of at least 360 hours from any recognised University or institution with min. 70% marks.</li> </ol>
<b>Special Diploma in Commercial French</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advanced Diploma in French of University of Pune</li> </ol> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. BA passed with French as general subject with min. 70% marks / French as special subject with min. 60% in French.</li> <li>3. Course in French of at least 500 hours from any recognised University or institution with min. 70% marks.</li> </ol>
<b>Special Diploma in Teaching French</b>	<p><b>Basic Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advanced Diploma in French of University of Pune</li> </ol> <p><b>Equivalent Qualification :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. BA passed with French as general subject with min. 70% marks / French as special subject with min. 60% in French.</li> <li>3. Course in French of at least 500 hours from any recognised University or institution with min. 70% marks.</li> </ol>

## RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Certificate in Russian</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10 <sup>th</sup> standard <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11 <sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)
<b>Diploma in Russian</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> 1. Certificate course in Russian from University of Pune. (70% seats) <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 2. HSC (Std.10+2) with minimum 70% marks in Russian subject of 100 marks paper 3. Course in Russian of at least 180 hrs. from any recognised University or institution
<b>Advanced Diploma in Russian</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> Diploma in Russian of University of Pune <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> Course in Russian of at least 350 hours from any recognised University or institution
<b>Special Diploma in Russian</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> Advanced Diploma in Russian of University of Pune (If necessary entrance test.)

## SPANISH LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Certificate Course in Spanish</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10 <sup>th</sup> standard <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11 <sup>th</sup> standard (10 seats)
<b>Intensive Certificate in Spanish</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> SSC/ CBSC/ ICSE with 10 <sup>th</sup> standard <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> SSC Old (before 1975) with 11 <sup>th</sup> standard
<b>Diploma in Spanish</b>	<b>Basic Qualification :</b> Intensive Certificate / Certificate course in Spanish from University of Pune. <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 180 hours Course in Spanish with min 75% marks
<b>Advanced Diploma in Spanish</b>	<b>Qualification :</b> Diploma in Spanish of University of Pune. <b>Equivalent Qualification :</b> 360 hours Course in Spanish with min 75% marks

What are the Timings and the Centres for these Courses?

The Courses are conducted three times in a week (for Certificate and Diploma classes) and five times a week (for Intensive Certificate and Intensive Diploma classes). The timings are 8-30 a.m. to 10-30a.m. for the morning batches and 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. in case of the evening batches. The centres for the Courses can vary from year to year and it is advisable to check them on the website at the time of the online admission. You have to give your timing and centre preferences at the time of taking admission.

How soon can I be fluent in the Foreign Language?

The fluency in any language will depend upon the duration of exposure that you have in the language. The skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening a foreign language form a basis of these courses. A certain level of achievement of these skills is determined for each of the Courses. You can speak, read and write with some fluency and listen and comprehend day to day communications by the end of the Advanced Diploma course.

Which language is easy? Which language I should learn?

In every language some part is “easy” and some part is “difficult”. All languages become easy if there is a regular attendance in the class. It is very important to attend classes regularly while learning a foreign language. Also reasons for learning a foreign language vary from person to person. They can be very subjective, they can be motivated by career decisions or some times they may defy any logic at all. So go by your own experiences and instincts or likes and dislikes while choosing a language. But remember, learning a foreign language - any foreign language is an enriching experience.

Can I learn 2 languages at a time ?

As per the rules, it is possible to do one full time and one part time course. Hence if you happen to be doing a UG / PG in a particular language - Indian or Foreign - you can always learn another language as part time student. But you cannot enroll for more than one part time course. In any case beginning to learn one new language is itself a demanding task requiring *regular attendance AND revision before the next class* if you want to gain command over the language.

What is the eligibility for M.A. ?

Graduation + at least 500 hours of classroom learning of that language + entrance test.

If you have a B.A. degree of Pune University with the language concerned as your specialisation subject, then you are exempted from the entrance test.

Why the PG admissions link does not have Foreign Languages ?

As the admissions to our MA programme is not with compulsory entrance test (exemption as mentioned above), only when the general admissions notice for all non entrance PG courses is announced, you can download the form and do the needful.