



# Language Learning Licenses

Language and Communications Training Unit (LCTU)





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# Arabic - Pendragon Educational Publishers Ltd

15 online courses of Modern Standard Arabic are offered at different levels: 5 at level A1, 6 at level A2, 3 at B1, and 1 at B2. ArabicOnline aims to dispel the myth that Arabic is impossible to learn.

Course/Level	Skills	Structure	Methodology, Content and Goals
<b>Courses for all levels from Complete Beginner to Intermediate to Advanced</b>	At Beginner to Intermediate Levels the focus is on communication skills and using Arabic in common everyday situations (e.g. ordering a meal, making plans for the weekend).	All courses are carefully organised and structured to guide students along a clear learning path. Each unit is organised into modules that focus on different skills (language acquisition with listening and speaking activities, topic-related vocabulary work, reading and writing, grammar study, language practise and intercultural understanding). Each module is organised into a series of steps or tasks that contain detailed instructions, so learners know exactly what to do with each task.	<p>Arabic Online treats Arabic as a dynamic living language.</p> <p>The courses combine language competence with cultural understanding together with a learner-centred, cognitive-constructivist approach (learning by doing).</p> <p>This barrier-free, task-based approach enables learners to communicate effectively at a level that suits their needs.</p> <p>The courses guide learners gradually towards a command of reading and writing, progressing from transliteration at level A1 to the introduction and use of Arabic script at levels A2 and beyond.</p> <p>Grammar study focuses on how to use the language and is presented in such a way that it can be understood by non-academic learners.</p>
	At Advanced Level the focus is on reading comprehension, text analysis and grammar study.		

Placement Test (Yes/No)	Levels	Assessment and Certification	Estimated Completion Time (ECT)	Format	Support
No  Learners have complete flexibility to select the courses appropriate for their level.	The courses are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and meet the requirements for the levels A1 (absolute beginner) to B2 (advanced level).	Participants can take achievement tests at key milestones (e.g. CEFR A1, A2); certificates (PDF) and digital badges are available for download. Regular self-assessment tests and 'test yourself' activities are available within the courses themselves.	<p>Level A1: 70 hours Level A2: 200 hours Level B1: 84 hours Level B2: 100 hours</p> <p>Learners should plan an additional ~20% to their learning time for offline study (see under "Format").</p>	<p>Entirely online self-paced individual autonomous study. Accessible on desktop, laptops, tablets and smartphones.</p> <p>Additional materials are available for download (audio files, worksheets, study plans, learning guides, an eBook a Guide to Writing Arabic, a glossary) to enable offline study.</p>	<p>Pedagogical: Guidance is embedded in the courses. Detailed study plans and tutorials provide advice on time allocation and study content.</p> <p>Technical: Ticket system or email via the website or via the welcome letter that is sent out to each learner at the start of the licensing period.</p>

## More information



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# Chinese - YoYo Chinese

6 courses, including 3 conversational courses and 3 Chinese character courses, are offered with a total of ~1,000 lessons.

Course/Level	Skills	Structure	Methodology, Content and Goals
<b>Conversational courses</b> (Beginner, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate)	Chinese pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills	Each course contains 6 levels (a total of 36 levels). Lessons consist of video lectures with clear explanations, real examples of spoken Chinese, and cultural insight.	The courses focus on using real Chinese dialogues as the core of the lesson content and expands upon those to teach additional vocab and grammar in clear and concise English that is easy to understand. The lessons build on previously learned content in earlier lessons for extra reinforcement. Each lesson contains flashcards, a recall/speaking activity, and a 10-question interactive quiz with various question types.
<b>Character courses</b> (Character I, Characters II, Character Reader)	Chinese character recognition, reading, and typing		The courses focus on teaching the most essential and high-frequency Chinese characters starting with the most frequent. The first two courses cover 600 Chinese characters and the Reader course has the student apply all 600 learned characters in an interactive story format. Like with conversational lessons, character lessons contain interactive practice and a 10-question quiz.

Placement Test (Yes/No)	Levels	Assessment and Certification	Estimated Completion Time (ECT)	Format	Support
No	We cover from absolute newbie to upper intermediate conversational fluency and reading comprehension.	There is not any assessment or certification.	4-6 months per course (a total of 24-36 months)  The ECT depends on the learners' pace. If they spend 20-30 minutes a day, they will complete a course in ~6 months. If they spend less than 20-30 minutes a day, they will need more than 6 months to complete a course.	100% online via website and (upcoming) mobile app.  Web app allows users to set daily goals and gamify their progress.	<b>Pedagogical:</b> Language and Communications Training Unit continues to offer training and learning support services on a cost-recovery basis. If you would like to know more, kindly contact us at <a href="mailto:perezcordon@un.org">perezcordon@un.org</a> .  <b>Technical:</b> Offered through the website ( <a href="mailto:info@yoyochinese.com">info@yoyochinese.com</a> , <a href="mailto:help@yoyochinese.com">help@yoyochinese.com</a> )

More information



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# English - Education First

EF's award-winning virtual school provides an immersive learning experience with 24/7 access to live teachers and 2,000 hours of English courses.

Course/Level	Skills	Structure	Methodology, Content and Goals
<b>General English</b>	English grammar, vocabulary, reading, and listening  Communication skills based on different themes	The 16 levels of General English course are divided into manageable units. There are six study units in each level. Each unit is further broken down into four lessons on different topics related to the unit's theme.	Each unit is based on a theme (e.g. presentations, intercultural communication, meetings, correspondence). These lessons include interactive, contextualized, scenario-based, activities such as high-quality videos, audio samples, speech recognition technology, live simulations and video roleplays.  EF pioneered the concept of "flipped" learning in a virtual environment. With our learn-try-apply methodology, EF provides opportunities for learners to acquire new skills and then apply these skills in virtual classrooms with teachers.
<b>Business English</b>	Please visit our website for more information (see below).		
<b>Industry-specific English</b>			

Placement Test (Yes/No)	Levels	Assessment and Certification	Estimated Completion Time (ECT)	Format	Support
Yes	The EF scale is aligned with the internationally recognized standard, the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) from level A1 to C2 (beginner to advanced).	Students can certify their results by passing the EF level test at the end of each level. This test can be taken as many times as needed and assess their English skills. Upon passing the test, students will receive a virtual EF Certificate for their proficiency level.	25-30 hours for each level  EF suggests learners to spend a minimum of 1 hour per week studying to reach their targets.	Courses are fully online and self-paced with 24/7 access to live group classes, teacher feedback on writing assignments, and a study plan to help achieve goals.  All features of the courses are accessible across all devices, including phone, tablet, and PC. Smart phones have access to various supporting apps and tools such as EF English Live for Business, Mentor Words, and Mentor Sounds.	Pedagogical: Live teacher-led group classes available (10 per course).  Technical: Bilingual technical and academic support via email.

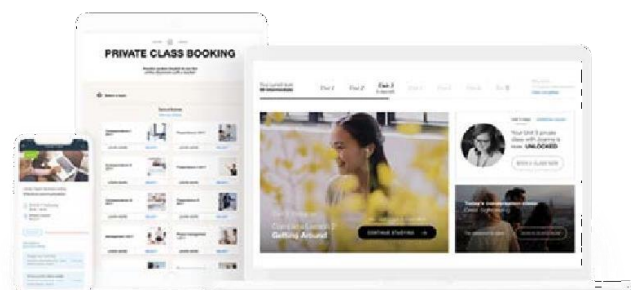
## More information



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You can also [click here to watch a video](#) highlighting all the features available.





# French - Institut Français

12 levels of online courses are distributed in units to provide learners with the ability to use French in real life situations.

Course/Level	Skills	Structure	Methodology, Content and Goals
<b>Mon Cours En Ligne (MCEL)</b>	5 language skills (oral and written comprehension, oral and written production, interaction)	The course has 12 levels, and each level has 6 units or modules that are organized as follows: description of objectives and tasks; oral and written comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, written and oral tasks; self-evaluation; and a final quiz.	<p>Communicative, based on tasks and interaction. Students learn how to use the language in real life situations to accomplish specific and meaningful tasks in different contexts. Grammar and vocabulary are first presented and taught through a variety of contextualized activities (written, audio, and visual), to respond to a specific objective, and covering one or more of the language skills.</p> <p>There is a forum for learner interactions. Topics include France and Francophonie, environment, social issues, literature, cinema, media... Tasks are based on cultural documents (audio, video, articles) and real interactions such as introducing yourself, describing a person, giving an opinion, etc. Some units cover professional themes such as work, health, sciences (depending on the level).</p>

Placement Test (Yes/No)	Levels	Assessment and Certification	Estimated Completion Time (ECT)	Format	Support
Yes	The levels covered are: A1.1, A1.2, A2.1, A2.2, B1.1, B1.2, B1.3, B2.1, B2.2, B2.3, C1.1, C1.2 based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).	The final assessment is an exam that can be done only once at the end of the course. It assesses reading and listening comprehension, and written production (graded by the tutor). Learners can also monitor their progress through reports, grades, and badges. Badges are automatically awarded after successful completion of each unit and a certificate is provided at the end of the course if criteria are met (regular participation, passing final grade).	8-10 hr for each unit/module  We recommend 3-5 hours of work a week to cover one unit every two or three weeks.	100% online, self-paced with suggested deadlines. It is tablet compatible. It is not cell phone recommended.  After students take the placement test, a tutor will be assigned and access to the course will be given within 24 hours.	<p>Pedagogical: Students can email their tutor if they have questions during the first four months of the license. Students can also use forums monitored by tutors; they are part of the learning plan and follow the topic of the unit.</p> <p>Technical: Via email</p>

## More information



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You can [click here to learn more about the courses](#) or [click here to watch a video](#) about the features of the online learning platform.





# Spanish - Instituto Cervantes

The self-study online platform provides 16 courses distributed in 48 lessons.

Course/Level	Skills	Structure	Methodology, Content and Goals
<b>A1 and A2 levels</b>	Communication skills; grammar, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension, writing, and speaking	Each level has two courses.	The lessons offer a wide range of interactive activities aimed to develop the student's communication skills. Many activities are based on real world attractive documents like videos, photos, illustrations, audios, articles, literature, etc. Some of the topics covered include introducing yourself and your family, talking environmental issues, science, professions, food, music, as well as topics related to the different Spanish speaking countries cultures and geography.  The lessons are communicative, based on contextualized meaningful interactive activities and tasks to develop communication skills in a natural way. Like in real life, this type of activities requires the simultaneous activation of different communication skills like listening, speaking, interacting, etc.
<b>B1 to C1 levels</b>		Each level has four courses.	

Placement Test (Yes/No)	Levels	Assessment and Certification	Estimated Completion Time (ECT)	Format	Support
Yes  multiple-choice questions that evaluate the level of competence in grammar and vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension  ( <a href="http://pruebade nivel.cervantes.es/exam.php?id=17">http://pruebade nivel.cervantes.es/exam.php?id=17</a> )	The courses cover 5 levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)	There is a self-assessment test at the end of each lesson and a final quiz at the end of each course. Learners can also monitor their progress through reports, grades, and badges. Badges are automatically awarded after successful completion of each unit. Once they have completed at least the 65% of the course activities, UN students can request a Certificate of Completion to Instituto Cervantes.	30 hours for each course  Recommended weekly time allocation is 2-3h.	100% online, self-paced with suggested deadlines It is cell phone and tablet compatible.	Pedagogical: Language and Communications Training Unit continues to offer training and learning support services on a cost-recovery basis. If you would like to know more, kindly contact us at <a href="mailto:perezcordon@un.org">perezcordon@un.org</a> .  Technical: Via email ( <a href="mailto:classprogram@Cervantes.es">classprogram@Cervantes.es</a> )

## More information



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You can also [click here to watch a video tutorial](#) of the AVE Global Online Courses.

