UWM-SCE Language Course FAQ

Q. What is it like to take a language course at UWM-SCE?
A. UWM-SCE’s Language courses are designed to give adult students a casual learning environment. Our language courses cater to students seeking to learn a language for professional development and/or personal enrichment.

Q. How long do courses last?
A. Typically, core language courses meet one night a week for six weeks. Other language courses, such as electives, vary in length.

Q. Where do courses meet?
A. All language courses meet on the 7th floor of the Plankinton Building at Grand Avenue Mall in downtown Milwaukee.

Q. How do I register for a UWM-SCE language course?
A. There are several ways to register for class. The easiest way is to register online by clicking “Add to Registration Form” at the bottom of a course listing; from there you can either complete the registration/payment online or print off the form and mail it or turn it into UWM-SCE’s Registration office. You can also register by phone.

Interested students do not need to be a registered student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to take a language course at the School of Continuing Education.

Q. Are there any registration deadlines?
A. Yes. We highly encourage prospective students to register for courses as soon as a decision is made. UWM-SCE reserves the right to cancel courses if enrollment numbers are too low in the time before the course is scheduled to begin. Therefore, it is important to register early so classes aren’t unnecessarily canceled.

Starting in the Fall of 2013, an early bird discount of $25 will be in effect for most language classes. To be eligible for the discount, simply register by the deadline (approximately three weeks before each session begins).

Q. A course that I want to take is not scheduled. When will it be offered again?
A. The Languages Department at UWM-SCE tries its best to offer a wide variety of courses every session. Of course, there are limits to what we can offer in a given session due to instructor availability and so on. We will offer classes based on prospective student interest and keep in touch when and if the particular course is scheduled. Otherwise, continue visiting our website to check future listings and feel free to inquire about any upcoming courses.

Q. Are textbooks required for coursework?
A. Most of our language courses do require a textbook for coursework. Each course listing on the UWM-SCE website notes the required textbook (if any) in the class’s description. Textbook fees are separate from course fee. For your convenience, we’ve included links to many textbooks’ Amazon.com listings. We recommend purchasing used copies from such online retailers; however, all Vista Higher Learning textbooks (used in UWM-SCE’s Spanish, French and Italian courses) must be purchased through the publisher’s website (a link is provided in the class description). Panther Bookstore, located next to
UWM’s main campus, also keeps a small stock of UWM-SCE textbooks as well; please contact them ahead of time to ensure the book you’re looking for is in stock.

Q. Can UWM-SCE language course credits be transferred to University/College transcripts?
A. No. Upon completion of language courses, students will receive a set amount of Continuing Education Units (.1 CEUs per hour of instruction). In most cases, CEUs cannot be transferred to University/College transcripts for credit.

Q. Will Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) cover any course fees?
A. No. The Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) that covers tuition and other fees at Universities/Colleges cannot be applied to UWM-SCE’s language course fees.

Online Language Courses FAQ

Q. What’s it like to take an Online Language course at UWM-SCE?
A. UWM-SCE’s Online Language programming is set up to provide a learning experience similar to our face-to-face courses. Each online course covers the equivalent materials that students would receive in the course’s face-to-face counterpart.

Q. What is the schedule for online classes?
A. Our online classes are asynchronous, meaning that students are not required to “meet” with others online at a given time. Online students are given the opportunity to create a flexible schedule with their instructor, with whom they’ll work one-on-one. Though many assignments for online students are self-grading, online instructors are happy to provide assessments on written and verbal assignments in addition to even conversing with students over the phone or on services such as Skype.

Online class typically last about 8 weeks.

Q. What is the registration process for an online class like?
A. The registration process is the same as with face-to-face programs. However, after registering, students may have to wait 2-3 business days to be contacted by his or her instructor. From there, the instructor and student will schedule out their class lesson plan.

Q. Are textbooks required for online classes?
A. Yes. Be sure to purchase the correct materials listed on the course description. Online classes do require one or two codes that are available in the packages listed in UWM-SCE’s store with the publisher, Vista Higher Learning (linked in the course description).

Do not buy a used textbook for online classes. Used copies will not include the code(s) necessary to activate your online class. If you do purchase a used copy of the required textbook, you may purchase the code(s) for your online class activation separate from Vista Higher Learning; doing so, however, will be more expensive than purchasing the listed textbook package.