

# African, Asian and European Languages



## Express yourself in a new language

Wits Language School offers you a wide selection of part-time short courses in African, Asian and European Languages. Our courses are designed for adults and focus on the language used in everyday conversation.

### The selection of languages offered includes:

#### South African Languages:

Afrikaans\*, IsiZulu, Sesotho\*, Setswana\* and South African Sign Language

#### Mid-Eastern and Asian:

Arabic\*, Japanese\* and Mandarin Chinese

#### European:

Italian\*, French, German\*, Spanish and Portuguese

**Note:** \*Courses offered through private tuition only or subject to demand.

### Tuition Options

#### 1. Public Courses

Our public courses are divided into levels and each level has two modules (A & B). Each module runs for 10 weeks (40 hours). Courses are offered on Saturday mornings, from 09h00 – 13h00.

### Course Levels and Structure

Our courses are offered at three basic levels of language competency: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. The courses are structured on a modular basis, with each competency level having two modules (A & B). In order to complete a level, you are required to attend two courses – Module A followed by Module B. You need to complete Module A courses before progressing to Module B. Similarly, you need to complete Level 1 before progressing to Level

2 and ultimately Level 3, as illustrated in the diagram below:



Please note that the higher levels (Levels 2A to 3B) are offered according to demand.

If you have some knowledge of the language, you will be interviewed by one of our language teachers in order to determine your level of proficiency.

### Certification and Assessment

**Certificates of Attendance** are issued at the end of Module A courses. 80% attendance is required. You are not required to do any tests if your aim is to obtain a Certificate of Attendance and not a Certificate of Competence.

**Certificates of Competence** are issued on the successful completion of Module B courses. If your aim is to obtain a Certificate of Competence, you will be required to participate in a series of assessments comprising oral and written tests. You qualify for a Certificate of Competence provided you successfully complete the tests.

## Methodology and Facilitators

Wits Language School favours a communicative and interactive methodology. Learners are immersed in the language from the very first session and encouraged to speak. Learning takes place in an informal and pro-active way, with a balance between learner-teacher interaction, self-study and group work.

Wits Language School facilitators are experienced language teachers and are mother-tongue speakers of the target language.

The public courses are offered at specific times of the year.

2013 INTAKE DATES	
Intake 1	26 January – 06 April
Intake 2	04 May – 06 July
Intake 3	17 August – 19 October

## Course Fee

R4,100 per module

## 2. Corporate Courses

Our corporate courses are aimed at organisations, private and public, that need to train staff in specific languages. The courses are tailored to the language needs of the client and are offered at the client's premises or at Wits University, and at times that suit the client.

## The Programme

Courses are structured on a modular basis. In order to complete a level, you are required to attend two courses – Module A followed by Module B. If you have some knowledge of the language, you will be interviewed by one of our language teachers in order for your level of proficiency to be determined.

### Programme Module Duration

Module 1A - 40 hours

Module 1B - 40 hours

Corporate courses are offered on a part-time basis.

Certificates and Assessments are the same as for the public courses.

## 3. Private Tuition and Small Groups

Private classes are arranged for students who are unable to join regular classes or who have specific language needs not easily accommodated in other teaching settings. Small classes are for

the general public and for corporate clients when regular group classes cannot be arranged. These are particularly suitable for students at higher levels.

The **cost of private tuition** is made up of tuition, materials and transport (optional). Fees are charged per hour and vary according to the number of hours you register for and the number of participants.

## Course Content

The tuition block will cover topics at the level required. Wits Language School has a list of recommended topics that should be covered in a level, but in private tuition, those topics are adapted to suit the student's requirements.

## Certification

Wits Language School cannot release Certificates of Attendance or Competence unless we can confirm that the student has covered the same number of hours normally completed in a course. This means:

- Certificates of Attendance are granted after 40 hours of private tuition equivalent to Module A of the public courses
- Certificates of Competence are granted after an additional 40 hours of tuition and successfully completing tests, as with Module B of the public courses. Participants who opt not to do tests in Module A or B obtain a Certificate of Attendance on completion of Module B.

## PLEASE NOTE

The amount of work covered in private tuition courses depends on the individual student. It is possible to decide which of the prescribed topics the student will complete during the private tuition. In many cases, students are more concerned with achieving certain personal goals, rather than working towards achieving a certificate. In that event, there is no external pressure to complete a certain number of hours and students can determine their own pace.

## Teaching Methodology

The Wits Language School promotes a communicative, interactive teaching methodology in all courses, including private tuition. This means that as a student you will be required to be actively involved in learning the new language. Private tuition has some challenges as the student cannot rely on the collaboration of other classmates and must generate all the language. On the other hand, the students receive the undivided attention of the teacher and determine the pace and content of the tuition.

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