

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) have postgraduate courses (M.A., Ph.D.)

MA Spanish was introduced in 2014-15 and MA Japanese is starting from 2023-24.

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 ?

For beginners level courses persons with H.S.C. (12th Standard) of any Board or a three year diploma after 10th standard is eligible to take admission. The admission process is online and strictly on merit basis with reservation quotas as stipulated by the government.

How do I get the application form ?

All admissions are done online, on the CCEP portal of SPPU. <https://campus.unipune.ac.in/CCEP/Login.aspx> is the link.

What are the fees ?

The fees are very competitive. They are mentioned in the brochure published online every year.

Do I have to give an entrance test for the part time courses ?

- Beginner level courses [Certificate / Intensive Certificate Course] do not have any entrance test. But providing exact marks in your HSC exam (or 3-year diploma after 10th as the case maybe) is necessary. Merit lists are prepared on the basis of those marks.
- From Diploma onward, 70% seats are kept for those who have done the previous level of the language in the Department of Foreign Languages, SPPU and 30% for those who apply on the basis of equivalent qualifications. If the number of applicants with equivalent

qualifications exceeds 30% of total intake capacity of a given course, then an entrance test is scheduled. All such candidates are contacted by the F.L. Department.

Can I take admission directly to Diploma course ?

Direct admission to higher levels if you fulfil language specific equivalence mentioned below.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

Certificate Course in Japanese	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Intensive Certificate Course in Japanese	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Diploma in Japanese	Basic qualification: 1. Certificate course in Japanese from SPPU 2. Intensive Certificate course in Japanese from SPPU Equivalent Qualification: 75% in JLPT level N5 (Old Pattern Yonku) OR JLPT level N4 (Old Pattern Sankyu) pass
Advanced Diploma in Japanese	Basic Qualification: Diploma in Japanese from SPPU Equivalent Qualification: 75% in JLPT level N4 (Old pattern Sankyu) OR JLPT level N3 (Old Pattern Nikyu) pass
Special Diploma in Japanese	Basic Qualification: Advanced Diploma in Japanese from SPPU Equivalent Qualification: 60% in JLPT level N3 (Old pattern Nikyu)

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

Certificate in Russian	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Diploma in Russian	Basic Qualification : 1. Certificate course in Russian from SPPU Equivalent Qualification : 2. HSC and a Course in Russian of at least 180 hrs. from a recognized institute
Advanced Diploma in Russian	Basic Qualification : Diploma in Russian of SPPU Equivalent Qualification : Course in Russian of at least 350 hours from a recognized institute
Spl. Diploma in Russian	Basic Qualification : Advanced Diploma in Russian of SPPU Course in Russian of at least 540 hours from a recognized institute

GERMAN LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

Certificate	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Intensive Certificate	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Diploma	Basic Qualification :(70% seats) Certificate / Int. Certificate course in German from SPPU Equivalent Qualification :(30% seats) 1. HSC with minimum 70% marks in German subject of 100 marks paper 2. F.Y.B.A. / B. Com. with 70% marks in German Subject at beginner's OR advanced level 3. 180 hrs. course in German with minimum 80% marks. 4. A2 of Goethe Inst./ MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')
Advanced Diploma	Basic Qualification :(70% seats) Diploma/ Int. Diploma in German of SPPU Equivalent Qualification :(30% seats) 1.S.Y.B.A. with at least 60% marks in German general or Special 2.360 hrs. course in German with min. 80% marks. 3. B2 of Goethe Inst./MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')
Special Diplomas	Basic Qualification :(70% seats) Adv. Diploma in German of SPPU Equivalent Qualification :(30% seats) 1.B.A. with at least 60% marks in German at general or Special level 2.540 hrs course in German with min. 80% marks. 3. C1 of Goethe Inst./MMB with 80% marks (grade 'Gut')

FRENCH LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

Certificate Course in French	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Intensive Certificate Course in French	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Diploma in French: HSC + (any one of 1., 2. Or 3.)	Basic Qualification :(70% seats) 1. Certificate course in French from SPPU 2. Intensive Certificate course in French from SPPU
	Equivalent Qualification :(30% seats) 3. DELF A1 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (French) passed (course attended certificate, local Alliance / other institution exam certificate not acceptable)
Advanced Diploma in French HSC + (any one of 1. Or 2.)	Basic Qualification 1. Diploma in French of SPPU
	Equivalent Qualification : 2. DELF A2 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (French) passed (course attended certificate, local Alliance / other institution exam certificate not acceptable)
Special Diploma in Commercial French HSC + (any one of 1., 2. 3. Or 4.)	Basic Qualification : 1. Advanced Diploma in French of SPPU
	Equivalent Qualification : 2. BA passed with French as general subject with min. 70% in French 3. BA passed with French as special subject with min. 60% in French. 4. DELF B1 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (French) passed (course attended certificate, local Alliance / other institution exam certificate not acceptable)

SPANISH LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY

Certificate Course in Spanish	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Intensive Certificate in Spanish	Basic Qualification : HSC of any State /Central Board or IB Equivalent Qualification Three year Diploma in any subject after 10 th Std
Diploma in Spanish	Basic Qualification: Certificate course / Intensive Certificate course in Spanish from SPPU Equivalent Qualification: (1) A2 or higher certificate of DELE exam OR (2) FYBA with Spanish OR (3) equivalent course in Spanish of at least 180 hours from any other institute with 75% or more at the highest-level exam conducted at said institute OR (4) Spanish at the 10+2 level (HSC) with 75% or more in the Spanish exam
Advanced Diploma in Spanish	Qualification: Diploma in Spanish of SPPU Equivalent Qualification: (1) B1 or higher certificate of DELE exam OR (2) SYBA with Spanish OR (3) equivalent course in Spanish of at least 360 hours from any other institute with 75% or more at the highest-level exam conducted at said institute

What are the Timings and the Centres for these Courses?

The Courses are conducted three times in a week for two hours each (for Certificate and Diploma classes) and five times a week for two hours each (for Intensive Certificate and Intensive Diploma classes) . Weekend batches have 3 hours each on Saturdays and Sundays.

The timings are mentioned in the brochure published every year.

The only offline Centre as of now is the Department of Foreign Languages, Gopal Krishna Gokhale Path, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune 411004.

Online batches are also held since 2020-21.

You have to give your batch preferences at the time of filling the application form. We try to give you the preferred batch as far as possible.

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 (with that foreign language as Special / General subject) OR Graduation in any subject + equivalent qualifications as mentioned below. Entrance test is mandatory for all those who wish to do MA in a foreign language.

MA French :

Basic Qualification	Equivalent Qualification
BA with French Special of SPPU	BA with French Special of any other University OR
	Graduation in any subject of any faculty PLUS Advanced Diploma in French of SPPU with min 60% marks or DALF B2 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (French) passed (course attended certificate, local Alliance / other institution exam certificate not acceptable) or Special Diploma in Commercial French of SPPU

MA German

Eligibility :Basic Qualification	Equivalent Qualification
BA with German Special of SPPU	BA with German Special of any other University
	Graduation in any subject of any faculty PLUS Advanced Diploma in German of SPPU with min 60% marks <u>or</u> C1 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (German) passed

MA Russian

Eligibility :Graduation in any subject of any faculty PLUS Special Diploma in Russian of SPPU with min 60% marks <u>or</u> Advanced Diploma in Russian of any other University (with proof of altogether at least 500 hours classroom teaching) with min 60%
OR BA with Russian of any other University

MA Spanish

Eligibility :Graduation in any subject of any faculty PLUS Advanced Diploma in Spanish of SPPU with min 60% marks <u>or</u> B2 level exam of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (Spanish) passed
OR BA with Spanish of any other University

MA Japanese

<u>Eligibility</u> : Graduation in any subject of any faculty PLUS Advanced Diploma in Japanese of SPPU with min 60% marks <u>or</u> JLPT N3 level exam of Japan Foundation passed
OR BA with Japanese of any other University