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Dear Parent/Guardian

Invitation to Participate in Modular French/German Programme 2023

As announced at the MOE Committee of Supply Debate, the Ministry of Education is piloting a modular third language programme so that more secondary school students can learn a new language and discover another culture. We are pleased to inform you that your child/ward's school has been invited to participate in the pilot for Modular French and German, which will commence in Term 3 of this year.

Secondary 1 – 3 students from your child/ward's school are invited to sign up for French or German language lessons conducted by our education partners. These lessons will be offered through a series of standalone modules, each lasting 8 weeks during the school term. These modules are intended for students with no prior knowledge of French/German. The lessons are fully subsidized, but students will have to pay for learning materials and make their own way to the centres for lessons.

Details for the modules in 2023 are as follows. Higher level modules will be made available progressively from 2024 onwards.

	Modular French			Modular German		
Lesson days/time	Wednesdays 4 – 6 PM	OR	Thursday 4 – 6 PM	Monday 4 – 6 PM	OR	Tuesday 4 – 6 PM
Date of first lesson	5 Jul 2023		6 Jul 2023	3 Jul 2023		4 Jul 2023
Venue	Alliance Française Singapour 1 Sarkies Road Singapore 258130			MOE Language Centre (Newton) 136 Cairnhill Road Singapore 229722		
Learning outcomes	By the end of the module, students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be familiar with French/German pronunciation.- Know simple sentence structures in French/German.- Be able to introduce themselves, their families and their countries in French/German.- Learn about the geography and culture of various regions in France/Germany.					

Registration for the above modules will take place online between **10 – 30 April 2023** at <https://go.gov.sg/mfg>. Students who are selected for the programme will be informed in May. A list of commonly asked questions is enclosed with this letter.

Please encourage your child/ward to sign up for Modular French/German if they are interested to learn more about a new language and culture. We look forward to your child/ward's participation in this pilot.

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MODULAR FRENCH / GERMAN (PILOT)

Frequently Asked Questions

Modular Foreign Language

Why is the Ministry of Education (MOE) starting a modular foreign language programme?

Learning a foreign language can help you better understand another culture. It can help you become more prepared and confident when interacting with people with a different way of life, whether in Singapore's multicultural society or when traveling or working overseas. Knowing an additional language could also lead to more opportunities in both your school and working life.

MOE is starting with a pilot from 2023, offering French and German for a start. There will be 6 modules for each language, lasting 8 weeks per module. Module 1 will be offered in Term 3, 2023, and the rest of the modules will be offered progressively from 2024.

Depending on students' interest in modular foreign language programmes and availability of instructors, we will explore offering other languages in future.

How is modular French/German different from the Foreign Language Programme at MOE Language Centres (MOELC)?

The Foreign Language (FL) Programme at MOELC is an intensive, rigorous programme meant to prepare students for undergraduate studies in the foreign country. MOELC students sit for the GCE 'O' and 'A' Level papers for their FL, and the subject is considered as one of their official curriculum subjects.

In contrast, modular French/German is a programme to make foreign language learning more flexible and accessible to interested students who are curious about foreign languages and cultures and would like to pursue their interest at a more flexible pace.

I am offering French/German as my MTL-in-lieu. Can I register for modular French/German?

Modular French/German is open to all Secondary 1 – 3 students from the pilot schools. However, you should note that modular French/German will not prepare you adequately for the GCE 'O' and 'A' Level examinations. If selected, you are strongly advised to continue with your private study of French/German.

Applying for Modular French/German

Who can apply for the modular French/German pilot programme?

The Modular French/German pilot is open to all Secondary 1 – 3 students from the pilot schools. The pilot schools are selected to ensure a good spread across Singapore. Students from other schools will be considered in a later phase after the pilot.

Before applying for the programme, please ensure that you can commit to attending the lessons, which will be held from 3 July – 31 August, 2023.

Am I guaranteed to get a place if I apply?

There are a limited number of vacancies for modular French/German. If there be more applications than vacancies, selection will be done via computerised balloting, with priority given to students who are Singapore citizens.

Can I register for both modular French and modular German lessons at the same time?

You may only register for both Modular French and Modular German at a time with an indication of the order of your choices. However, if all vacancies are filled up, only your first choice will be considered.

I have learnt French/German before. Can I skip modules? Are there more advanced modules?

During the pilot phase, modules will be rolled out progressively from Level 1 modules in term 3, 2023. The Level 1 modules are for learners with no prior knowledge of the language. When higher level modules become available from 2024, you can sign up for them.

Conduct of lessons

Where will the lessons be held?

Modular French lessons will be held at the Alliance Française de Singapour. Modular German lessons will be held at the MOE Language Centre (Newton).

I cannot make it on the days the lessons are conducted. Will there be lessons on other days of the week?

As more modules are rolled out progressively from next year, there will be lessons conducted on more days of the week.

Can I change lesson days/classes in the middle of a module?

No, you will have to complete the whole module if you are selected.

Are there any penalties for not completing a module?

If selected, you should be committed to completing the module, as you have been given a limited place paid for by MOE, at the expense of another student. If you have any extenuating circumstances that does not allow you to complete the module, please inform your school and we will consider your situation on a case-by-case basis.

Is there a minimum attendance required? What happens if I miss a lesson?

There will be no make-up lessons available if you miss a lesson. You should miss no more than two lessons in a module, based on valid reasons for absence (e.g. illness, national competitions).

Can I stop lessons for a term or semester after completing a module, and sign up for another module later?

Yes, you have the flexibility to stop the modules for a term or semester if you have other commitments. You may sign up again for the next-level module at a later time.

Do I have to be in my school attire when I attend Modular French/German classes?

Modular French/German is an MOE programme. You should be in your school attire when attending Modular French/German classes.

Fees, marks and certification

Do I have to pay any lesson fees?

The lesson fees are fully subsidised by MOE for the pilot phase. You will only have to pay for textbooks and other materials used during the lessons. The booklist will be made available to selected students closer to the lesson date.

You will also have to pay for your own transport to the centres, both located near Newton MRT station. The school will not be arranging transport for you.

Are there any exams? Will the marks or grades be reflected in my school report book?

Your teacher will conduct various forms of assessment to check your learning. Such assessments may take the form of written tests. However, the results from these

assessments are only to let you know how much you have learned. They will not be reflected in your school report book or used for progression.

You will receive a certificate of completion for completing a module.

Are there any certificates or qualifications I can earn?

If you complete all 6 modules of the programme, you should be ready to sit for the A1 level of the Diploma in French Language Studies (DELF) for French or the Goethe-Zertifikat for German. These are qualifications from France's Ministry of Education and the German Federal Foreign Office, which are widely recognised internationally.