



University  
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# Evening language programme 2024/25

## Course title: Hindi for Beginners Part I – online

### Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to the basics of Hindi for communication purposes and to gain an understanding about the culture of Hindi-speakers.

Participants will be introduced to the words, sounds, sentences, and meanings of the target language that will lead to an increased awareness of the idioms and nuances of spoken and written Hindi (Devanagari script).

By the end of the course (part I and II) eager learners will be able to:

1. understand the basics of the Devanagari (Hindi) script
2. understand very simple messages, for example notices, posters or leaflets
3. understand simple phrases about themselves or people they know when people speak slowly and clearly
4. conduct very short dialogues about themselves or people they know
5. write very short simple notes and fill in registration forms with personal details

Participants will develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. In seminars, participants

will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction, in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the language, too.

### Language-specific information:

Hindi is spoken by around 600 million people and the third most widely spoken language in the world. It has been the official language of India since 1965. Hindi uses the same script as Sanskrit: the Devanagari script.

Those who come to India meet extremely hospitable and open people. As the fastest-growing large economy in the world, India is attracting well-known companies from all over the world to invest there. The UK is looking to increase trade and to deepen cooperation with India in areas such as education, health, science and defence.

### Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore Hindi for the first time.

### Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/download>

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

### **Coursebook and/or learning resources:**

Worksheets, materials and resources provided in class.