About Us

Located on the University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus, the Language Centre was established in 1996 as a joint venture between the Faculty of Arts and the Extended Education Division.

The Language Centre, located in the Isbister Building, has two computerized language learning laboratories, a resource centre and a seminar room.

The Language Centre works in close collaboration with all language departments and provides facilities and support to more than 15 language programs. It is meant to benefit language learning at all levels.

Language Centre Mission

Provide leadership to improve:

- the quality of teaching and learning through information exchange, networking, collaboration, research and development.
- the environment for language teaching and learning through constant upgrading of the facilities, resources, language material and technologies available to bring languages and cultures alive in the classroom.

Resource Collection

The Language Centre has a collection of over 2,300 movies, CDs, books, dictionaries, and games available for language instructors, their students, and student clubs. Resources can be put ON RESERVE for the term to ensure that students are able to use the resources in the Language Centre.

Students are able to sign out up to two movies for two days at a time providing they have filled out the Student Permission form (available from the Language Centre). The student permission form must be signed by the instructor giving them permission to borrow the resources under their direction.

To view a full list and status of resources go to Language Centre Resources Library. (http://opac.languagecentre.umanitoba.ca/).
Resources

The Language Labs are both equipped with white boards, a data projector, and DVD player for presenting content to students. Instructors can request the computer labs for language courses without formal lab time on a one-time irregular basis (not replacing the regular classroom setting). Examples: Listening and oral testing where a defined computer space is needed. The Language Labs have the ability to control access to only specific websites or to block the internet all together.

Please contact Brian Mabon to create classroom access for your students and upload needed materials for these sessions.

Open time slots can be booked two weeks ahead by emailing Brian.Mabon@umanitoba.ca or Chantal.Hofer@umanitoba.ca.

The Language Centre Seminar Room located in 103C Isbister can be booked for smaller groups of up to 16 people for film screening and discussions on an irregular basis.

Please contact Brian at Brian.Mabon@umanitoba.ca or Chantal at Chantal.Hofer@umanitoba.ca for availability and booking. You will need to provide a date, time, estimated number of people attending and reason for booking (meeting, video viewing).

The Resource Room located in 103B Isbister stores all the Language Centre’s Resources. It includes DVDs and Blu-Rays, VHS tapes, CDs, books, and games from the different languages taught in the Faculty of Arts. Resources can be set aside ON RESERVE for the length of the term to make sure students can view the films in the Resource Room. Students can view films on the computers or on the television in the Resource Room during regular office hours.

The Language Centre sound booth is used for recording clear audio for course content, tests and/or exams.
Equipment available to be signed out by University of Manitoba staff.

- HD Camcorder with tripod
- Portable CD Player
- MP3 Recorder
- Projector
- Region-free DVD Player
- Easel

CAN8 - Language Learning Software

CAN 8 has the ability to do the following exercises:

- Listening then recording
- Reading then recording
- Record while listening
- Multiple choice and fill in the blank.

These features can be used to develop practice exercises, assignments or exams. They can then be corrected at your convenience.
Hours of Operation

The Language Centre is open (unless otherwise posted):

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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