

## APPLICATION FORM

### Course level (Beginners or Continuers):

*Continuers please also tell us about your previous knowledge of Urdu (see below).*

Name:

Address:

Telephone: (day) (evening/mobile)

Email:

Please return form with fee to the Academic Assistant.

### Previous Knowledge of Urdu

It will help us plan your course if you can tell us about your previous study of Urdu and the skills you wish to improve.

1. Taught Urdu courses taken? (Where/when/hours studied)
2. Materials used?
3. Qualifications obtained/exams passed?
4. Self-study? (How long/materials used)
5. Exposure to Urdu in Pakistan/India/UK/elsewhere
6. Which skills in Urdu do you consider your strongest? (Listening/speaking/reading/writing) Give examples:
7. Knowledge of other languages:
8. Which skills are you most keen to improve? (Listening/speaking/reading/writing)
9. For what situations and purposes do you wish to use Urdu?
10. Do you have professional reasons for studying Urdu? If yes, say how you might use the language in your work.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Application forms can be downloaded from the Centre website: [www.oxcis.ac.uk/urdu.html](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk/urdu.html)

They can also be requested from the Academic Assistant,  
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# URDU

## LANGUAGE CLASSES

Oxford  
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For beginners and continuers

All levels welcome

Mondays & Thursdays  
5.30 – 7.30pm  
Starting 12 October 2009  
£125 per 8-week term  
(32 contact hours)

Urdu is spoken as a mother-tongue by at least 50 million people in South Asia and is spoken in addition to their mother tongue by millions of other people in South Asia and elsewhere in the world. Urdu is Pakistan's national language and one of India's 23 official languages. Urdu is the mother tongue or second language of the majority of Muslims of South Asian origin in Britain who comprise 68% of Britain's Muslim population of 1.6 million. Some knowledge of Urdu is indispensable for communicating with Urdu speakers in South Asia and of South Asian origin living in other parts of the world, including Britain.

This programme of classes is open to complete beginners and to continuing students. It aims to cater for people requiring Urdu at work or home, and for a variety of needs - for conversation, work or study. In the early stages learning is speeded up by using the English script with extra letters for sounds that don't occur in English. Students will be introduced to the basic grammatical structures of the language using vocabulary that is relevant to everyday situations. They will become competent in speaking Urdu through controlled conversation practice with the tutors. Continuing students will be able to extend their spoken competence and have opportunities to learn to read and write the Urdu script.

## TUTOR

Dr Alison Shaw is the main tutor. She is a Medical Anthropologist and a Senior Associate with the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. She has previously taught Urdu in adult education and Social Anthropology at Brunel University. She currently conducts research and supervises PhD students in Public Health and in Social Anthropology. The other tutors for this programme are native speakers of Urdu trained to teach adult learners.

## CORE MATERIALS

Russell, R. *A New Course in Urdu and Spoken Hindi for Learners in Britain*, School of Oriental and African Studies.

## BEGINNERS COURSE

This provides a structured introduction to the Urdu language. No prior knowledge is necessary. New material will be introduced on Mondays, and Thursday evenings will focus more on practising core materials. Students are encouraged to attend both evenings to maximise the opportunities to consolidate their core learning. The main teaching / learning methods will involve controlled conversational practice with the tutors.

## CONTINUERS COURSE

This is for students with some prior knowledge of the spoken language. It will extend students' spoken competence and, for those who wish, will offer an introduction to the Urdu script and aspects of Urdu literature and related culture.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the year, beginners will be able to talk in Urdu, accurately and fluently on a range of everyday topics, including where they live and work; places in South Asia; their families; languages they know; the time and days of the week; directions to places and their daily routines.

Continuing students will also be able to write their names, recognise and join the letters of the Urdu alphabet, write a range of sentences that reflect their oral skill, and read simple texts on different topics and translate these from Urdu into English.

Students will be awarded a certificate on completion of their course.

