

# Scotland's Universities and the 1+2 Language Policy

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- University of the Highlands and Islands
- The Open University in Scotland
- University of St Andrews
- University of Stirling
- University of Strathclyde
- University of the West of Scotland
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# Languages offered at Scottish Universities:

	French	German	Spanish	Italian	Arabic	Chinese	Greek	Japanese	Latin	Polish	Portuguese	Russian	Turkish	BSL	Danish	Norwegian	Swedish	Catalan	Czech	Hebrew	Persian	Urdu	Gaelic	EFL/EAP	Welsh
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University of Dundee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●										●	●	
University of Edinburgh	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●				●	●	●	●					●		
Edinburgh Napier University	●	●	●	●																				●	
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University of the Highlands and Islands																							●		
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University of St Andrews	●	●	●	●	●						●										●				
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University of Strathclyde	●		●	●																					
University of the West of Scotland	●	●	●																				●	●	

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## Recommendations:

- 19 ... that there be further engagement with the FE and HE sectors to look to develop the experience of language learning for students
- 23 ... that universities work together as a consortium of university providers to support delivery of the 1+2 policy and that languages departments in universities play a greater role in working with schools subject to appropriate funding.

# Universities and School Pupils

- Open Days
- Visits to local schools, master classes, taster sessions, subject specific and careers talks.
- Student Ambassadors
- Multilingual Debates
- Competitions
- Taster weekends, using university facilities, often in collaboration with external bodies
- Workshops

# Universities and Teachers

- Language support and advice via email
- CPD
- Online courses
- Inter-disciplinary credit bearing modules, e.g. which allow students to contribute in schools
- Contributions to initial teacher training

# Future developments

- **Implementation of 1+2:**
  - How could co-ordination between universities and schools be better managed?
  - What kinds of support mechanisms would be useful?
  - To what extent could some of the English 'Routes' initiatives be implemented here?
- **Research:**
  - Is there any need for research to underpin or inform 1+2 developments?



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