Modern languages at The University of Nottingham form part of the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, which comprises seven separate departments: American and Canadian Studies; Culture, Film and Media; French and Francophone Studies; German Studies; Russian and Slavonic Studies; Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies; and the Language Centre. This means that although the school itself is large, with excellent resources, each of the departments are small enough to make you feel welcome as an individual.

Within the school as a whole, there is a sense of belonging to a wider community, with a shared interest in the adventure of language and cross-cultural communications. The ultimate goal of all our teaching is to encourage independence, active learning, critical thinking and openness to new ideas. This applies not only to our students but to our staff as well. It is what makes them leaders in their research fields, enabling them to inspire enthusiasm for their subjects. Although these skills may be practised in a particular course or context – language, literature, linguistics, cultural studies – lecture, seminar, written or oral presentation – all are transferable to employment and your future career.

This brochure includes information on what and how we teach, what we look for in an applicant and what it’s like to be a student here. We have also included some information about the career opportunities that will be open to you when you have completed your degree course.

If you have any questions after reading this brochure, please contact us using the details on page 74 or visit the school website: www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas

I wish you every success in your studies and look forward to welcoming you in person.

Professor Judith Still
Head of the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies

Watch our videos to hear from staff and students from across the Faculty of Arts: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-artsfaculty

Front cover image:
Students use computer software in the Language Centre to help them improve their language skills. For more details of the Language Centre, please see page 58.

Students working in the Portland B Cafe in the Portland Building, which is the hub of student life on University Park Campus.
Why study modern languages at Nottingham?

Why study modern languages at all? You will hear this question asked because English is an established global language. However, despite (or perhaps because of) globalisation, other European and Asian languages are more important than ever in communication at regional and local levels. That is why UK industry and government value modern languages as a subject in the national interest, and also why language students have a high success rate in finding employment.

An inspiring environment
The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies at Nottingham has a reputation for excellence nationally and internationally, with our teaching and research externally validated as being of the highest quality. Modern languages was ranked 5th in the UK for research power in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, with 97% of our research classed as being of international quality. In addition, 82.9% of research in modern languages was graded as ‘world-leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ in terms of its social and cultural impact. Our students perform well too: in 2013/14, 85% of our students completed their degree with a 2:1 or higher, and all are equipped with skills to help them find interesting and challenging jobs after graduation.

The University Staff Oscars hosted by the Students’ Union allows students to nominate those members of staff whom they judge to have made a significant difference to their time at university. Staff in all language departments were nominated in a number of categories for the 2014 and 2015 awards, including Best Use of Technology in Teaching, Most Inspiring Teacher, Best Personal Tutor, and Best All Rounder.

The German studies department alone received eight nominations this year, and two members of staff were awarded runner-up prizes in 2014 – David Denton (Russian and Slavonic studies) in the Best All Rounder category, and Cécile Lancashire in the Best School Support Staff category for her outstanding contribution to our Year Abroad team.

A huge choice of degrees
As one of the largest UK centres for modern languages, we are able to provide an extraordinarily wide choice of degree subjects, including:

• French studies (including French-speaking North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and Canada)
• German and Dutch studies
• Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies
• Russian and Slavonic studies (including Serbian/Croatian and Slovene)

All our languages can be studied from beginners to degree level, depending on the degree combination. They can be studied as single honours subjects, or in joint honours degrees, or taken in a combined honours programme with other languages or with non-language subjects. This means that we offer degree programmes to suit a very wide range of students, from experienced linguists seeking to add a less widely taught language to those they already have at A level, to students interested in acquiring degree-level language skills alongside subjects like economics, history or philosophy.

There are even more opportunities to study languages through the Language Centre, which forms a separate department within the school. You can take modules in Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

For more information on the Language Centre, please see page 58.

Dedicated year abroad support
We believe we’re the only university in the UK to have a dedicated Year Abroad Office with an administrator in each of the four language groups. They have country-specific knowledge which enables them to provide first-class support to all our students, as well as an extensive network of contacts and exchanges for both work and study options. They will help you to think imaginatively about how to make the best of your year abroad, and whether you go to one country or more, they will assist you in planning and achieving your requirements.

For more information about the year abroad, see page 6.

Valuable transferable skills
In learning the language of a particular country, you will study its culture, including contemporary media, film, history, linguistics, literature, politics and society. This will help you develop the broad range of skills that are prized by employers and universities worldwide, including:

• adaptability and resourcefulness
• analytical skills and memory skills
• communication skills in English and in one or more foreign languages
• inter-cultural understanding and awareness

Work placement module
Students in the school can participate in a structured work placement to support personal development and career goals. This is in addition to any internship, teaching assistantship or voluntary work during the year abroad. Each placement lasts for 40-50 hours. A wide range of Nottingham companies and organisations are involved, including the University’s International Office, the Nottingham Tourism Office, or Nottingham Central Libraries to name just a few examples. Students on the work placement scheme can take the module as a subsidiary module in year two; or it can be taken and accredited as part of the Nottingham Advantage Award in years two or four.

A friendly and attractive environment
The school is housed in the iconic Trent Building on the beautiful University Park Campus. We currently admit around 300 students a year to degree courses in modern languages. You will be assigned a member of staff as your personal tutor, who can provide you with support and advice on academic and other issues.

Student societies
All departments have student societies, which organise social events, and Learning Community Forums, where students and staff discuss the courses and all aspects of departmental life. There is also a School Learning Community Forum where issues of broad school significance are raised.
A real advantage to any four-year degree in modern languages is that the third year is spent abroad. A well-planned year abroad adds great value to your degree. You will build on your language skills, but also on professional, cultural and personal skills that will help you stand out from the crowd and enable you to offer a truly international profile and perspective to future employers.

Creating your year abroad
On all our four-year courses, whatever modern language or languages you study at Nottingham, the third year abroad is always an integral part of your degree and – depending on your course – you can combine studying, teaching and/or working in numerous countries within Europe and beyond. You might work for an international company in Frankfurt or Paris; study in Avignon, Vienna, Berlin or Madrid, or even in La Réunion, Cuba, Argentina or Chile. You might develop your Russian language skills in Moscow, or go further afield to the medieval city of Vladimir; you might work on your Portuguese in Porto or Rio de Janeiro, or earn money and gain valuable work experience as a language assistant in a school in Austria, France, Germany or Spain. These examples cover just a few of the many possibilities.

Dedicated support
The school has a Year Abroad team with an extensive network of contacts and exchanges. These experts in year abroad matters will help you find the university, work placement, language course or teaching assistantship you want. They will help you make an informed choice about how best to spend the year abroad based on your individual interests and skills. While you are abroad, they are there to help and advise you.

Managing the year abroad
The year abroad at Nottingham takes place in the third year, but preparation begins at the beginning of your second year. The Year Abroad team puts second-year students in touch with fourth-years returning from their time abroad, so that the experiences and knowledge of one cohort is passed on to the next. We are proud of the contribution our final-year students make to life in the school, and this is especially true where the year abroad is concerned.

Universitas 21
In addition to the compulsory third year spent abroad on all four-year courses, we offer students the opportunity to participate in the Universitas 21 (U21) university-wide student exchange programme. This non-compulsory option gives selected students (chosen on the basis of academic merit and suitability) the opportunity to replace one semester of their Nottingham degree in year two with a semester at one of our international exchange universities in Australia, Canada, China, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden or the USA to name but a few. Many of our students have been awarded U21 scholarships in the past and have studied at exchange universities such as Auckland, British Columbia, McGill (Montreal), Melbourne, New South Wales (Sydney) and Virginia.

For more details of year abroad opportunities in each language, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/yearabroad

“The year abroad was a big thing for me. Because I do three languages and because of the way I decided to do it, I had a pretty busy year abroad. I did 14 months in total – in Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Brazil and Belgium. If you genuinely enjoy language learning, this is the right course.”

Alex Bishop/BA Modern Language Studies (French, Spanish and Portuguese; beginners’ Portuguese pathway)

Find out more about Alex’s experience www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alexbishop
Year abroad experiences

"I was very fortunate to spend the French part of my year abroad in several places across France. First I worked for the human resources department for Air France in Toulouse for three months. I then worked in tour operator reservations for Madame Vacances across three of their sites including their head office. This was an amazing experience and my level of French improved so much. I would recommend the year abroad to everyone.

For the Spanish side of my year abroad, I spent six months studying at the University of Havana, Cuba. Nottingham is one of the only universities in the whole of Europe with this link and it was a fantastic experience to be able to spend time in Cuba. Following this I spent two months working for a translation and interpreting agency in Cádiz, Spain. As a beginner in Spanish, both of these experiences really improved my confidence and ability in Spanish ready for my fourth year of study."

James Hewlett
BA Modern Languages (French and Spanish; beginners' Spanish pathway)

"For the first seven months, I worked as a Language Assistant in Fontainebleau, but lived in Paris. I found amazing accommodation in a 'foyer de jeunes travailleurs', right in the heart of the vibrant and bohemian 20th arrondissement. For the last three months I lived in Cannes and worked at a small accommodation agency, just a minute away from the beach. Having attended the International Film Festival as well as many other events, my whole French lifestyle now feels like a dream!"

Charlotte Butterick
BA Modern European Studies (French, Politics and History)

"I'm spending my year abroad studying at Petrozavodsk State University in the capital of the Republic of Karelia, and I'm absolutely loving it! I came on my own but joined a group of other international students from all over the world. As well as language classes, there's been the opportunity to attend some of the normal lectures on literature and take part in English conferences and day trips to Russian islands and villages. The city is amazing and one of the most beautiful cities I've ever been to, especially in the summer.

Because Petrozavodsk is a smaller city, not too many people speak English, but they're lovely and extremely helpful and welcoming. It's been an amazing year and I'll definitely be sad to leave Russia when I go."

Grace Farquhar-Thomson
BA Russian Studies (beginners' pathway)

"It's a cliché, but the year abroad was the best year of my life! I worked in the human resources department of Continental in Schwalbach, near Frankfurt. I was the personal assistant to the head of HR and my jobs included answering her emails, her phone, looking after her calendar and planning her business trips abroad or in Germany.

I absolutely loved my job and living in Frankfurt was amazing. Frankfurt is a bustling, busy city with a beautiful skyline as you approach it. Some of my favourite memories are of going to the Freibad during the summer or sitting by the river, relaxing with an Apfelwein. It was a year of freedom and the ability to travel around as much of Europe as I could with my time off."

Pippa Muir
BA German

Your year abroad is an amazing opportunity and adds so much to your degree.
Why study French at Nottingham?

French at Nottingham encompasses the study of one of the world’s great cultures and linguistic traditions as well as an engagement with France’s history and its changing place in the world.

French is an important world language, spoken by more than 150 million people across all five continents, and studying it can open up careers in European institutions as well as many international organisations and businesses. A course involving French will also help you to develop valuable transferable skills, such as reading and summarising documents, preparing reports, conducting research, and working both independently and within teams.

France is a country grappling with the end of Empire, the redrawing of the European map, religious and ethnic tensions, and the political and cultural challenges of the new world order. As one of the world’s largest and most powerful economies, France is also in the process of dealing with the effects of globalisation. While French influence in the world appears to be waning, its intellectual and cultural legacy remains immense.

The Department of French and Francophone Studies is one of the largest in the UK, admitting about 200 students per year to our programmes. We are one of the few UK French departments to offer intensive beginners’ courses alongside the more traditional post-A level route and offer a warm welcome to absolute beginners and GCSE students who are able to progress to degree-level French within four years on our beginners’ pathways. Beginners’ and post-A level pathways are integrated in the final year of study, so our students all graduate at the same level.

Our staff have wide-ranging research interests and we are therefore able to offer a broad range of optional modules that examine France’s literary heritage, its philosophical tradition, its history and its political and social structures. We also cover a long time span, from the medieval period to the present. In short, we offer an exceptionally wide range of subject matter in the field of French and Francophone studies.

Student satisfaction

We’re exceptionally proud that 91% of students questioned in the 2014 National Student Survey agreed that staff in the department are enthusiastic about what they are teaching.

Specialist teaching

In addition to specialist language teaching, we offer modules in French literature, thought, cinema, visual culture, linguistics, translation studies, politics and history, as well as modules on Francophone cultures in Canada, the African continent, and the Caribbean.

Top-ranking research

Modern languages at Nottingham was ranked 5th in the UK for research power in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, with 97% of our research classed as being of international quality. In addition, 82.9% of research in modern languages was graded as ‘world-leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ in terms of its social and cultural impact.

Our department is a leading centre for French and Francophone Studies. One example of our research activity is the Nottingham French Studies journal, which is edited by members of the department, with support from an international advisory board. It features articles in English and French and covers all major fields in the discipline, and all historical periods from the medieval to the present.
Opportunities to specialise
All of our full-time staff conduct specialised research and, as you progress through the course, you will focus increasingly on specific areas with an expert in the field. For students who develop a strong interest in a particular area, there is also the opportunity to undertake a major independent project in the form of an optional final-year dissertation.

An award-winning society
In 2012, the French and German Society was voted Best Departmental Society in the Students’ Union’s society awards, in recognition of their efforts to provide enjoyable and useful activities for their student membership. The society has worked hard to build links with external organisations, inviting speakers from the European Commission, the European Parliament, thirdyearabroad.com (a website for students going abroad) and IAMCO (a strategy consulting firm).

The year abroad
The formative experience of the year (or part of the year) spent in France or a French-speaking country is a vital and exciting part of the French degree. We have one of the best-organised and most flexible year abroad schemes in the country, with the Year Abroad team there to provide you with support before, during and after your time away.

You will have the following options:
• work as an English language assistant in an institution in France or a French-speaking country
• study at one of our exchange universities, currently Avignon; Grenoble; La Réunion; Paris 7; Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense; the Institut de Management et de Communication Interculturels in Paris; Pau or Strasbourg
• work in France or a French-speaking country on a work placement

Single honours students spend the whole academic year in France or a French-speaking country but may opt to combine two or more of the above options, and to split the year between different locations. You could, for example, choose to spend a semester at university in La Réunion and then spend the remainder of the year in France at another university or on a work placement.

Students studying more than one language split their year abroad as evenly as possible between the languages in question. For more information on the year abroad, please see page 8.

Career prospects
Our courses allow you to develop a range of professional and transferable skills, applicable on graduation to many different careers. Recent graduates from the department have gone on to work for Deloitte, Emirates Airlines, Europa Publications, EY, the European Economic and Social Committee and Renault UK. In addition, graduates can go on to further study, such as a masters in interpreting and/or translation, and in management, business and information technology. See page 60 to find out more about your career and employment prospects as a modern languages student.

Average starting salary
In 2014, 93% of first-degree graduates in the department who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £20,777 with the highest being £32,000.*

Recent graduates
Michael Bells – Banking Analyst, KPMG; Abigail Fitzgerald – Film Archive Librarian, Technicolor; Joe Martin – National Volunteering Manager, The Prince’s Trust; Bridie Taylor – Communications Officer, The World Hepatitis Alliance.

* Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.

“The best thing about my course is the variety it gives me. I can study French literature, French politics or medieval writing in French. With history, I can study Russian or Japanese history – there’s such a variety. It means you can really make every year at university very, very different in what you study.”

Sarah Horner/BA French and History
Find out more about Sarah’s experience www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/sarahhorner

Sarah is sitting outside the Trent Building on University Park Campus, which is home to the Department of French.
German studies
www.nottingham.ac.uk/german

Why study German at Nottingham?

Whether you have studied German to A level, GCSE level or not at all, we look forward to welcoming you to our lively student community. With an excellent national and international reputation for teaching and research, we offer a first-class environment for studying German and are one of the largest German departments in the country.

We offer a wide range of courses that reflect our expertise in cultural theory, film, gender studies, history, linguistics, literature, media and politics. Our students not only develop high-level language skills, which are much in demand from employers, but go far beyond surface and stereotype to explore the culture and history of Germany and Austria, which have been fundamental to the development of the Europe we know today.

Germany is the UK’s leading trading partner and the political and economic powerhouse of the European Union. As the world discovered when Germany hosted the 2006 World Cup, it is also a welcoming, dynamic and multicultural country. Its capital city Berlin is a byword for urban cool – one of the most exciting and artistically cutting-edge cities in the world. But of course the German-speaking world cannot be summed up in just one city, internationally famous though it may be.

The regional traditions and federal structures of the German-speaking lands mean there is a diverse array of towns and cities to explore. Germany and Austria’s cities are highly distinctive places, from the great trading port of Hamburg in the north, surrounded by maritime history and culture, to the vibrant and laid-back atmosphere of Cologne on the Rhine, the immense cultural riches of Dresden and Weimar in the east, and the sumptuous glamour of Munich in the south, or indeed the exquisite music and cafe culture of Austria’s capital city, Vienna.

German identity, however, is just as deeply rooted in its iconic landscapes and rural spaces – mountains, forests, heathland and rivers – all of which have inspired Germany’s literature and culture for centuries. As a student of German at Nottingham you will explore this rich diversity through the inspirational culture and historical ruptures of Germany and Austria.

World-leading research

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Student satisfaction

We’re exceptionally proud that 92% of students questioned in the 2014 National Student Survey agreed that staff in the department are good at explaining things, while 96% said that staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching. In addition, German staff received eight nominations from students in the 2015 University Staff Oscars in a range of categories, including Best Personal Tutor, Best All Rounder, Most Inspiring Teacher and Best Use of Technology in Teaching.

A choice of entry levels

At Nottingham, you can study German as a complete beginner, with a GCSE, an AS level (or equivalent) or an A level (or equivalent). If you are a beginner you will take an intensive language course, which means that you will reach degree-level German by the time you graduate. Our first-year beginners are also eligible to apply for the Joe and Marion McVeigh Travel Awards to fund three-week summer school courses in Germany. Five awards of £1,000 are made annually.

A vibrant department

Life is never dull in our department. Outside of lectures, activities include plays by The University of Nottingham German Theatre Group; an online departmental newspaper, the Nottinghomer Rundschau; and the Sauerkraut Cup – an annual football tournament between German departments from across the country.

Every year we host a writer-in-residence and our students benefit from translation masterclasses and workshops on texts by our guest writer. We also have social events to celebrate Karneval and Nikolaus/Sinterklaas, as well as creative writing competitions – the most recent invited students to write new fairy tales in German. In addition, the student-run French and German Society organises academic and social events and, in 2012, was voted Best Departmental Society in the Students’ Union’s society awards. The society has worked hard to build links with external organisations, inviting speakers from the European Commission, the European Parliament, thirdyearabroad.com (a website for students going abroad), and IAMCO (a strategy consulting firm).

Practical language

Language classes in small groups, including classes with specialist language teachers from Germany or Austria, help you develop your speaking, listening, reading, writing and translation skills. Language teaching takes place in small groups, and at least one language hour per week will be taught by a native speaker of German.

For other modules, teaching consists of a mixture of lectures and seminars with plenty of scope for class discussion. Most modules are assessed by examination or coursework. You will also gain practice in giving presentations in German and will learn to prepare work in groups as well as individually.

German linguistics

In year one, we investigate regional variation in German, compare German with other languages and look at how it has changed through contact with other languages. Modules in later years are on topics such as German dialects, how the German language is changing and the language of social media.

Literature

In the first year, we introduce you to the academic study of German literature, with a particular focus on recent German literature, including Turkish- German and Black German literature. We develop your skills of textual analysis and critical reading, along with your essay-writing skills, through work in small tutorial groups.

In later years, literature options cover individual authors, literary periods or genres, with modules such as Literature after the Wende; Recent Women’s Writing; Stories of War, Revolution and Globalisation; Mythology in German Literature; and Literary Translation.

History, politics and society

First-year modules offer an introduction to social, political and intellectual trends in Germany (East and West) and Austria. Deutschland Heute presents an introduction to German society, and key periods and questions of German history are taught in our core module German Identities: Unity and Diversity. In later years, modules are more specialised, with topics such as German History from Bismarck to Hitler, Opposition in the GDR, German Media, and History and Memory after the Holocaust.

Options in Dutch

We offer a rare opportunity to study Dutch, as well as the history, literature, politics and societies of the Low Countries. It’s a chance to study a language spoken in countries as far away as the Caribbean, and to add something different to your CV. Dutch is in demand from employers – the Netherlands is the UK’s third largest EU trading partner. We offer Dutch from beginners’ level as well as modules in Dutch culture, history, literature and society.
The year abroad
The year abroad is of crucial importance in developing linguistic skills, and can often be a life-changing experience as students develop a close inside perspective on the societies of Germany and/or Austria – and those of the Low Countries for students of Dutch. In addition, the international experience gained on the year abroad helps students develop their employability and gives all our students a very distinctive story to tell on their CV. We offer one of the best-supported year abroad schemes in the country, and close contact is maintained throughout the year.

You can:
- work as a language assistant in a school
- study at one of our exchange universities (Berlin, Bremen, Freiburg, Heidelberg, Jena, Magdeburg, Mainz/Germersheim, Tübingen or Vienna for German; Leiden or Leuven for Dutch)
- find suitable work experience with the help of our dedicated work placements officer

For more information on the year abroad, please see page 6.

Career prospects
Our students offer UK and international companies the high-level language skills in spoken and written German that are so sought after in business. Many of our students gain invaluable international work experience during the year abroad on internships at a wide range of German and Austrian companies, ranging from finance and insurance, to manufacturing companies like Bosch and Continental, through to publishers, software developers and online retailers.

After graduating they work in a wide range of professional fields, often those requiring exceptional communication skills. Recent graduates have gone into areas such as consultancy, education, events management, finance, HR, IT, journalism, librarianship, management, marketing, project management, public administration, publishing, sales, and, of course, translation.

Average starting salary
In 2014, 96% of first-degree graduates in the department who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £19,455 with the highest being £27,000.*

Recent graduates
Catherine Ascough – Graduate Librarian for languages, Bodleian Library, Oxford; Charli Brewerton – Associate Wealth Adviser (pensions research division) at deVere group, Abu Dhabi; Faith Byrne, Executive Recruitment with German, Holker Watkin; Andrew Lowrey – Agency Account Manager (France, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands), Financial Times; Dominique Norman – Global Mobility Consultant, EY; Felicia Reslow – Google Speech Evaluator, Akorbi, San Francisco; Victoria Weingartshofer – Broker, Enigma Securities.

* Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.
welcoming to foreign visitors, offering tremendous Siberia. Russia is a vast, diverse nation, open and medieval cities of the Golden Ring to Lake Baikal in of Russia’s regions, with their unique identities, Perhaps even more rewarding is the exploration rich, forward-looking places in which to spend time.

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countries of the former Soviet Union as well as in

Bulgakov. Russian is spoken widely in the other enormous cultural significance as the language

of writers including Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and

experienced and opportunities that remain undiscovered by most in the West.

As well as Russian, the department teaches Serbian/Croatian and Slovene from beginners’ to degree level. Both Serbian/Croatian and Slovene are offered in combined honours degrees (see page 44), as well as being available to all students of Russian as additional Slavonic languages. Serbian/Croatian is also offered as a joint honours subject with Russian in modern languages (see page 36). Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia belong to an area that is exceptionally diverse in terms of its people, cultures and religions. Today Slovenia and Croatia are members of the European Union and Serbia is a candidate for membership. As in Russian studies, teaching of these languages in the department is complemented by a wide-ranging programme of study encompassing the histories and cultures of this fascinating and historically important region.

Our community

Russian and Slavonic studies
www.nottingham.ac.uk/slavonic

Why study Russian, Serbian/Croatian and Slovene at Nottingham?

2015-2016 marks the centenary of Russian and Slavonic studies at Nottingham. The Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies is one of the largest of its kind in the UK. We teach three languages to degree level, and our students benefit from our expertise in Russian and Southeast European cultures through the centuries via an exceptionally rich programme of modules in history, literature, cultural studies and linguistics.

Whether you have already studied Russian at A level or GCSE, or will be starting Russian, Serbian/Croatian or Slovene from scratch with us, and whether you are taking our languages in single honours, joint honours or combined honours, we look forward to welcoming you into our vibrant and friendly community of undergraduates, postgraduates and staff, and to helping you achieve your potential in the exciting areas that we teach.

Russian is one of the world’s major languages, spoken by 280 million people, as well as being of enormous cultural significance as the language of writers including Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and Bulgakov. Russian is spoken widely in the other countries of the former Soviet Union as well as in Russia itself. Russia’s place in any understanding of modern world history is absolutely crucial and it has made major contributions to world cinema, painting, theatre and ballet, as well as literature.

After a transitional period in the 1990s, Russia has re-emerged as a powerful player on the global political and economic stage. The historic capital cities of Moscow and St Petersburg have thrown off the Soviet legacy and are exciting, culturally rich, forward-looking places in which to spend time. Perhaps even more rewarding is the exploration of Russia’s regions, with their unique identities, historical wealth and natural beauty, from the medieval cities of the Golden Ring to Lake Baikal in Siberia. Russia is a vast, diverse nation, open and welcoming to foreign visitors, offering tremendous

Our staff members are active in research in historical and literary subjects, linguistics, cinema and popular culture. They are passionate about the subjects they teach and dedicated to delivering a first-class learning experience for our students.

The chance to specialise

The large size of the department means that we can offer you great depth in language study and opportunities to gain specialist training in areas such as Russian-English interpreting. Most of our language instructors are native speakers of the languages they teach. We teach around 40 honours students per year, but our outstanding staff-student ratio means that you will frequently benefit from tuition in small groups. At all stages of your degree you will receive extensive individual feedback and attention.

Our specialisation in Russian studies and Southeast European studies is unique and the breadth of expertise in the department means you will be able to select from modules that offer chronological coverage from the medieval period to the 21st century, as well as study up to three Slavonic languages. At each level of your course you can choose from modules in history, literature, cultural studies and linguistics. In Russian studies, you will gain a nuanced perspective on the fast-moving changes taking place in Russia today and the complex dimensions of Russia’s 21st century identity, learning to contextualise recent political events through knowledge that spans the earliest history of the Eastern Slavs, through Russia’s imperial and Soviet periods, right up to the present. In Southeast European studies you have the chance to become an expert in cultures and languages that are less widely studied in the UK but are vital for any full consideration of Europe’s history, its present and future.

Outstanding resources

The Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies at Nottingham is one of the leading departments of its kind in the UK in terms of research and teaching. This is reflected in the resources available here: our library subscribes to over 100 journals in the field of Slavonic studies and has 45,000 volumes of Slavonic and East European printed material as well as a substantial collection of Russian and East European films. The unique holdings of the University’s Manuscripts and Special Collections section in our discipline have recently been showcased in two public exhibitions, Windows on War: Soviet Posters 1943-1945 and Chekhoviana: Marketing a Foreign Classic to British Audiences.

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Inspirational and innovative teaching

We have seven academic members of staff and six full-time language teachers, all of whom are committed to excellence in teaching. In formal feedback on the modules they take, our students have rated teaching in the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies as in the top 10% for teaching in the university as a whole. In 2012, the high-quality teaching we offer was acknowledged in the award of a Lord Dearing Award, which recognises outstanding innovation in teaching, to Svetlana Clark, who is responsible for the beginners’ Russian language programme in year one. Our students are also highly appreciative of the quality of the department’s teaching and regularly nominate members of staff for the University Staff Oscars – in 2015 we received four nominations, while in 2013 and 2014, members of our department were winner and runner-up respectively in the category of Best All Rounder for teaching, an accolade of which we are very proud indeed.

Excellence Framework, with 97% of our research

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The year abroad
All students in the department, except for those studying BA History and East European Cultural Studies, spend the third year abroad. Our excellent relationships with partner institutions in Russia and Southeast Europe ensure that you are fully supported, first when preparing for your year abroad and then throughout the period you spend away from Nottingham. We run unique student exchanges with universities in Croatia, Russia, Serbia and Slovenia, which provide specially designed courses in language and cultural studies to our students, meaning that you get the chance to experience life alongside local students. The department covers all tuition fees on our approved language courses.

Options include:
• university exchanges at Moscow City Pedagogical University and St Tikhon’s Orthodox University, Moscow; the University of Rijeka, Croatia; the University of Belgrade, Serbia; and the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
• study placements in Petrozavodsk and Rostov-on-Don, Russia
• combined study and work placements at Vladimir State University, Russia
• work placements at Robin Hood children’s camps in Moscow region

Our Russian and Slavonic Studies year abroad officer will help you throughout the process of organising your study and/or work placements, and will continue to support you during your year abroad. A year abroad will enhance immeasurably both your linguistic skills and the depth of your knowledge of the region, and can often be a life-changing experience in terms of professional and personal development.

Scholarships
We are able to offer scholarships to students who are going on a year abroad. The Malcolm Warwick Year Abroad Scholarship is an award of £2,500, awarded to two students per year. To be eligible you must be spending your whole year abroad (ie two semesters) in Russia and/or Eastern Europe. We also offer two Monica Partridge Travel Scholarships of £500 each per year to assist with the cost of the year abroad for students spending any amount of time in Russia and/or Eastern Europe.

The department can also offer financial assistance to students wishing to undertake extra time abroad, via a fund designed to assist with individual projects students wish to undertake in Slavonic-speaking countries. Two awards of up to £500 are made each year. Recent awards have enabled such activities as studying on a Czech language course in Prague and volunteering as an English language teacher for children in Kyrgyzstan.

Subsidised vacation study
In addition to spending the third year abroad, all students of Russian are given the option to take part in a two-week language course in Russia at the end of the first year. If you are studying Serbian/Croatian, you can spend two weeks on a language course in Belgrade during the Easter vacation. These courses are subsidised by the department. Students of Slovene can benefit from scholarships to attend the Seminar of Slovene Language, Literature and Culture at the University of Ljubljana, which is held each July. These opportunities allow you to gain first-hand experience of the countries and languages you are studying, to help prepare you for the year abroad.

Career prospects
Expertise in the Russian language, especially when combined with understanding of the historical and cultural context for the concerns of the Russian state in the 21st century, has never been more vital for international business and industry, government, diplomacy, and non-governmental organisations. Serbian/ Croatian and Slovene are extremely sought-after by employers as official languages of the EU, and because these countries are important economic partners for the UK.

Our students graduate with a high level of proficiency in the languages they select and with in-depth expertise in Russian and Southeast European cultures. In a competitive job market, their effective communication skills, aptitude for critical analysis and for independent research; together with the independence and adaptability they have demonstrated during the year abroad, commend them to employers. Recent graduates are employed in sectors as diverse as accountancy, management consultancy, the Civil Service, law, publishing and teaching. Many use their languages as professional translators or interpreters; others work in journalism or human rights. Graduating with one or more Slavonic languages in your portfolio will make you stand out as a graduate.

Average starting salary
In 2014, 86% of first-degree graduates in the department who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £23,375 with the highest being £50,000.*

Recent graduates
James Cook – translator and reviser at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague; Kate Gardiner – Russian and French Marketing Assistant, European Schoolbooks Ltd; William Harrison – graduate trainee scheme, EY; Katharine Nash – Radio Presenter, The Breeze 107.8; Michael Snook – Solicitor, Allen and Overy; Tim Walklate – Broadcast Journalist, Voice of Russia.

* Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.
Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies

www.nottingham.ac.uk/splas

Why study Spanish and/or Portuguese at Nottingham?

Spanish is currently the third most spoken language in the world (550 million people) and one of the six official languages of the United Nations. Portuguese is the ninth most spoken language in the world (255 million people) and the fastest growing European language after English. Studying one or both of these languages offers you a vehicle for exploring, understanding and interacting with societies across the globe. Many of our courses offer pathways for beginners and post-A level students in Spanish and Portuguese, and welcome applicants with GCSE, AS and A level in Spanish and/or Portuguese as well as absolute beginners.

As the name of the department suggests, here at Nottingham you will not only have the opportunity to learn these languages to a high proficiency, but also to develop a rich understanding of the histories, politics, cinemas, literatures, art and culture of nations and territories in Europe, the Caribbean, the Americas, Africa and Asia. From the history of Cuba to the poetry of Federico García Lorca, the Spanish Civil War to the new wave of Brazilian and African cinema, Europe’s conquest of Latin America, the dictatorships of Argentina, Chile, Italy and Spain.

Internationally recognised research

Our research is also very highly regarded. The last time that Spanish and Lusophone departments were ranked for research in 2008, Nottingham was named joint first in the UK for research quality, with over 95% of our research receiving international recognition. We are part of a similarly dynamic and successful academic school at Nottingham, which emerged 5th in the UK for research power in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. What this means is that you will be welcomed into a community of scholars that is not only research active and successful, but whose research informs every aspect of our teaching. We want you to feel as enthusiastic and curious about the Spanish and/or Lusophone worlds as we do.

Our research covers a number of areas. We are the most important centre in the UK for the study of Cuba and host the Centre for Research on Cuba, which brings together researchers from the department with other institutions in Europe and the University of Havana in Cuba. There are several ongoing projects including members of the department, postgraduate students and even recent alumni relating to the history and legacy of the Spanish Civil War. Meanwhile, several members of staff are working on a European-funded research project relating to post-dictatorship transitions in Argentina, Chile, Italy and Spain.

Authentic language experience

Almost all our language teachers are native speakers of Spanish or Portuguese. During your time here, you will find yourself immersed in the languages, and at the end of your degree, you will have perfected your command of at least one language. The Hispanic Society organises many cultural events, including Spanish and Portuguese conversation encounters with groups of visiting undergraduates from Spain and Portugal.

The year abroad

Studying or working abroad is a crucial component of a four-year degree programme in modern languages. This part of your degree gives you the opportunity to reach fluency in your language of study and much more besides. It is a unique chance to enrich and deepen your knowledge of the culture and society of one or more Spanish or Portuguese-speaking countries. Our programmes offer a wide range of options for the year abroad and reflect both the rich diversity of Spanish and Portuguese-language culture, and the diverse degree paths and career aspirations of our students.

Studying at a university

The department has study exchange partnerships with 23 universities across the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking world. Through the Erasmus scheme we have links with universities in Spain (Barcelona, Bilbao, Cádiz, Granada, Madrid, Salamanca, Valencia and Zaragoza) and in Portugal (Aveiro, Braga, Coimbra, Lisbon and Porto). The department also has exchange agreements with some of the most prestigious universities in Latin America, and you can study in Brazil, Chile or Mexico or at the University of Havana, Cuba.

English language assistantship

Many students spend a semester or a year working in Spain, Portugal or Spanish-speaking America through programmes run by the British Council. We will assist you with applications for these competitive schemes and the success rate of applications is very high.

Working

Many students opt for finding work with a business or charitable organisation overseas. Working abroad can be hugely fulfilling and a means of gaining first-hand experience of a particular profession and of developing key skills that equip you for the job market. Students have worked as far afield as the Amazon, Costa Rica, Mozambique and Venezuela in professions including conservation, journalism and marketing. For more information on the year abroad, please see page 6.

Career prospects

You will have acquired a high level of competence in Spanish and Portuguese (if applicable) and will have the ability to use your language skills in complex contexts. You will also have a broad knowledge of Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking cultures, and an in-depth understanding of the topics you have chosen to focus on.

Your year abroad will have shown you are adaptable and independent. See page 60 to find out more about your career and employment prospects as a modern languages student.

Average starting salary

In 2014, 95% of first-degree graduates in the department who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £20,942 with the highest being £28,000.*

Recent graduates

Alex Bishop – Programme Officer for the Cultural Emergency Relief programme of the Prince Claus Fund, Amsterdam; Alice Breitmeyer – Spanish Teacher, Teach First Leadership Development Programme; Fiona Maxwell – Staff Writer, Risk Magazine at Incisive Media; Will Unwin – Football Editor for ITV Sport and ITV News Online.

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**Single honours offers**
Our standard A level offer is ABB; for BA French Studies and BA Hispanic Studies, A levels (or equivalent qualification) are required in French and Spanish, respectively. German and Russian can be pursued from A level or beginners’ level.

Please see our online prospectus for more details: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

Sara and Judith are discussing their work in the collaborative study space for cultures, languages and area studies.
BA French Studies

In year one you will take a core language module along with modules designed to introduce you to key skills and topics in the field of French and Francophone studies. In years two and four, you can choose from a wide range of optional modules covering French culture, film, history, linguistics, thought, literature and politics.

More specialised language modules are available in year four. In years one and two, you also take modules from outside the department in your own areas of interest. If you choose to take modules in Dutch and Low Countries studies, you may graduate with a degree in French with Dutch, which involves spending part of the year abroad in the Netherlands or Belgium. For more information on the Dutch element of our degrees, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/german/dutchstudies

Similarly, if you choose to take modules in Canadian studies in our Department of American and Canadian Studies, you may graduate with a degree in French with Canadian Studies, which involves spending the year abroad in Francophone Canada. For more information on Canadian studies modules, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/american

Year one
You will receive a firm grounding in the structures of French through the core language module and pursue a range of introductory studies in key areas of French and Francophone studies, including linguistics, politics, history, thought, literature, media, visual culture and cinema.

Year two
Your language studies will be consolidated and developed to prepare you for the year abroad. You will study a choice of modules aimed at developing your knowledge in some or all of the fields mentioned previously.

Year three
This year will be spent in France or a Francophone country on a programme of studies in a higher education institution, as an assistant in a school or on a work placement.

Year four
You will perfect your command of the French language and its use in increasingly sophisticated contexts and study optional modules drawn from a list covering a wide range of topics. You also have the option to do a dissertation.

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<td>• Language and Social Interaction</td>
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<td>• Exploring Language and Linguistics</td>
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<td>• The Everyday in Modern French Fiction</td>
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BA German

This course is open to A level students of German as well as complete beginners and students who have a GCSE or AS level in German. You will graduate with a broad understanding of German culture, society, literature and history, and will have acquired a high level of expertise in spoken and written German.

There is also the opportunity to learn other languages. If you choose to study Dutch language and modules in Low Countries studies, you may graduate with a degree in German with Dutch, which involves spending part of the year abroad in the Netherlands or Belgium. All German post-A level students have the option of taking Dutch language through to the final year of the course, regardless of whether they choose to take modules in Low Countries studies. For more information on the Dutch element of our degrees, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/german/dutchstudies

Year one
The first-year core language course develops the four skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. You will take a core module which explores key fields of German studies – literature, history, linguistics and film, as well as developing your essay writing, research and presentation skills. You will take optional modules in German literature, history, politics and linguistics, and Dutch is also available. You can also take modules outside the department (in another language or a non-language subject).

Year two
You will build on the knowledge and skills acquired in year one, with core language modules and the option to choose other modules from a broad range of subjects. You may continue to take modules outside the department (in another language or a non-language subject).

Year three
You will spend year three abroad, studying at an exchange university, working as an English-language teaching assistant or working for a German or Austrian company.

Year four
You will develop your command of German to a high level and use it in increasingly sophisticated contexts. Former beginners and post-A level students are taught together and take the same language assessments, meaning they graduate with the same level of linguistic competence. You will also have a wide choice of modules in all the areas mentioned previously, and you may choose to write a dissertation in a specialist area of your choice.

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BA Hispanic Studies

On this course, you will study the Spanish and Portuguese languages and aspects of the histories, cultures, cinemas and literatures of the Portuguese and Spanish-speaking worlds. Most students opt to study Portuguese throughout the degree, but it is possible to concentrate exclusively on Spanish after the second year.

Year one
You will begin a structural course in Spanish to take you from A level to degree level. You will also begin the study of Portuguese or continue learning it if you have applied with an A level or equivalent in the language. You are introduced as well to aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American literature, culture and history.

Year two
You will develop your knowledge of both Spanish and Portuguese to prepare for the year abroad and further your knowledge of more specialist aspects of those subjects studied in year one.

Year three
Usually spent either in Spain or Spanish America or, if you are pursuing Portuguese, the third year is divided between Spain or Spanish America and Portugal or Brazil, studying, working as an assistant in a school or on a work placement.

Year four
In the final year, you will build on your year-three knowledge to develop your language skills to degree level, and will select specialist options from a range of research-based topics in the literature, culture and history of Spain, Portugal and Latin America. You will also take a dissertation module, a course of guided reading and research on a specialised topic agreed between you and your supervisor, leading to a dissertation of 6,000 words.

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BA Russian Studies

This course offers the study of Russian language and culture, providing you with high-level linguistic, analytical and presentation skills that prepare you for a wide range of careers. There are two pathways into Russian: one for students with an A level in Russian and one for beginners who initially follow an intensive language course. In the final year both sets of students reach the same level of linguistic competence in Russian and study together.

Year two
The second year develops your language skills to prepare you for the year abroad and offers further broad coverage of Russian and Southeast European cultures, histories and literatures. All students of Russian have the opportunity to study another Slavonic language.

Year three
The year abroad is spent in Russia, where you study at one of our partner universities or language schools. If you are learning a second Slavonic language, you will also spend part of the year abroad in that area.

Year four
You will apply your language skills in advanced level modules, including employment-related ones. You will also choose modules which allow you to specialise in the areas of history, literature, linguistics and cultural studies in which you are particularly interested, as well as the opportunity to write a dissertation under expert supervision. There are also optional fast-track modules in both Russian and Southeast European studies.

Year one
All students take our core introductory module Nation, Myth, Identity: Introduction to Russian and Slavonic Studies. Additionally, you select from other introductory modules on Russian cinema, culture, history, literature and linguistics, with options to begin studying the cultures of Southeast Europe as well.

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Typical modules

Year one

Core modules:
• Russian 1
or
• Russian 1 – Beginners
and
• Nation, Myth, Identity: Introduction to Russian and Slavonic Studies

Optional modules*
• From Tsarism to Communism: Introduction to Russian History and Culture
• Modern Russian Literature: Texts, Contexts, Approaches
• The Clash of Empires: Introduction to Balkan Cultural Identities

Year two

Core module:
• Russian 2
or
• Russian 2 – Beginners

Optional modules*
• Repression and Resistance: Dissidents and Exiles in Russian Culture
• Russian Linguistics: Topics, Tips and Tools
• Screening Russia: Film and Society from the Tsars to Putin
• The Russian Novel
• The World of Orthodox Sainthood

Year four

Core module:
• Russian 3

Optional modules*:
• Dissertation in Russian and Slavonic Studies
• East European and Balkan Cultural Studies
• Myths and Memories: Histories of Russia’s Second World War
• Russian Interpreting
• Russian Language in the 20th Century
• Russian Popular Music in the 20th and 21st Centuries
• The Petersburg Text

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Find out more about Nick’s experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/nickmyers
Scan the code to watch this video on your smartphone.

Nick Myers/BA Russian and Contemporary Chinese Studies

Nick is sitting outside in the Trent Building quadrangle, which houses the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies.
“The course gave me the unique opportunity to cross cultural boundaries and truly experience life in another language. The enthusiasm and support of the staff gave me the necessary tools to succeed.”

Stuart Kirk
BA Modern Languages (French and Russian; beginners’ Russian pathway)

Joint honours programmes

Joint honours offers
Our standard A level offer for joint honours modern languages is ABB. For joint honours BA Modern Languages (R900) you will need at least a grade B in your post-A level language(s). Only one of the languages may be studied at beginners’ level. For joint honours combinations with English and history, you will need to offer those subjects at A level.

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BA Modern Languages

This course offers the opportunity to study two languages to degree level, one of which could be taken from scratch or from GCSE level. Our languages departments work together to offer you a wide range of different combinations, including exciting ab initio combinations that capitalise on your proven ability to learn languages and take you from beginners’ level to degree-level competence in the space of four years. You’ll gain valuable international experience and transferable critical-thinking skills by comparing and contrasting two regions and languages throughout your degree course.

You’ll choose from the same options as those available to single honours students, so you’ll still be able to focus on areas that interest you the most from each region. In the third year, you’ll divide your time abroad between two countries relevant to your chosen languages. Depending on your combination, you may even choose to take a third language at a less intensive level than the others and spend some time in a country relevant to that language too.

Our dedicated Year Abroad team will support and assist you throughout the organisation process. For more information visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/yearabroad

For more information on the range of modules open to you as a joint honours student, please see the section of this brochure dedicated to the departments you are interested in, and the example modules listed at the end of each single honours course description. While you will take fewer modules in each subject than a single honours student, you will still choose from the full range available.

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* Incorporates post-A level Spanish throughout with beginners’ Portuguese in year one, after which Portuguese is optional.

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Year one
In the first year of your course you will combine core language modules with foundation modules in key areas of study: the literature, history, linguistics and culture relevant to your chosen languages. All our first-year core language courses develop the four skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. If you have chosen a combination which includes a beginners’ language, you will start with an intensive course in that language designed to take you roughly to A level standard in a year. In your post-A level language(s) you will consolidate your existing knowledge and start to develop your language skills in more complex assignments.

Year two
You will build on the knowledge and skills acquired in year one, with core language modules designed to prepare you for the year abroad. You will also select from a range of more specialised modules in the fields of literature, history, linguistics and culture.

Year three
You will spend year three abroad, dividing your time between two countries relevant to your chosen languages. You might study at an exchange university, work as an English language assistant, or take up an internship working for an international company.

Year four
You will apply your language skills in advanced level modules, including employment-related ones. You will choose modules which allow you to specialise in the areas of history, literature, linguistics and cultural studies in which you are particularly interested. You will also have the opportunity to write a dissertation under expert supervision.

“It was not until I came to The University of Nottingham that I discovered to what extent a languages degree can open up opportunities. The sheer enthusiasm and passion of the teaching staff is truly inspiring and enriches the learning experience.”

Charli Brewerton
BA Modern Languages (French and German; beginners’ German pathway)
Combinations with English
BA English and French/German/Hispanic Studies
These courses offer you the opportunity to combine the study of English language and literature with studies in your chosen modern language, encompassing history, literature, linguistics, politics and culture as well as practical language work. If you are a beginner in your chosen modern language, an intensive beginners’ course will enable you to progress to degree level. By the end of the course you will have developed a range of transferable skills including the ability to communicate effectively in your chosen modern language as well as English. For more information on the English element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/english
For more information on modules offered by your chosen modern language department, please see the relevant pages of this brochure; although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.

Combinations with history
BA French/German/Hispanic Studies/Russian and History
These courses offer you the opportunity to combine studies in the language, literature, history and culture of your chosen modern language with a wide range of modules in history. If you are a beginners’ language student, an intensive language course will enable you to progress to degree level. In history, you will study a wide range of historical periods and specific countries or regions. You will have the same choice of optional modules as all history students.

Project work is introduced in the first year and developed through to the final year when you will undertake a year-long Special Subject study based on primary historical sources. You will be trained in research methodologies and to think critically about history. For more information on the history element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/history
For more information on modules offered by your chosen modern language department, please see the relevant pages of this brochure; although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.

Combinations with contemporary Chinese studies
BA French/German/Russian/Spanish and Contemporary Chinese Studies
These courses offer you the opportunity to study two very different cultures, both of global significance. You will be able to combine studies in the literature, history, and culture of your chosen post-A level language with Mandarin language from beginners’ level and Chinese culture and history. Your third year will be spent abroad in countries where your chosen languages are spoken. For the Chinese part of your year abroad you will spend a semester at our China Campus in Ningbo.

By the end of the course your Mandarin skills will be at an advanced level and your time spent abroad will demonstrate to employers that you are independent and adaptable. For more information on the contemporary Chinese studies element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/chinese
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BA History and East European Cultural Studies
This three-year course combines history with the study of East European cultures. In East European cultural studies you will study the literature, history and culture of the region, with opportunities to specialise in both Russia and Southeast Europe and options to take modules in one or more Slavonic languages from the first year onwards. In history, you will study a wide range of historical periods and specific countries or regions, choosing from the same range of optional modules as students taking single honours history.
You will plan, research and write an analysis of an area of historiography of your choice to develop independence of mind and critical abilities. For more information on the history element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/history
For more information on modules offered by the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies, please see pages 18-21 and 31-33 of this brochure.
Combinations with politics
BA French/German and Politics
On this course, you have the opportunity to combine studies in French or German language, literature and culture with a wide range of political topics. If you are a beginner in French or German, you will follow an intensive language course designed to take you from beginners to degree level by the end of the course.

While you develop your language skills, you will also take options from three core areas in politics: comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. You will learn to compare political institutions and behaviour in liberal democracies and to apply political concepts to key social issues and issues in world politics. For information on the politics element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics

For more information on French or German modules, please see the relevant pages of this brochure; although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.

Combinations with philosophy
BA French/German and Philosophy
On these courses you will combine studies in French or German language, literature and culture with a wide range of philosophical topics. If you are a beginner in French or German, you will follow an intensive language course designed to bring you to degree level within four years. All students take core language modules, along with core modules in logic, moral philosophy, and other philosophical problems.

Optional modules can be selected in French or German literature, history, linguistics, and culture.

For more information on the philosophy element of your course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/philosophy

For more information on French or German modules, please see the relevant pages of this brochure; although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.

Combinations with international media and communications studies
BA French/German/Portuguese/Spanish and International Media and Communications Studies
These courses offer you the opportunity to study the culture, language and literature of a specific region alongside the theory and history of communications in a global context. You will divide your time between two departments, often studying the same core modules as your peers on single honours courses. If you are a beginner in your chosen modern language, you will follow an intensive language course designed to take you from beginners to degree level by the end of the course.

This varied and flexible programme offers you the chance to tailor your course to the topics that interest you the most. For more information on modules offered in international media and communications studies please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cfm

For more information on the core language modules and options available for your chosen language, please see the relevant pages of this brochure; although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.

“With the languages course you get to do a year abroad. That was a fantastic opportunity because with doing three languages, I was in three different countries. It was great in terms of work experience and gaining experiences of other cultures.”

Tessa Morrison
BA Modern Languages (German and Hispanic Studies)
Career prospects
By the end of the course you will have achieved a high level of proficiency in the language(s) you have studied and be able to use your language skills in a variety of social and professional situations. You will also have acquired understanding of the particular academic subjects relevant to your combined honours programme, whether politics, history, business, linguistics or translation studies, and will have developed sophisticated intellectual skills in analysing these fields. Your year abroad will demonstrate to potential employers that you are adaptable and independent. See page 60 to find out more about your career and employment prospects as a modern languages student.

Recent graduates

“The languages departments are great. The staff are very approachable which is a great help, particularly in the final year when you need to be sure that what you’re doing is on the right lines. Try not to be too apprehensive – you’ll love it!”
Louise Dixon
BA Modern European Studies (French, Spanish and History; beginners’ Spanish pathway)
Degree courses

The following languages are available on our combined honours courses in modern languages:

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* For BA Modern Languages with Translation, post-A level Portuguese can only be offered in combination with another post-A level language, either French, German, Russian or Spanish.

BA Modern European Studies (MES)
Modern European studies is managed by the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, and run in conjunction with two others: the Department of History in the School of Humanities and the School of Politics and International Relations. You can study modern European studies in three different ways:

- Combine history with two modern languages
- Combine politics with two modern languages
- Combine history, politics and one modern language

All the languages shown in the table opposite are available as part of a modern European studies degree. If you are taking two languages, you must have an A level or equivalent in at least one of them. If you are taking only one language, this could be either a beginners’ language or a post-A level language. No language qualification is required to qualify for a beginners’ language pathway.

The degree will appeal to different groups: you might be a good linguist who wants to combine language study with modern history and/or politics, or a budding historian or political scientist who wants to acquire language skills to degree level.

In addition to core language modules, you will select from a range of optional modules relating to the history, culture, politics, literature, film or linguistics of the languages you are studying. You will also select modules from a wide range of historical and/or political topics. The modules offered on the history and politics of the region(s) you are studying are inspired by the research interests of our staff and, as a result, may change from year to year. You will study all your core subjects to the same level as single and joint honours students and graduate with the same degree-level language competence and core skills.

On graduation you will have achieved a high level of expertise in the language(s) you have studied and will be able to use them in social and professional situations. You will also have acquired understanding of European and world history and politics and will have developed sophisticated analytical skills.

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Year one
In the first year, you will take core modules (including core language modules) in whichever combination of three subjects you have chosen. This foundation is intended to equip you with the intellectual tools to tackle the more specialised material you will encounter later in the course of your degree.

Year two
You choose from a broader range of options within your three disciplines. In the language departments this will also include an element of preparation for the year abroad in year three.

Year three
This is spent abroad in a country or countries where your chosen language or languages are spoken.

Year four
In addition to core language modules, you will choose from a range of optional modules in each discipline.

Optional modules
You are free to take any optional modules in history and politics. If you are taking German language, for example, you do not have to take modules in German history from the Department of History, though you may choose to. You would select optional modules from the full range that the Department of History offers.

Example modules
- Contemporary France and Globalisation
- Culture and Society of the Low Countries
- East European and Balkan Cultural Studies
- Life and Demise of the GDR
- Russian Language in the 20th Century
- Spain and Portugal in the 20th Century

For a more complete picture of modules offered in your language(s), please see the relevant departmental sections of this brochure. For more information on modules offered in the history or politics strands of the course, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/history or www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics

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www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas
www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics
BA Modern Language Studies (MLS)

The aim of the BA Modern Language Studies (MLS) degree is to provide you with the opportunity to develop expertise in three modern European languages. The three may all be post-A level, though this is unusual as not many schools or colleges are able to offer three A level languages. Normally students continue with two languages from A level and start a third. You can take the following languages as part of an MLS degree: French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish (all post-A level or GCSE/beginners’ level) and Dutch, Serbian/Croatian, Slovene (GCSE/beginners’ level only). At least two of the three must be post-A level languages.

In addition to the three core languages that you will take throughout your degree, you may also take new languages in your second and/or final year: for example, Dutch may be taken as part of your German module allocation or Slovene, say, if you are studying Russian. It is possible for students on some combinations to finish the degree with four, and on occasion five, foreign languages.

The MLS degree enables you to acquire a high level of comprehension and competence in spoken and written communication in all three languages.

The course is structured so that, in addition to compulsory modules in your core languages, you can choose from a wide range of optional modules relating to film, history, linguistics, literature, politics, translation studies or in your chosen languages and cultures.

Year one

The first year core language modules develop the four skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. In addition, you take modules in literature, history, politics and society, and may opt for modules in linguistics where these are available.

Year two

Your language skills will be consolidated to prepare you for the year abroad. In addition you will take modules related to your chosen languages and regions from a wide choice in history, linguistics, literature, media, politics, society, and translation studies.

Year three

Spent abroad, divided between countries where you can practise your language skills. Because MLS students have to balance requirements to spend time in three different countries, they often vary their year abroad experience by working as a language assistant in one country, taking up a work placement in another and studying in the third. We have many years experience of helping students arrange this aspect of their course.

As well as proving to employers that you are adaptable and independent, this time abroad will enable you to acquire knowledge of the history, culture, and literature of the countries you have studied, as well as skills in communication and independent study.

Year four

You will develop your command of your languages and their use in increasingly sophisticated contexts, and study optional modules drawn from the areas of literature, history, politics, society, media and linguistics.

Example modules

- Caribbean Francophone Writing
- French Translation Portfolio
- History of the Low Countries
- Language in German Social Media
- Repression and Resistance: Dissidents and Exiles in Russian Culture
- Spain and Portugal in the 20th Century

For a more complete picture of modules offered in your three languages, please see the relevant departmental sections of this brochure.

BA Modern Languages with Business (MLB)

Modern languages with business is a four-year course that provides you with the opportunity to combine the study of two European languages to degree level with business studies (please see the table of languages offered on page 46). You must take at least one post-A level language. A third of your studies will be dedicated to the study of business and marketing and delivered by Nottingham University Business School through a fixed menu of modules there. Your modules will include core modules in business and in languages, along with optional modules relating to the history, culture, politics, literature, film or linguistics of the countries where the languages you are studying are spoken.

The third year is spent abroad, split between countries where the languages are spoken. Most students choose to spend their year abroad at one of our many partner universities in Europe and Latin America, although some prefer to work as teaching assistants in schools or on an approved work placement. For more information about the year abroad, please see page 6.

By the end of your course you will have a sound understanding of fundamental business principles and theories. You will have acquired a high level of competence in two languages and a broad knowledge of the culture of the countries where they are spoken.

Year one

You begin two structured language courses and are also introduced to the modern history and culture of the countries where your two languages are spoken. A third of your studies will be in entrepreneurship, economics and organisational studies.

Year two

As well as continuing to develop your language skills, you choose topics from a wide range of options in the fields of literature, history, society and culture of the relevant countries. A third of your studies will be in marketing and organisational studies.

Year three

This is spent abroad, divided between countries where you can practise your language skills.

Year four

Building on the topics studied in year two, you will also study human resource management and strategic management.

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
BA Modern Languages with Translation (MLT)
This four-year course offers you the opportunity to study one or two languages to degree level while gaining practical experience in translating and interpreting.

You must study one language post-A level (French, German, Russian or Spanish) and may opt to add another post-A level language (French, German, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish) or study Dutch, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, Slovene or Spanish at beginners’ level. Practice exercises are carried out in your chosen language(s).

The course combines academic rigour with a strong practical emphasis and includes training in interpreting, and technical and literary translation. You will also be given an introduction to technological tools for translators. Wherever possible, translation assignments are modelled on real-life situations and you will be encouraged to take up at least one translation internship or voluntary translation assignment for an external organisation.

Year one
You will take a core module in your chosen post-A level/IB language(s), consolidating and building on your general language skills. You will also select optional modules in politics, society, history and literature as offered by the relevant language department(s). If you have opted to take a beginners’ language, you will take the first part of an intensive programme designed to enable you to achieve degree-level language competence by the end of the course. You will take core introductory modules in linguistics, and translation and interpreting.

Year two
You will continue to follow the core language programme(s) (or beginners’ language programme if relevant), with a particular focus on preparation for the year abroad, and will also select further optional modules from a wide range. You will take core modules in translation studies and literary/media translation, and prepare an assessed translation portfolio.

Year three
This year is spent abroad, dividing your time between countries where you can practise your language skills. You will be encouraged to spend at least part of the year studying at one of our partner institutions specialising in translation/interpreting or carrying out a translation-related work placement.

Year four
In the final year you will use your language(s) in increasingly sophisticated contexts, and study optional modules in areas including linguistics, literature, history and politics. You will take a core module in interpreting and carry out an extended translation project. If you have followed a beginners’ language programme, you may opt to focus on this language instead of your post-A level language for practical translation and interpreting tasks.

Typical modules

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Iain Barnfather/BA Modern Language Studies (French, German, Russian; beginners’ Russian pathway)

“The most attractive aspect of the course is its flexibility, allowing me to focus on areas that interest me such as linguistics and translation. I was given the opportunity to study not only three languages, but also to take up a fourth – Serbian – in the final year.”
Major/minor honours programmes

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These courses offer you the opportunity to spend two-thirds of your time studying economics, law or management studies, while adding high level language skills as a minor, or one-third, component. You will also take modules in the history, literature or linguistics of the language and region studied, depending on the particular programme. A year abroad in a country where your chosen language is spoken will allow you to perfect your command of the language and the international experience you gain will help you develop a distinctive CV that proves you are resourceful and adaptable.

These combinations are administered by the School of Economics, the School of Law and the Nottingham University Business School, respectively. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/economics or www.nottingham.ac.uk/law or www.nottingham.ac.uk/business.

The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies is based in the Trent Building, which offers plenty of spaces to study – including the Trent Cafe, which looks out over the lake.
Course structure

• Courses in the school are designed to equip you with a high level of competence in the written and spoken language.

• Single honours students will take the majority of their modules in the language of their choice, but may choose a small number of subsidiary modules from outside the school.

• Major/minor honours students will usually take two-thirds of their modules in their major subject of study and one-third in their minor subject.

• Joint honours students will usually take half their modules in their chosen language and the other half in their second subject, or second language if taking the joint honours degree in modern languages.

To graduate with a BA degree from Nottingham you must take 360 credits worth of modules: 120 in each year of study (usually 60 if you study part-time). Each module is worth a number of credits – the higher the number of credits, the greater the amount of work on the module. Most modules are worth 10 or 20 credits, where a 20 credit module is one-sixth of your academic work for the year.

Core and optional modules

As well as core (compulsory) modules, we offer a wide range of optional modules within the departments, allowing you to design your own course. This choice and flexibility is a distinguishing feature of our degree courses and will allow you to pursue your own interests.

Teaching

Teaching is conducted in a variety of ways and involves lectures, seminars, language workshops, small oral groups and computer-aided learning.

Contact hours

Your typical week’s work may feel strange at first after school or college, since there are fewer timetabled teaching hours. You will have between 12 and 16 hours of contact per week through lectures, seminars and tutorials. For the rest of the time you will work independently, doing the necessary reading in preparation for seminars, writing essays or working on seminar presentations.

Resources

Language learning for all courses is supported by the Self-Access Centre, which houses a range of resources for independent study, including networked PCs, digital TV, CDs, DVDs and reference books. The facility is available to all University staff and students.

Key Information Sets

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website:

www.unistats.com

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

Seminars

In seminars, you will be taught with a group of fellow students, with discussion focusing on selected work or a topic you’ve previously prepared, in an atmosphere that is friendly and informal. The purpose of a seminar is to provide an opportunity to try out new ideas and to think through difficulties with the support of fellow learners. Students often establish friendships through seminar groups, as well as learning more about other people’s ideas.

Lectures

Lectures are the most formal type of instruction and are valuable in that they:

• present information which is not readily available in books

• give you an opportunity to hear a specialist develop a significant (perhaps as yet unpublished) argument

• can be used to show visual material (eg slides, CDs, PowerPoint images and DVDs or video clips) to the audience

Most courses combine lecture and seminar instruction, so you will have a chance to discuss and question the material presented in lectures.
Almost all undergraduate degree programmes in the University are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester.

**Assessment methods**
Assessment for your degree is based on a combination of coursework and formal examinations; the precise assessment varies from one module to another. Where a module lasts for one semester, assessment is undertaken at the end of that semester. Where a module fills two semesters, assessment is at the end of the second semester, although your progress will be measured throughout the year.

**The teaching year**
The teaching year is divided into two semesters. The first semester lasts for 14 weeks, with 12 weeks for teaching and revision and two weeks for assessment. The second semester follows the same pattern, but there are an additional two weeks at the end to complete the assessment process and to enable returning students to discuss their results with tutors and begin to plan the next session’s work.

There is one examiners’ meeting, attended by the external examiners, which is held at the end of the second semester. Although the teaching year is divided into two semesters for organisational purposes, this is fitted into the traditional pattern of three terms: one before Christmas; one between Christmas and Easter; and one after Easter.

**Your final degree classification**
The first year is a qualifying year that you must pass, although it does not count towards your final degree classification. Grades gained in the second and fourth year make up your degree classification, with more emphasis placed on the final year. As you move from the first to the final year of study, your assignments will become more research and project-based, and you may opt to undertake a dissertation. Assessment of the third year depends on the language(s) studied and may take the form of a presentation, report, assignment or translation exercise which will allow you to demonstrate your language skills as well as your cultural understanding.

The Language Centre provides a broad range of language classes and offers comprehensive resources for language learning.

How will I be assessed?

Modern Languages
www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas
The Language Centre

Why study through the Language Centre?
In addition to your main degree language(s), you can also study languages through the Language Centre’s inter-faculty programme. You can either improve your fluency in a language that you already know or begin a new one. The Centre celebrates linguistic diversity, plurilingualism and lifelong language learning and, each year, around 1,200 students from more than 30 different programmes of study take one or more of our 10-credit language courses as part of their degree.

Gain something extra
A number of Nottingham Advantage Award modules are available through the Language Centre, meaning that you can highlight your skills to potential employers. For more information about the Nottingham Advantage Award, please see page 61.

How to join the Language Centre
You can join the inter-faculty programme at various points depending on your previous knowledge of the language you’d like to enrol for. For example, if you are a total beginner in French, you will start at stage one. However, if you already hold a qualification such as a GCSE or equivalent in your chosen foreign language, you will start at stage two. Similarly, stages three and four require an AS level and A level respectively, or an equivalent qualification such as the International Baccalaureate. French, German and Spanish are available up to stage six, whereas the finishing stages of courses in the other languages range from stage one (Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Swedish), stage two (Arabic, Dutch, Russian), stage three (Japanese, Italian) to stage four (Mandarin).

You don’t have to start with the language modules in the first year; provided you have your home department’s approval and space within your degree programme, you can join us in any year of your studies. However, please bear in mind that the earlier you start, the further you’ll get.

How will I study?
The Language Centre’s inter-faculty programme currently provides tuition in Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Students who sign up for an inter-faculty course normally do so for the two semesters of an academic session.

Timetables
To find out the timetable of programmes on offer, you can either visit the Language Centre, where the timetable is displayed on the notice board, or you can look at the timetable on our website: www.nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre

Teaching
You will be taught in small groups (of no more than 22) by highly trained and experienced language instructors, many of whom are native speakers. Classes are three hours per week and all four skills are covered (speaking, listening, reading and writing) with the emphasis very much on developing your communication skills in the target language. Classes take place for the most part in the target language so be prepared to be an active learner.

Virtual learning environment
All our modules are supported by a virtual learning environment which enables you to access learning materials from a PC anywhere on or off-campus. At least one hour a week will take place in our digital language classrooms. This latest and very popular addition to our facilities allows a truly multimedia approach to language learning. In addition, we offer accredited modules in creative writing in Spanish, language and language learning, culture of Arabic language and collaborative Italian online through a range of evening courses.

Resources for independent study
The Language Centre’s Self-Access Centre (SAC) contains state-of-the-art language-learning resources for self-study, which you can use to help improve your main degree language(s) or any language(s) you study through the inter-faculty programme. There are 30 networked PCs with a dedicated suite of multimedia language-learning applications, books, audio/video materials, live satellite TV, newspapers, magazines and reference materials.

The SAC environment encourages independent learning and enables you to study whatever you want, at your own pace.

Tandem Learning
Tandem Learning is a conversation exchange scheme, which matches you to a native speaker of the language you are studying. This allows you to practise your chosen language and helps your partner improve their English. The scheme increases confidence in speaking and improves cultural awareness in a flexible and relaxing way. A language adviser will match speakers and guide and monitor progress; you determine when and where to meet and the topics to be covered, to suit your individual needs.

How will I be assessed?
Assessment is carried out in a variety of different ways according to the demands of individual modules.
Career and employment prospects

As a graduate of the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, you will be in high demand from prospective employers and have a diverse range of career opportunities open to you, both in the UK and around the world.

One reason for this is that The University of Nottingham is very well regarded by those in industry; and is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers*. We are also ranked as world top 15 choice for employers according to the latest QS World University Rankings.

Experience of the world
The skills you develop as a language student will also make you attractive to employers. Often, they like the fact that you have spent time abroad and have a better sense of the world beyond the UK. The challenges of coping with very different ways of living and adjusting to other outlooks on the world will give you an important advantage. This is one of the reasons that the year abroad is both an important component of modern language studies.

Language students in demand
The benefits of having a language degree have been highlighted in a report published by the Education and Employers Taskforce in late 2011. The report underlines the value perceived by employers of employees with good conversational skills in foreign languages and notes that graduates with a second language earn more than those without.

With the economic emphasis being placed on exports, an ability to present in the local language is appreciated as an important plus. The drop in the number of students taking languages at GCSE and at A level means, in fact, that students with language skills are a rare and precious commodity and highly sought after.

Transferrable skills
While studying for a degree with us, you will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills that can be transferred into almost any working environment. These include learning to work both independently and with others to deliver work to deadlines, using your initiative to locate the necessary information, analysing and summarising what you find, and communicating with a diverse audience.

Recent graduates have gone on to work for Allen & Overy, Boots, Chapman Black Recruitment, Deloitte, Emirates Airlines, EY, the European Economic and Social Committee, Europa Publications, the Financial Times, Harvard Engineering, and Renault UK.

Postgraduate opportunities
Rather than directly entering into full or part-time employment, many graduates undertake masters degrees in interpreting and/or translation and in management, business and information technology. An increasing number of our graduates continue with their studies at higher degree level, with around 15% undertaking a research or vocational higher degree course either at Nottingham or elsewhere. Please also see the graduate profiles on page 62.

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The Nottingham Advantage Award
The University’s Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and delivered by top graduate employers, professional services and members of staff of the University. It also shows employers that you have gone above and beyond your degree and gained valuable transferable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Work placement module
Students in the school can participate in a structured work placement to support personal development and career goals. This is in addition to any internship, teaching assistantship or voluntary work during the year abroad. Each placement lasts for 40-50 hours. A wide range of Nottingham companies and organisations are involved, including The University of Nottingham’s International Office, the Nottingham Tourism Office and Nottingham Central Libraries to name just a few examples. Students on the work placement scheme can take the module as a subsidiary module in year two; or it can be taken and accredited as part of the Nottingham Advantage Award in years two or four.

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Graduate profiles

“My year abroad, spent working on a British Council placement as a language assistant at a secondary school in Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, first stimulated my interest in working in an international setting. On returning to Nottingham, I was chosen as a British Council ambassador to the University, which in turn created the opportunity for summer work experience at the British Council office in London. This led to a job working on the German-speaking programme.

I now work on the programme for French-speaking countries at the British Council and find myself responsible for almost 1,000 young people (predominantly students) who are teaching in Francophone areas of the world. Among other things, my job includes giving presentations, conducting interviews and liaising with the ministries of education in a number of countries. The skills gained through my degree at Nottingham have been invaluable in my role at the British Council and laid the foundations for my development both professionally and personally. My joint honours degree has presented me with endless possibilities and I cannot speak highly enough of this type of study.”

Daniel Lovelock
BA German and History

“When I arrived at Nottingham I only knew that I loved learning languages at school, and could never have imagined that my course would lead me to where I am today.

In my final year of university, I became involved with a few local schools in Nottingham. I taught Spanish to year-seven students as part of a final-year module and in my postgraduate year, I was a GCSE Russian classroom assistant. Nottingham has an excellent relationship with the local schools, and there are plenty of opportunities if you’d like to broaden your horizons with some mentoring and teaching experience.

Following an extra year’s study of Slovene in the department, I obtained a translation job, analysing Spanish and Slovene media. Slovene was yet another unexpected opportunity that arose during my time at Nottingham. It’s a beautiful language and a beautiful country, and being a recent addition to the European Union, the job prospects are excellent. During the course of my language studies at Nottingham I have seen things and learnt things that I would never have been able to do had I not studied languages.”

Olivia Hellewell
BA Modern Languages (Spanish and Russian; beginners’ Russian pathway) PGDip Slovene

“The course was superbly taught and hugely enjoyable and I had great freedom in tailoring my module choices to get the most out of the degree.

Following graduation, I became the Derby Ambassador to Osnabrück; working in Derby’s twin city for two years on a fantastic exchange programme in a team made up of six nationalities. This incredibly varied role at Osnabrück City Council included tasks such as organising days at festivals, planning trips to Derby for people from Osnabrück, accompanying delegations and interpreting for VIPs.

My degree from Nottingham and the experience gained on the continent allowed me to successfully apply for a position with the Enterprise Europe Network at the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce. I organise events such as conferences and trade missions for businesses looking to enter the European market. For entering careers with an international dimension, whether working abroad or on home soil for companies or institutions with a global flavour, choosing a modern languages degree gives you a fantastic chance of ultimately achieving what you want.”

Rob Bentley
BA German

“Having chosen to study Russian from beginners’ level, I went from not knowing a single word, to achieving a distinction in my final year Russian oral exam! One of the best things about studying languages at The University of Nottingham is the variety of modules available. I studied everything from literature, poetry and history to translation, linguistics and cinema. There is definitely something for everyone. One of my proudest moments was handing in my final-year dissertation after nine months of hard work. The year abroad was also a particular highlight of my degree.

I now work for the leading distributor of foreign language learning materials and literature in the UK. My job involves liaising with Russian publishers, researching new learning materials and literature titles and advertising the business through print and online media. I also often attend exhibitions, conferences and events around the UK and further afield. The skills I developed at university are really important in my job as being able to communicate with publishers and customers confidently in their native languages breaks down barriers and improves business relationships.”

Kate Gardiner
BA Modern Languages (French and Russian; beginners’ Russian pathway)
Your student experience

You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in – now it’s time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world

We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus. We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options. Rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies. If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

• Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties

• Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition

• Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters

• Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of the accommodation providers.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun! Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide
We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the department and the University. Candidates for full-time admission are considered on the basis of their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form. For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Application process
All applications for an undergraduate place to study at The University of Nottingham (including applications by overseas students) must be made through UCAS. Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com. Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com

Applying with achieved A level grades
If you apply to us having already completed your A levels, your application will be considered in exactly the same way as those from candidates with predicted grades. Please tell us something about your gap-year activities in your UCAS personal statement.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us the most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivating and make the best possible use of the opportunities this course might have to offer you.

Entry numbers
For details of how many students the school plans to admit on each course, please see the relevant course tables throughout this brochure.

Required subjects
All A level subjects in the arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences are regarded as acceptable. Where a specific language is required, this is stated under the ‘Entry requirements’ tab of the relevant course listing in our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level entry requirements, but we accept a much broader range of qualifications.

These include:
• Access to HE Diploma
• Advanced Diploma
• BTEC HND/HNC
• BTEC Extended Diploma
• Cambridge Pre-U
• International Baccalaureate
• Irish Leaving Certificate
• Scottish Advanced Highers
• Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. The entry requirements for alternative qualifications can be quite specific; for example, you may need to take certain modules and achieve a specified grade in those modules. Please contact us to discuss the transferability of your qualification.

For tips and advice at every step of your application journey, visit our undergraduate applicants’ area: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugapplicants
Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students (which means all those aged 21 or over when the course begins). You should apply in the normal way through UCAS (unless you want to study part-time, in which case you should apply directly to the school). While we accept a range of qualifications, you should check our specific requirements on UCAS course entry profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please email your questions to clas-enquires@nottingham.ac.uk.

We sometimes invite mature students to come for an interview, where we will look for evidence of your ability to study at a high academic level and of commitment to the subject. For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

Part-time study
The school offers students the opportunity to study part-time. Applicants should note, however, that teaching for the part-time degree takes place during normal hours; there is no provision for teaching in the evening, at weekends or during vacations.

Part-time students normally follow exactly half the course of full-time students each year, and therefore complete their degree within six years. Entry requirements are the same as those for full-time students on the relevant degree course (with the same exceptions for mature students). If you’re interested in studying part-time with us, please contact the school rather than applying through UCAS.

International applicants
We welcome applications from international students and have students from many parts of the world studying with us at undergraduate and postgraduate level. All international candidates for undergraduate courses should apply through UCAS. The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange an individual visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants

International Baccalaureate
UK applicants presenting qualifications in the International Baccalaureate must attain a total of at least 32 points (including bonus points), depending on the course (see course tables to find out what the course you’re considering would require). Applicants presenting other qualifications such as the European, French or International Option Baccalaureate and the German Abitur, will be judged on a standard equivalent to the UK A level grades.

English language requirements
Our English language requirements are IELTS 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any element).

For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerrequirements

Preparing to study in English – academic English preparation and support
The University of Nottingham Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers high-quality academic English and study skills (presessional) programmes to prepare you to study your degree in English. Our programmes are designed to give international students excellent preparation for their academic studies and are taught by experienced, professional tutors.

CELE provides a range of programmes throughout the year, including five-week subject-specific courses (in some subjects) and a four-week course in September for students with unconditional offers, with a focus on academic study skills.

You can continue to benefit from academic English support with free classes and one-to-one consultations throughout your study (insessional programmes).

For more information about CELE, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

“My current plan is to do a Teaching English as a Foreign Language qualification and return to Paris to teach English for a year. After that, I hope to return to Nottingham to do a masters in French. In terms of student experience and educational value, Nottingham is one of the best universities there is.”

Martin Parsons
BA English and French
How much are the fees?
Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-time UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. The fee for the year abroad is £1,350. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees.

Fees for students from outside the EU vary from subject to subject. For more information, please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees.

What bursaries are available?
Although bursary figures for 2016/17 are yet to be finalised, the University will continue to offer a generous package of bursary support to students from lower income households. These are in addition to any support you may receive from the government. For more information please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport or take a look at the funding tab on the relevant course entry in our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy.

If you are an international applicant (outside of the EU), please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees.

What support is available for students with children?
There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care.

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia?
The school, like the University, is committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible. The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability.

Visit our website for more frequently asked questions: www.nottingham.ac.uk/faqs.
Visiting and contacting us

Open days
If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days
Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/miniopendays or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day
If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days
Once you’ve been offered a place at Nottingham, you will be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies and to find out more about your chosen course. You will also be given a short tour of the campus by current students.

Other visits
If you wish to make an informal visit to the University prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so, but you should contact us in advance if you wish to visit the school or speak to an admissions tutor and we will do our best to oblige.

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You can also connect with fellow applicants and current students on our applicants’ Facebook and Twitter pages:

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Our creative responses help make us unique. Learn about the lives of others, their thought processes and their influences and explore your own reactions. We’ll help you turn an inspiring degree into an inspiring career.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywhatyoulove