



# MA Comparative Literature

**This newly developed MA will introduce you to the comparative study of literatures in a range of European languages, either in the original language or in English translation.**

The course offers you the opportunity to study, in comparative perspective, a range of national and regional literatures from around the world written in those European languages taught in the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies. In offering literatures in Dutch, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Serbian/Croatian, and Spanish from Europe, America and Africa, this programme provides one of the most comprehensive comparative literature coverages in the UK.

As part of the course, you will put together your own individual programme of comparative literature study, drawing on the broad expertise available in the school, to reflect your own research interests and research plans.

The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies is one of the largest and most successful centres of top quality research and teaching in modern European languages and literatures in the UK. It achieved outstanding results in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise – based on the work of more than 60 members of staff, almost 90 per cent of the school's research was judged to be of international quality.





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## Course structure and assessment

On this course you will take two core modules, one introductory module in Comparative Literature Studies: Theory and Practice, and one on Research Skills and Methodology. In addition, you can choose directed study modules (one-to-one tuition) in any area of expertise in the departments of French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Russian and Slavonic Studies, and Spanish and Latin American Studies. These modules are assessed by 5,000-word essays, followed by a 15,000-word dissertation on an agreed topic of your choice.

The programme covers a wide variety of periods and themes from the medieval period to the present day, in the full range of languages taught in the school. You can choose between working with texts in the original languages or in English translation.

For an overview of research interests in the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, visit:

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## Postgraduate seminars and training

The Graduate School runs a series of seminars for all new postgraduate students as an introduction to basic methods and issues in humanities research. You will also receive appropriate skills training throughout your studies. All postgraduate students are invited to attend lectures or readings by visiting speakers as well as the research seminars of the four language departments in the school.

## Facilities

The University library is well stocked with books and journals, and contains a number of special collections. As well as departmental facilities, you will also have access to the Arts Graduate Centre, which provides computer facilities, study space and a series of dedicated events – visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/agc](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/agc)

## Careers

Many of our postgraduates have chosen academic careers and are in full-time posts in the UK. Others have moved into the civil service, the cultural industry, the media, publishing, teaching or translation. The research training all our postgraduates follow equips them with a range of key transferable skills such as analytical thinking, time management and presentation and research skills.

## Entry requirements

To apply for this course, you would normally be expected to hold a single or joint honours degree in a related subject at 2:1 level or above, or its international equivalent.

If your first language is not English, you must achieve an overall score on the British Council IELTS test of at least 7 with no less than 6 in each element; or a TOEFL score of 600 with at least 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE); or a TOEFL iBT score of 100, with no less than 19 in any element. Test results should be no more than two years old.

## Funding

There are a number of potential funding sources for well-qualified applicants. The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies offers a range of studentships and smaller bursaries for postgraduate study. These are funded either by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) or by the school. Part-time students may be eligible to apply for a WH Revis Grant. Further information about funding opportunities can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas/pgfunding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas/pgfunding)

If you are an international student, you can find out about a range of funding opportunities at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalfunding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalfunding)

## How to apply

You can apply online at [pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk](http://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk)

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