Modern Languages and Cultures

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Home to the Language Centre which offers a broad range of high quality language classes and additional language services

During my year abroad I spent six amazing weeks in Innsbruck tutoring adults in English. I was then a language assistant in two primary schools in Bordeaux and I finished in Berlin as an Assistant Translator and Project Manager. Without this, I would not have landed my graduate job!
Charli Brewerton BA Modern Languages (French and German - beginners’ German pathway), now working in international finance

Join one of the UK’s largest modern language units, ranked 5th for research power in the Research Excellence Framework (2014)

£21,336 was the average starting salary for recent graduates with the highest being £31,000*

Study more than just language: we have expertise in film, history, linguistics, literature, media and politics

Enhance your employability with language and cultural skills that can be transferred into many working environments

Our courses reflect expertise in Chinese studies, French and Francophone studies, German studies, Russian and Slavonic studies, Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies, and translation studies

93% of undergraduates from the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

Receive dedicated support for your year abroad

*Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
Studying modern languages and cultures at Nottingham

English is an established global language. However, despite – or perhaps because of – globalisation, other languages are more important than ever in communication at regional and local levels.

Your language degree
Studying modern languages at Nottingham involves much more than just language proficiency. You will also cover areas such as culture, film, history, linguistics, literature, media and politics, all taught by experts in their field. As one of the largest UK centres for modern languages, we are able to provide a wide choice of degree subjects. All our languages can be studied from beginners’ to degree level, depending on the degree combination. You can study one, two or three languages, or combine languages with a non-language subject.

Transferable 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. UK industry and government value modern languages as a subject in the national interest, and language students have a high success rate in finding employment.

International experience
One of the highlights of studying modern languages at Nottingham is the well supported and flexible year abroad programme. We have an extensive network of contacts and exchanges for both work and study options. Our dedicated Year Abroad team will help you to think imaginatively about how to make the best of your year abroad, and assist you in planning and achieving your goals, whether you go to one country or more.

Why study with us?

At a glance
- Study any one of our seven languages as a complete beginner, or from GCSE, and reach degree standard by the end of your course
- Immerse yourself in the life-changing opportunities of a year abroad, supported by our specialist team
- 97% of our research was classed as being of international quality in terms of ‘originality, significance and rigour’*

Our courses

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* These degrees have beginners’ as well as post-A level pathways. For the post-A level/post-IB pathway, a B grade at A level, 5 at Higher Level IB, or 6 at Standard Level (B programme) is required in the respective language. For the beginners’ pathway, no language qualification is required. Only one language may be taken from beginners’ level. Please check the relevant page of this guide for specific subject requirements in each degree programme.

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BA French Studies

French at Nottingham encompasses the study of one of the world’s great cultures and its 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. Studying it can open up an exciting range of careers in international organisations and businesses.

Alongside core language modules in years one, two and four, you can choose from a wide range of options covering French culture, film, history, linguistics, literature, media and politics. More specialised language modules are available in year four. In years one and two, you also take modules in other subject areas of interest.

The knowledge and skills you will develop in the first two years of study will prepare you well to take advantage, linguistically and culturally, of a year abroad spent in a French-speaking environment. You may wish to spend some time during this year in a part of the Francophone world outside of metropolitan France.

Year one
You will receive a firm grounding in the structures of French through the core language module and pursue introductory studies in reading French texts, contemporary France, French history and linguistics.

Year two
Your language studies will be consolidated and developed to prepare you for the year abroad. You will also choose from a range of optional modules designed to build on the knowledge of fields studied in year one.

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

Year four
You will develop your command of the French language to degree level and will use it in increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will also study optional modules from a wide range of topics, and will have the option to write a dissertation.

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My course is so interesting and the lecturers’ passion is infectious. The vast choice of modules allows me to study what I enjoy. Nottingham is a vibrant and bustling place to study, with many theatres, museums and an art house cinema screening French films! My year abroad in Paris, Rennes and the Midi Pyrénées enhanced my love of France, dramatically improved my language ability, and overall changed me for the better.

Amelia Smith, BA English and French

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Germany is a dynamic and welcoming country with immense cultural riches. It is also a key global player both politically and economically.

Studying German will help you develop high-level linguistic skills which are in demand from employers. You will also explore the cultural wealth and history of Germany and Austria, which have been fundamental to the development of the Europe we know today.

Whether you have studied German to A level, AS, GCSE or not at all, we look forward to welcoming you to our lively student community.

Beginners (including GCSE and AS students of German) follow an intensive language course designed to take them to degree level within four years, while post-A level students begin their language classes at a more advanced level. The two entry cohorts take the same classes and assessments in language in their final year and graduate with the same qualification. You’ll find that your German skills will give your CV a distinctive edge and that you gain international experience that is invaluable in today’s competitive environment.

As you develop your language to a high level you will also study optional modules in the culture, history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society of Germany and Austria. During the degree you will be able to narrow your focus or pursue a broad range of subjects according to your interests.

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BA Hispanic Studies

Spanish is now the second most widely spoken international language, and Portuguese is the seventh most widely spoken language in the world.

Our degree in Hispanic studies reflects the cultural, historical and linguistic diversity of the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds. Teaching encompasses the study of Spanish and Portuguese, along with the art, cinema, culture, history and literature of Spain, Portugal, Spanish America, Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa.

This course is open to A level students of Spanish as well as beginners. Beginners follow an intensive programme to take you from your starting point to degree level in four years. You are also introduced to aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American culture, history and literature.

Year one
In year one, if you studied A level Spanish you will begin a structured course to take you to degree level, and begin the study of Portuguese. If you are a beginner or have a GCSE in Spanish, you will begin an intensive course of language instruction designed to take you from your starting point to degree level in four years. You are also introduced to aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American culture, history and literature.

Year two
During this year you will develop your language skills to prepare you for your year abroad and expand your knowledge of more specialist aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American culture, history and literature.

Year three
Usually, year three is spent in Spain or Spanish America. If pursuing Portuguese, this year can be divided between Spain or Spanish America and Portugal or Brazil. While abroad you will be studying, working as an assistant in a school or on a work placement.

Year four
In year four, you will build on your language acquisition to develop your language skills to degree level, and will select specialist options from a range of research-based topics in the culture, history and literature of Spain, Portugal and Latin America. Beginners and A level students of Spanish take the same core language module in Spanish.

Typical modules

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Year three
Spent in Spain or Spanish America, with options to study in Portugal or Brazil.

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During my third year abroad I spent my first semester studying at the University of Porto, Portugal, and the second at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

Miranda Robbs de la Hoyde, BA Hispanic Studies (Miranda furthered her language study with an MA in specialised translation and is now working as a Translation Project Manager)
BA Russian Studies

A degree in Russian studies gives you expertise in one of the world’s major languages and in-depth understanding of a vast and diverse nation—one that offers experiences and opportunities that remain undiscovered by most in the West.

In the 21st century Russia has re-emerged as a powerful player on the global stage. Expertise in the Russian language, especially when combined with a deep understanding of Russia’s history and culture, has never been more vital for careers in sectors including government, diplomacy and international business.

Our degree in Russian studies offers a wide range of optional modules covering Russian culture, film, history, literature and politics alongside core language modules. The course is open to A level students of Russian as well as to beginners. Beginners (including GCSE and AS students of Russian) follow an intensive language course designed to take them to degree level within four years. Post-A level students begin at a more advanced language level.

You will spend time in Russia to consolidate your language skills and improve your fluency and confidence. At the end of year one you will have the chance to spend two weeks in Russia on a special subsidised language course. This helps you prepare for year three, spent studying at a university or specialist language school in Russia.

We work closely with our partner institutions in Russia to ensure that students receive excellent tuition and exposure to Russian culture. This course also offers the exciting opportunity to learn a further Slavonic language. If you choose to study modules in Serbian/Croatian in year one or two and spend part of your year abroad in Serbia or Croatia, you may graduate with a degree in Russian with Serbian/Croatian.

Year one
In year one the core language module develops the four skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. You also explore topics in Russian culture, history, language and society and gain a grounding in essential study skills. You will have the opportunity to attend a language course in Russia during the summer break.

Year two
This year advances your study in Russian to prepare you for the year abroad and offers further coverage of the culture, history and literature of Russia and Eastern Europe.

Year three
Your year abroad is spent in Russia on one or more of our study placements, with options of spending time on a university exchange in Serbia or Croatia if you have chosen to study Serbian/Croatian. The department covers all tuition fees for the compulsory part of your year abroad.

Year four
In year four, you will apply your Russian language skills in high-level modules, including employment related topics. You will extend your new skills and knowledge in specialised modules on topics that interest you most. You also have the option of a fast-track beginners’ course in Serbian/Croatian.

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I’ve developed my language skills and also pursued interests outside my degree in sports, teaching English as a foreign language, and even bringing my Russian to life by directing the department’s Russian language play. The skills and experience I gained working in Nice and studying in Petrozavodsk on my year abroad allowed me to stand out and helped me get a graduate job in the civil service.

Dean Cordwell, BA Modern Languages (French and Russian – beginners’ pathway in Russian)
BA Modern Languages

This course offers you the opportunity to study two modern languages. We offer combinations with French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, and Spanish. All our languages are available from beginners’ level. You may choose to continue with two post-A level/IB languages; or you may study one post-A level/IB language and pair it with a language which is new to you, or which you have previously studied at GCSE or AS level. In your beginners’ language you will benefit from an intensive programme designed to take you to degree level within four years. In the final year you will take the same language modules as post-A level students and graduate with the same degree. Post-A level language instruction builds on your existing skills and develops your competence in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Alongside core language modules, you will take modules in the culture, history, literature and politics of the language and region studied.

You will graduate with a high level of expertise in both your languages and be able to use them with confidence in professional and other contexts. Your international experience will show employers that you are adaptable and independent, with in-depth understanding of the languages and cultures you have studied. You will gain valuable critical-thinking skills by comparing and contrasting two regions and languages throughout your degree course.

Year three abroad
Your time abroad will be divided between countries that are relevant to your chosen languages. Our dedicated Year Abroad team will support and assist you throughout the organisation process.

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Language combinations
The combinations available on this programme are shown in the table below. Only one of your two languages may be taken at beginners’ level, so you must have studied one of your languages at A level or equivalent. If you intend to study post-A level Spanish in combination with another post-A level language, you will take Hispanic studies, which includes the study of Portuguese for at least one year.

We welcome applications from complete beginners as well as from students with GCSE or AS level in their beginners’ language.

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BA Modern Languages
Choose from a combination of the following:
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Optional examples
French
- French Cinema – The New Wave
- Language and Politics in 21st-Century French

German
- The Fairy Tale in German Culture
- The Life and Demise of the GDR

Hispanic studies/Spanish
- Discoveries, Empires and Colonies in the Lusophone World
- Hispanic Visual Culture

Russian and Slavonic studies
- Repression and Resistance: Dissidents and Exiles in Russian Culture
- Screening Russia: Film and Society from the Tsars to Putin

Modern languages
- European Silent Cinema

Applying through UCAS
Please specify in your UCAS application which language combination you would like to study. Note: your degree certificate will not specify the level at which you entered the University; for instance, if you combine post-A level French with beginners’ German, your degree on graduation will be Modern Languages (French and German).

*Typical modules
Your modules will depend on the language combination that you choose from the table on page 14. Post-A level languages offered for this degree are French, German, Russian, and Spanish. Beginners’ languages offered are French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, and Spanish.

For details of your core language modules, please refer to the description of the relevant single honours programme BA French Studies (page 6), BA German (page 8), BA Hispanic Studies (page 10), BA Russian Studies (page 12).

Beginners take fewer optional modules in the first year of their language programme, so that they can concentrate on intensive language acquisition.
BA Modern European Studies

This course gives you the opportunity to combine one or two modern languages with history and/or politics.

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 three components have equal weighting in the degree.

Languages currently offered for this degree are: French, German, Russian and Spanish (post-A level or beginners' level); and Portuguese and Serbian/Croatian (beginners' level only). Check nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages for details. Only one language can be taken at beginners' level. Please indicate on your UCAS form which combination of subjects you would like to study.

In addition to core language modules, you will select from a range of optional modules relating to the culture, film, history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

Year one
In year one, you will take foundation level modules (including core language work) in whichever combination of three subjects you have chosen. If you are taking a beginners' language, you will work intensively on a structured language programme to enable rapid progress.

Year two
You will choose from a broader range of options within your three disciplines, including, within your language area(s), a choice of modules in history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

Year three
Your third year is spent abroad in a country or countries where you can practise your language skills, either studying in a higher education institution, as an assistant in a school, or on a work placement for a private company.

Year four
In addition to core language modules, you will choose from a range of optional modules in each discipline. You will use your language skills in increasingly sophisticated contexts, and study optional modules drawn from the areas of history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

For more information on the history element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/history
For more information on the politics element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/politics

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*Your choice of subjects determines the combination of modules you will study:

Modern history and two modern languages
Study two core 20-credit history modules in year one alongside core and optional modules related to your languages. In years two and four you will choose optional modules in history and both languages alongside your core language modules.

Politics and two modern languages
Study four 10-credit politics modules per year alongside core and optional modules related to your languages. In years two and four you will choose optional modules in politics and both languages alongside your core language modules.
BA Modern Language Studies

This course enables you to study three languages. Choose from French, German, Russian or Spanish (from post-A level or beginners’ level); and Portuguese and Serbian/Croatian (from beginners’ level only).

In addition to core language modules, you will choose from optional modules relating to the culture, film, history, linguistics, literature and politics of your chosen regions.

Year three is divided between three placements in countries where your chosen languages are spoken.

You will graduate with a high level of expertise in three languages and be able to use them in professional contexts. Your time spent abroad will show employers that you are adaptable and independent. You will have acquired knowledge of the culture, history and literature of the countries you have studied and skills in communication and independent study.

Year one
The core language modules in year one develop the four skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. In addition, you will take modules introducing you to the study of history, literature, politics and society in relation to your chosen languages.

Year two
Your language skills will be consolidated to prepare you for the year abroad. In addition, you will have a wide choice of modules in the history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society of the countries where your chosen languages are spoken.

Year three
This year is spent abroad, divided between countries where you can practise your language skills, either studying in a higher education institution, as an assistant in a school, or on a work placement for a private company.

Year four
Year four allows you to develop your command of your languages to degree level and use them in increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will also study optional modules drawn from the areas of history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

Typical modules
Each of your three languages represents a third of the credits you take each year. Depending on your beginners’ language choice, you may take fewer optional modules in year one, so you can concentrate on intensive language acquisition.

You can choose three languages to continue from A level: French, German, Russian or Spanish. Or two post-A level (from the list above) and one beginners’ language: French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian/Croatian or Spanish. See nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages for full details of languages on offer. Please note you cannot take more than one language from beginners’ level.

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I love that learning languages opens so many doors to exciting cultural opportunities, like film, literature, travel, and being able to communicate with more people. I can’t wait to test out my language skills and experience new cultures on my year abroad, where I will be living in Spain, France and Austria.

Rebecca Cheshire, BA Modern Language Studies (French, Spanish and German – beginners’ German pathway)
BA Modern Languages with Business

This course enables you to combine the study of one or two modern languages to final degree level alongside core and optional modules in business. In addition to core language modules, you will choose from optional modules relating to the culture, film, history, linguistics, literature or politics of your chosen languages.

If you wish to study one language, you can choose from: French (post-A level only); German, Russian or Spanish (all beginners or post-A level).

If you wish to study two languages, you can choose from: French, German, Russian, or Spanish (post-A level or beginners’ level); or Portuguese or Serbian/Croatian (beginners’ level only). At least one of your two languages must be one of our post-A level languages (French, German, Russian or Spanish, or beginners’ level). You will take a mix of core and optional modules in business.

Year one
You begin structured language work in the language(s) of your choice. You are also introduced to the modern history and culture of the country or countries where your language(s) is/are spoken. Alongside your language work, you will take core modules in business.

Year two
As well as continuing to develop your language skills, you will choose topics from a wide range of options in the fields of culture, history, literature and society of the countries where your language(s) is/are spoken. You will take a mix of core and optional modules in business.

Year three
Spent abroad in the country or countries where your chosen language(s) is/are spoken. You will practise your language skills on a study placement, working as an assistant in a school, or on a work placement.

Year four
In your language work you will build on the fluency acquired during the year abroad and develop your skills to degree level. You will choose from a wide range of optional modules in the fields of culture, history, literature and society alongside studying a core module in strategic management and an optional module related to your second year choices.

This course is run in conjunction with the Nottingham University Business School. For more information on the business element of your degree, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/business

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I thought I’d missed my window to learn Spanish, so when I saw the opportunity to learn it alongside French and business I jumped at the chance! I’m so glad I was up the challenge as it meant I got to spend my year abroad in Costa Rica as well as France!

Emily Griffiths, BA Modern Languages with Business
BA Modern Languages with Translation

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 will study one language post-A level (French, German, Spanish, or Russian) and may opt to add another post-A level language or study French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, or Spanish at beginners’ level.

The course combines academic rigour with a strong practical emphasis and includes training in interpreting, and in 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 during your course.

Year one
You will take a core language 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 the history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society of the country or countries where your chosen language(s) is/are spoken. 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 four-year course. You will take core introductory modules in linguistics and translation/interpreting, carrying out practice exercises in your post-A level/IB language(s).

Year two
You will continue to follow the core programme in your chosen language(s), with a particular focus on preparation for the year abroad, and you will select further optional modules in relevant film, history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society. You will take a core module in translation studies, and will prepare an assessed translation portfolio. Once again, practice exercises will be carried out in your post-A level/IB language(s), but you will be encouraged to start thinking about the application of the various ideas and approaches to your other selected language (where relevant).

Year three
You will spend year three abroad, dividing your time between countries where you can practise your language skills. You may choose from the full range of options available to Nottingham language students (teaching assistantship, studying, working), but where appropriate 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
This year develops the command of your languages and their use in increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will study optional modules drawn from the areas of history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society and take a core module in interpreting as well as carrying 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/IB language for some or all of the practical translation tasks.

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Joint honours combinations

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 culture, history, linguistics, literature, politics, as well as practical language work. If you are a beginner in your chosen modern language, an intensive beginners’ course will enable you to develop your language skills to degree level.

In English, you will take both core and optional modules covering subject areas of drama and performance; English language and applied linguistics; literature, 1500 to the present; and medieval languages and literatures, depending on your personal interests.

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 see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/english

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 culture, history and literature of the region, with opportunities to specialise in both Russia and Southeast Europe and options to take modules in Serbian/Croatian from year one onwards. Language study is not a requirement on this degree.

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 also undertake one year-long Special Subject module, which will enable you to investigate a topic in depth, and develop independence of mind and critical abilities.

For more information on the history element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/history

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. An A level in French, German, Russian or Spanish is a requirement for this degree. You will be able to combine studies in the culture, history and literature of your chosen European language with Mandarin language from beginners’ or advanced level and Chinese culture and history. Year three 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 see nottingham.ac.uk/chinese

BA French | German | Russian and Politics
On this course, you have the opportunity to combine studies in French or German culture, language and literature 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 see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/politics

For more information on modules in your chosen languages, please see the relevant pages of this guide. Although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.
BA French and Philosophy
On this course you will combine studies in French culture, language and literature with a wide range of philosophical topics. If you are a beginner in French, 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 culture, history, language and literature.
For more information on the philosophy element of your course see [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy)

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 history and theory of communications in a global context. You will divide your time between the two departments, often studying the same core modules as students 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 the international media and communications studies element of your course see [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/cfm](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/cfm)

BA American Studies and Latin American Studies
This course provides you with the opportunity to combine studying Spanish to degree level with study of the culture, film, history, literature and politics of Spanish America, the US and Canada, and, where appropriate, Iberian cultures and histories. If you are a beginner in Spanish you will follow an intensive language course designed to bring you to degree level within four years.

By examining different parts of the Americas – the US, Canada and Latin America – alongside one another, the programme provides you with a unique opportunity to broaden the scope of American studies and to begin to view America from a hemispheric perspective.

You will spend year three abroad in Latin America, which is a great opportunity to fully immerse yourself in the Spanish language and Latin American culture. Your international experience will show employers that you are adaptable and independent.

For more information on the American studies element of your course see [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american)

For more information on modules in your chosen languages, please see the relevant pages of this guide. Although you will take fewer modules overall, you will select from the same wide range of modules as single honours students.
See the world – your year abroad

One of the most prized opportunities enjoyed by students of modern languages is a year spent abroad as part of their degree.

We offer one of the most flexible and best supported year abroad schemes in the country with students on an extremely diverse range of placements. Depending on the language you are studying, you can either study at one of our partner institutions, undertake a work placement, or teach in a school as an English Language Assistant through the British Council.

Our expert Year Abroad team has an extensive network of contacts and will support you in planning placements that will suit you and match the particular requirements of your course. They help you prepare for your year abroad, and while you’re on placement they will help and advise you whenever you require it.

The year abroad is an essential part of your course as it allows you to experience your chosen language of study in a culture where it is spoken natively. The benefits to language learning of immersion of this kind are tremendous. Our students find that the year abroad not only has a transformative impact on their linguistic capabilities, but is also an experience that inspires them culturally, intellectually and personally.

All our single, joint and combined honours students studying a modern language undertake a year abroad in the third year of their course. Students combining two or three languages on their degree programme divide their time between countries where those languages are spoken, spending a minimum of ten weeks in each country.

Students on single honours courses, as well as those combining a modern language with a subject such as English, history, or politics, spend the whole year in a country or countries where that language is spoken. It is possible to mix and match choices of study, work or teaching, as well as to split the year between different cities or countries.

Take a look at what our students are doing on their year abroad using the Instagram hashtag #uongoingplaces

For information about how Britain’s exit from the EU may affect year abroad opportunities see nottingham.ac.uk/clas/year-abroad

For the first half of my year abroad, I did a placement at the Universidad de Zaragoza, in the north of Spain. For the second half, I did an exchange at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, in Southeast Brazil. The year abroad has been my most life-changing experience to date; I have learned things about myself that I would never have learned if I hadn’t detached myself from my comfort zone. Words cannot do justice to the experience.

Ben West, BA English and Hispanic Studies

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Engaging study, amazing results

Course structure
Our courses are designed to equip you with a high level of competence in the written and spoken language. They are structured as follows:

Single honours
You will take the majority of your modules in the language of your choice, but may choose a small number of subsidiary modules from a different subject area.

Combined honours
You will take two or three subjects either equally weighted or as a two-thirds—one-third balance. Students on these courses may be taking combinations of two or three languages, or may be combining languages with other subjects such as business, history or politics.

Joint honours
You will usually take half your modules in your chosen language and the other half in your second subject.

Lectures and seminars
Most courses combine lectures with seminar instruction, so you will have a chance to discuss and question the material presented in lectures.

Lectures are the most formal type of teaching. They are valuable in that they present information which is not readily available in books and give you an opportunity to hear a specialist point of view.

In seminars, 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.

The Language Centre

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.

Your final degree classification
Assessment for your degree is based on a combination of coursework and formal examination. Year one is a qualifying year that you must pass, although it does not count towards your final degree classification. Grades gained in years two and four make up your degree classification, with more emphasis placed on year four, (which is weighted at 67%) than year two (weighted at 33%).

As you move from year one to year four of study, your assignments will become more research and project-based, and you may opt to undertake a dissertation. Assessment of year three 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.

Student support
We are a friendly community with approachable staff who will support you both personally and academically. Throughout your time at Nottingham, you will have regular meetings with your personal tutor to look at your academic progress, but their door is always open if you need additional support and guidance.

Why study through the Language Centre?
In addition to your main degree language(s), you can also study an additional language through the Language Centre's inter-faculty programme, if your degree structure permits. You can 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.

You can join the 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 have prior learning in your chosen foreign language, you will start at a later stage appropriate to the level of your qualification or experience. French and Spanish are available up to stage six, whereas the other languages range from stage one (Greek, Polish), stage two (Arabic, Russian), stage three (Italian, Japanese), stage four (Mandarin), to stage five (German).

You don't have to start with language modules in year one; 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.

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.

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.

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

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.
Outstanding careers support

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.

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 an important component of modern language studies.

Outstanding careers support

Recent graduate destinations:
- Allen & Overy
- Boots
- Chapman Black Recruitment
- Deloitte
- Emirates Airlines
- Ernst & Young
- The European Economic and Social Committee
- Europa Publications
- The Financial Times
- Harvard Engineering
- Renault UK

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 Centre and Nottingham Central Library.

Amplify your potential
Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage
The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

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How to apply

All applications for undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us 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-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

GCSE reform
Following the reform of GCSE grading in England from A*-G to 9–1, we have adopted Ofqual’s recommended equivalence. This means that GCSE grade A*=9, A=7, B=5/6 and C=4. GCSE qualifications taken outside of the UK will still be graded A* to G.

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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. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants who have a significant gap in education. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-applicants

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.

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