The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures is a friendly and dynamic community united by interests in language, society, culture and communication.

Nottingham linguists study a really wide range of topics across their different languages, but they are all intellectually curious, open to new ideas and adventures, critically astute and able to negotiate between cultures. We are proud to teach them, and we look forward to welcoming you into our lively department.

Polly McMichael, Admissions Tutor in Modern Languages and Cultures

Join one of the UK's largest modern language units, ranked 5th for research power*

* Research Excellence Framework (2014)

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

Go beyond language: explore a country's culture through its film, history, art, linguistics, literature, media and politics.

Enhance your employability with language and intercultural skills valued in many working environments.

Refine your language skills and experience a new culture during your year abroad.

Follow the Instagram hashtag #uongoingplaces to see what our students are doing on their year abroad.
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. During your degree, 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 of our languages can be studied from beginners’ to degree level, depending on the degree combination. Our range of joint and combined honours degrees mean that you can choose to study one, two or three languages, or combine languages with a non-language subject such as politics or business.

International experience
One of the highlights of studying modern languages at Nottingham is our year abroad programme. All language students enrolled on a four-year BA course spend their third year abroad in a country or countries where their language(s) are spoken. We have an extensive network of contacts and exchanges for both work and study options. Our dedicated Year Abroad team will help you make the best of your year abroad.

Professional skills
While studying for a language degree at Nottingham, you will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills that can be transferred into almost any working environment, including one of the most important skills in our modern world: communicating and connecting with a diverse audience. Language students are adept at understanding other cultures and, for this reason, they are valued by businesses the world over.

Why study with us?
- Study any one of our seven languages as a complete beginner, or from GCSE level
- Immerse yourself in the culture of a new country during your year abroad, supported by our specialist team
- Go beyond the language, by studying the country’s culture and society through a broad range of optional modules

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* These degrees have beginners’ (including post-GCSE) and post-A level pathways (Portuguese and Serbian/Croatian are only available from beginners’ or post-GCSE level). 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.
** Applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to undergraduate study may be able to apply for a BA course with a Foundation Year. For more information see nottingham.ac.uk/arts/foundation
† including B in A level History.
‡ including B in the relevant European language. A qualification in Mandarin is not required.

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BA French Studies

French at Nottingham includes studying the language and linguistic traditions of the Francophone world, as well as engaging with France’s rich history and its changing place in international politics and culture.

French is an important world language, and is now spoken by more than 150 million people across all five continents. Studying French at degree level 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 optional modules covering French culture, film, history, linguistics, literature, media and politics. More specialised language modules are available in year four.

The knowledge and skills you will develop in the first two years of study will prepare you for your third year, which you will spend abroad in a French-speaking country. Because French is spoken all over the world, you may choose to spend all or a portion of the year in a Francophone location outside of metropolitan France.

Year one
You will gain a firm grounding in the structures of French through the core language modules and pursue introductory studies in French texts, contemporary France, French history and linguistics. You can also take modules from another subject area, including another language or a non-language subject.

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

Year three
Your third year will be spent in France or a Francophone country. You will have the option of studying at a partner institution, working as a teaching assistant in a school, or pursuing a work placement.

Year four
Through a range of specialist modules, you will develop a detailed understanding of French language, linguistics, and culture. You will also have the option to write a dissertation on a topic of your choosing, with the support of one of your lecturers.

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I really like the diversity of the modules offered on my course and this has opened my eyes to topics I thought I would never engage with. As classes are generally quite small you get to know your classmates and lecturers well, which makes for a great atmosphere. I have also found that the school is very supportive and the staff are more than willing to help if there's a problem.

Bethany Allen, BA Modern Languages (French and German)
Our courses

BA Hispanic Studies

Our degree in Hispanic studies reflects the cultural, historical and linguistic diversity of the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds. This course enables you to achieve high levels of fluency in spoken and written Spanish and, if applicable, Portuguese.

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 them to degree level within four years. Students are also introduced to aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American culture, history and literature.

Year one
If you studied A level Spanish you will begin an advanced course of study in Spanish and will also begin studying 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 to degree level in four years. Students are also introduced to aspects of modern Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American culture, history and literature.

Year two
You will continue to 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, our students spend year three in Spain or Spanish America. For students who are also studying Portuguese, the year can be divided between Spain or Spanish America and Portugal or Brazil. You will have the option of studying at a partner institution, working as a teaching assistant in a school, or pursuing a work placement.

Year four
In year four, you will build on your language acquisition and select specialist options from a range of topics relating to 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.

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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 country – one that offers experiences and opportunities that remain undiscovered by many 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 knowledge 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 combines core language modules with optional modules on Russian history, politics, culture, film, and literature. The course is open to A level students of Russian as well as to beginners. Beginners (including post-GCSE students) follow an intensive language course that reaches degree level within four years. Post-A level students begin at a more advanced language level.

This course also offers the exciting opportunity to learn Serbian/Croatian and to study modules that focus on the cultures of the Balkan region. Post-A level students of Russian can begin studying Serbian/Croatian in year one or year two; beginners in Russian can choose to study Serbian/Croatian from year two.

Year one
In year one the core language module develops your skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. You also explore topics in Russian culture, history, language and society. During the summer break all students have the chance to attend a subsidised two-week language course in Russia. You can also take modules from another subject area, including another language or a non-language subject.

Year two
You will advance your study in Russian to prepare you for the year abroad, exploring the language, culture and history of Russia in more detail.

Year three
Your year abroad is spent studying in Russia on one or more of our university or language school placements, with the option to include a university exchange in Serbia or Croatia if you are studying Serbian/Croatian.

Year four
In year four, you will apply and extend your Russian language skills and knowledge in specialised modules on topics that interest you most. You may continue your study of Serbian/Croatian if you wish.

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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 of 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. In any beginners’ language you’ll benefit from an intensive programme designed to take you to degree-level competency within four years. In the final year you’ll 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 proficiency in both your languages and be able to use them with confidence in professional and other contexts. You will gain valuable critical-thinking skills by comparing and contrasting two regions and languages throughout your degree course.

Your time abroad will be divided between countries that are relevant to your chosen languages. Our dedicated Year Abroad team will support you throughout the entire process, including helping you to find an exchange programme or work placement that suits your needs and aspirations. Your year spent abroad will show employers that you are adaptable and independent, with in-depth understanding of the languages and cultures you have studied.

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.

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.

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### Typical modules*

#### Year one
- Core and optional modules, depending on language combination
  - French
  - Introduction to French and Francophone Studies
  - France: History and Identity
  - Literature and Politics in Modern France
- German
  - Hitler and the Third Reich
  - Introduction to German Studies
- Hispanic studies
  - Introduction to Literature in Spanish
  - Introduction to Lusophone Societies and Cultures
  - Russian and Slavonic studies
  - From Tsarism to Communism: Introduction to Russian History and Culture
  - The Soviet Experiment

#### Year two
- Optional
  - French
  - French Cinema – The New Wave
  - Literature and Politics in Modern France
- German
  - The Fairy Tale in German Culture
  - The Life andDemise of the GDR
- Hispanic studies
  - Brazil, Africa and Portugal: Discoveries, Enterprise and Post-Colony
  - Hispanic Visual Culture: Film and Performance
- Russian and Slavonic studies
  - Repression and Resistance: Dissidents and Exiles in Russian Culture
  - The History and Culture of Early Rus’, c.800–1400
- Modern languages
  - European Silent Cinema

#### Year four
- Optional
  - French
  - French Documentary Cinema
  - Subtitling and Dubbing from French into English
  - German
  - Mythology in German Literature
  - Translation and Linguistic Exchange

### Year three
Spent abroad in countries where your chosen languages are spoken.

### Applying through UCAS
Please specify in your UCAS application which language combination you would like to study.

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

Note: your degree certificate will not specify the level at which you entered the University.

*Typical modules
Your modules will depend on the language combination that you choose from the table on page 14, and on whether you are a beginner in your chosen language.

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).
BA Modern European Studies

This course gives you the opportunity to combine one or two modern languages with modern history and/or politics. You can study modern European studies in three different ways:

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

All subjects – whether language, politics, or history – 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). Only one language can be taken at beginners’ level. Please indicate on your UCAS form which combination of subjects you would like to study.

For more details, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages

In addition to core language modules, you will select from a range of optional modules relating to the culture, film, history, linguistics, literature and politics of the languages you are studying. You will also select modules from a wide range offered by the Department of History or the School of Politics and International Relations.

During this course, you will achieve a high level of expertise in your chosen language(s). You will also have an understanding of European and world history and politics and will have developed sophisticated analytical skills.

**Year one**
In year one, you will take introductory modules in your chosen language(s), as well as history and/or politics. 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 broad range of optional modules within your two or three disciplines, including, 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, working as an assistant in a school, or on a work placement that suits the requirements of your course and your career aspirations.

**Year four**
In addition to core language modules, you will choose from a range of optional modules in history and/or politics, including areas relating to literature, media, 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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Modern history and two modern languages
You will study one core 20-credit history module 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
You will 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.

Modern history, politics and one modern language
Study four 10-credit politics modules and two 20-credit history modules per year alongside core and optional modules relating to your chosen language. In years two and four you will choose optional modules in all three subjects alongside your core language module.

* The typical modules available to you will depend on the combination of subjects that you have chosen to study.

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BA Modern Language Studies

This course enables you to study three languages, in addition to the culture, politics, history, and literature of your chosen regions.

Year three
This year is spent abroad and will be divided between countries where you can practise your language skills. You may choose to study in a higher education institution, gain experience as a language assistant in a school and/or embark upon a work placement in a sector that aligns with your career aspirations.

Year four
Year four allows you to develop your command of your languages to degree level and use them in increasingly sophisticated contexts. Through your optional modules, you will study the history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society of the countries where your languages are spoken.

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. You will also be able to choose from a wide choice of modules relating to the history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society of the countries where your chosen languages are spoken.

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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

On this course, you can combine the study of one or two modern languages with optional modules in business.

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, Mandarin, Russian, or Spanish (post-A level or beginners’ level); or Portuguese or Serbian/Croatian (beginners’ level only). Please note you cannot take more than one language from beginners’ level.

See nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages

Year one
You will 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.

By the end of your course you will have a thorough understanding of fundamental business principles and theories. You will have acquired a high level of competence in your chosen language(s) and a broad knowledge of the culture in the country or countries where your language(s) is/are spoken. Your time spent abroad will show employers that you are adaptable and independent.

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. In Business, you will begin to specialise through your choice of two optional modules.

Year three
This year is spent abroad in the country or countries where your chosen language(s) is/are spoken. Depending on the language(s) you are studying, 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 business module related to your second year choices.

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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

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages

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 for 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
(French and Spanish – beginners’ pathway in Spanish)
BA Modern Languages with Translation

This course offers you the opportunity to study one or two languages to degree level while gaining practical experience in translation and interpreting.

The course has a strong practical emphasis and includes training in interpreting, and in technical and literary translation. You will be introduced to technological tools for translators and, wherever possible, translation assignments are modelled on real-life situations. You will be given the opportunity to embark upon 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 language(s), with a particular focus on preparation for the year abroad. You will take a core module in translation studies, and will prepare an assessed translation portfolio. Practice exercises will be carried out in your post-A level language(s) and you will begin to apply translation approaches to your other selected language (where relevant). You may also select further optional modules in film, history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

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 languages students (teaching assistantship, studying, work placement), but you will be encouraged to spend at least part of the year studying at one of our partner institutions where you will specialise in translation/interpreting or carrying out a translation-related work placement.

Year two
You will continue to study core modules in your chosen language(s), with a particular focus on preparation for the year abroad. You will take a core module in translation studies, and will prepare an assessed translation portfolio. Practice exercises will be carried out in your post-A level language(s) and you will begin to apply translation approaches to your other selected language (where relevant). You may also select further optional modules in film, history, linguistics, literature, media, politics and society.

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Year four
You will develop your command of your chosen language(s), with a particular focus on increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will 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 language for some or all of the practical translation tasks.

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Year three
Spent abroad in a country or countries relevant to your chosen languages.
Joint honours courses

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. Your degree will include modules in culture, history, linguistics, literature, politics, as well as practical language work. If you are a beginner in your chosen language, an intensive beginners’ course will enable you to develop your language skills to degree level. Students taking post-A level Spanish begin studying Portuguese in year one, and may continue the language in years two and four.

In English, you will take both core and optional modules covering four key subject areas: drama and performance; English language and applied linguistics; literature, 1500 to the present; and medieval languages and literatures.

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 and a broad understanding of English literature and language.

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 engage with the culture, history and literature of the region, with opportunities to specialise in both Russia and Southeast Europe. Language study is not a requirement on this degree, but you will have the option to take modules in Russian or Serbian/Croatian languages in years one and two.

In history, you will study a wide range of historical periods from a global perspective, 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 of your choosing in depth, with the support of a lecturer.

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

BA French | German | Hispanic Studies and Politics
These courses offer the opportunity to combine the study of politics with studies in French, German, or Spanish language and culture. If you are a beginner in your chosen language, you will follow an intensive language course designed to take you from beginners’ to degree level by the end of the course. Students taking post-A level Spanish begin studying Portuguese in year one, and may continue the language in years two and four.

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

BA French and Philosophy
On this course you will combine studies in French culture, language and literature with philosophy. 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 philosophy modules, including logic and morality.

Optional language modules encompass French culture, history, language and literature.

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

BA French | German | Portuguese | Spanish and International Media and Communications Studies
These courses enable you 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.

On these courses, French, German and Spanish may be studied from beginners’ level or post-A level; Portuguese is available from beginners’ (or post-GCSE) level only.

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/cmvs

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 the United States of America, Canada and Latin America, the programme broadens the scope of American Studies, enabling you to view the Americas from a hemispheric perspective.

You will spend year three abroad in Latin America, immersing yourself in the Spanish language and Latin American culture.

For more information on the American studies element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american
Our courses nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/modernlanguages

Joint honours with contemporary Chinese studies

BA French | German | Russian | Spanish and Contemporary Chinese Studies
These courses offer the opportunity to study two very different cultures, both of global significance. 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.

An A level in French, German, Russian or Spanish is a requirement for this degree.

BA History and Contemporary Chinese Studies
This course combines history with study in Mandarin and contemporary Chinese studies. Students will study Chinese culture, politics, and society, and China’s primary language, whilst also exploring a broad range of topics in world history.

You will spend your third year at our campus in Ningbo, where you will have the opportunity to practise your Mandarin skills and immerse yourself in Chinese culture.

In the final year you will undertake a year-long special subject study in History. By the end of your course, you will have advanced knowledge of Mandarin and Chinese society, as well as the skills needed to write about and debate history and to use primary sources.

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

Our contemporary Chinese studies courses include beginners’ (including post-GCSE) and post-A level pathways in Mandarin.

For more information about the contemporary Chinese studies element of these courses, including typical modules, see nottingham.ac.uk/clas/chinese

Students on these courses spend their third year studying at our China campus in Ningbo, a historic city close to Shanghai. For more information see nottingham.ac.uk/go/chinacampus

Students also benefit from the University’s Nottingham Confucius Institute, which runs Mandarin language courses.* See page 31 of this guide and nottingham.ac.uk/confucius

* course fees apply

Why study Mandarin?

- Mandarin is spoken by over one billion people around the world – that is one-fifth of the world’s population
- China is the most populous nation and has the second largest economy in the world
- Mandarin is also widely spoken in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, and Mongolia

Class sizes are small which means that classes are more focused and we can progress quickly. I also love that, between my two languages, I can study such a wide variety of cultural modules. In French I have covered areas such as French politics, literature, history and linguistics, and in Chinese I have studied business, economics and politics.

Lauren Malina-Goldsmith, BA French and Contemporary Chinese Studies

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See the world – your year abroad

As a modern languages and cultures student, you will have the opportunity to spend a year abroad as part of your degree.

We offer one of the most flexible year abroad schemes in the country. Our students embark upon an extremely diverse range of work placements and exchange programmes, which take them all over the world. Depending on the language you are studying, you can choose to:

- study at one of our partner universities
- undertake a work placement in a broad range of sectors
- teach in a school as an English Language Assistant through the British Council.

Our expert Year Abroad team has an extensive network of contacts around the world. They help all of our students plan their year abroad; they will help you make plans that suit the particular requirements of your course, and support your career objectives. They also provide ongoing support to students during their year abroad.

The year abroad is an essential part of your course and its benefits are tremendous. Our students invariably find that it not only transforms their linguistic abilities, but is also an experience that inspires them culturally, intellectually, and personally.

Students who are studying two or three languages on their degree programme divide their time between multiple countries where those languages are spoken, spending a minimum of ten weeks in each country.

Students on single honours courses, as well as those who are studying a modern language with a subject such as English, history, or politics, spend the whole year in a country or countries where their language is spoken. You can choose to spread your time across a combination of study, work or teaching and you may also split the year between different cities or countries.

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

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

Follow the Instagram hashtag #uongoingplaces to see what our students are doing on their year abroad.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Photo taken by Jenny Skipper (BA Modern Language Studies: French, Spanish and beginners' Russian) during her year abroad

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

nottingham.ac.uk/clas/year-abroad
Engaging study, amazing results

Course structure
Our courses are designed to equip you with high levels of competence in writing and speaking modern foreign languages, and detailed knowledge of a country’s culture and politics. They are structured as follows:

Single honours (pages 6-13)
You will take the majority of your modules in the language(s) of your choice, but may choose some subsidiary modules from a different subject area.

Combined honours (pages 14-19)
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 (pages 20-27)
You will usually take half of your modules in your chosen language and the other half in your second subject.

Lectures and seminars
Most courses combine lectures with seminars. Lectures are more formal methods of teaching and give you an opportunity to engage with new research and hear a specialist point of view.

Seminars involve a much smaller group of students and are more informal. They are an opportunity to discuss the ideas presented in the lectures, test and discuss new ideas as a group, and think through any difficulties with the support of a seminar tutor.

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: year two is weighted at 33%, and year four is weighted at 67% of your degree classification.

As you move from year one to year four of study, your assignments will become increasingly research-based. Assessment of year three depends on the language(s) studied and may take the form of a presentation, report, assignment or translation exercise. In your final year, you may opt to undertake a dissertation, with the support of a member of staff.

Student support
We are a friendly community with approachable staff who are passionate about providing personal and academic support to their students. Throughout your time at Nottingham, you will have regular meetings with your personal tutor to discuss your academic progress and means of additional support and guidance.

Your chosen language and the other half in your second subject.

Resources for language learning

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures is also home to the University’s Language Centre, an important facility for students studying languages degrees, and a resource for students and staff across the whole university. The Language Centre celebrates linguistic diversity, plurilingualism and lifelong language learning.

Subsidiary modules
All students at Nottingham can choose to study languages at the Language Centre if their degree structure permits. Each year around 1,200 students from across the university take up this opportunity.

Through the Language Centre, you can study any of nine languages: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Modules are taught in small groups by experienced language instructors, many of whom are native speakers of your chosen language. Classes are three hours per week and cover four essential skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Evening classes
The Language Centre also runs a programme of evening classes in many languages. An evening language class is also a way of enhancing your CV by picking up a new language or improving your proficiency in a language that you already know.* See nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre/ evening-classes

Tandem Learning
The Language Centre runs a Tandem Learning programme – a conversation exchange scheme, matching 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. 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.

The Nottingham Confucius Institute
Located on Jubilee Campus, just 15 minutes walk from University Park, the Nottingham Confucius Institute provides Mandarin classes and cultural engagement programmes for University of Nottingham students and the general public. You can choose from group or one-to one lessons, and levels range from beginners to advanced.* See nottingham.ac.uk/confucius

The Self-Access Centre
Our students are encouraged to use the Language Centre’s Self-Access Centre throughout their studies, benefiting from a wide range of resources to aid active, independent learning – from reference materials to live television.

* Course fees apply.
Outstanding careers support

As a graduate of the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, you will have a diverse range of career opportunities, both in the UK and around the world.

94% of undergraduates from the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

£21,000 was the average starting salary for recent graduates with the highest being £60,000*

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

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.

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

“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 (BA French and German – beginners’ German pathway), now working in international finance

nottingham.ac.uk/careers/students

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
How to apply

All applications for full-time 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

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. 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/international

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.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2020/21 the University will provide a generous bursary scheme to support lower-income students* For more details see: nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.

300+
clubs, societies and opportunities
su.nottingham.ac.uk

Student Service
Centres on all UK campuses for support and advice
nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

From the diverse arts scene to the new businesses in the University’s Innovation Park, Nottingham is a place for language students to thrive
nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Sports University of the Year 2019*
with over 70 student sports clubs
nottingham.ac.uk/sport


Join in with the vibrant musical life on campus and in the city
nottingham.ac.uk/music/performance

Around 15 minutes by tram or bus from the city for music, food and shopping
nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Accommodation to suit every budget and personal choice
nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Experience it

Spent an additional semester abroad with our University-wide exchange programme
nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad

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