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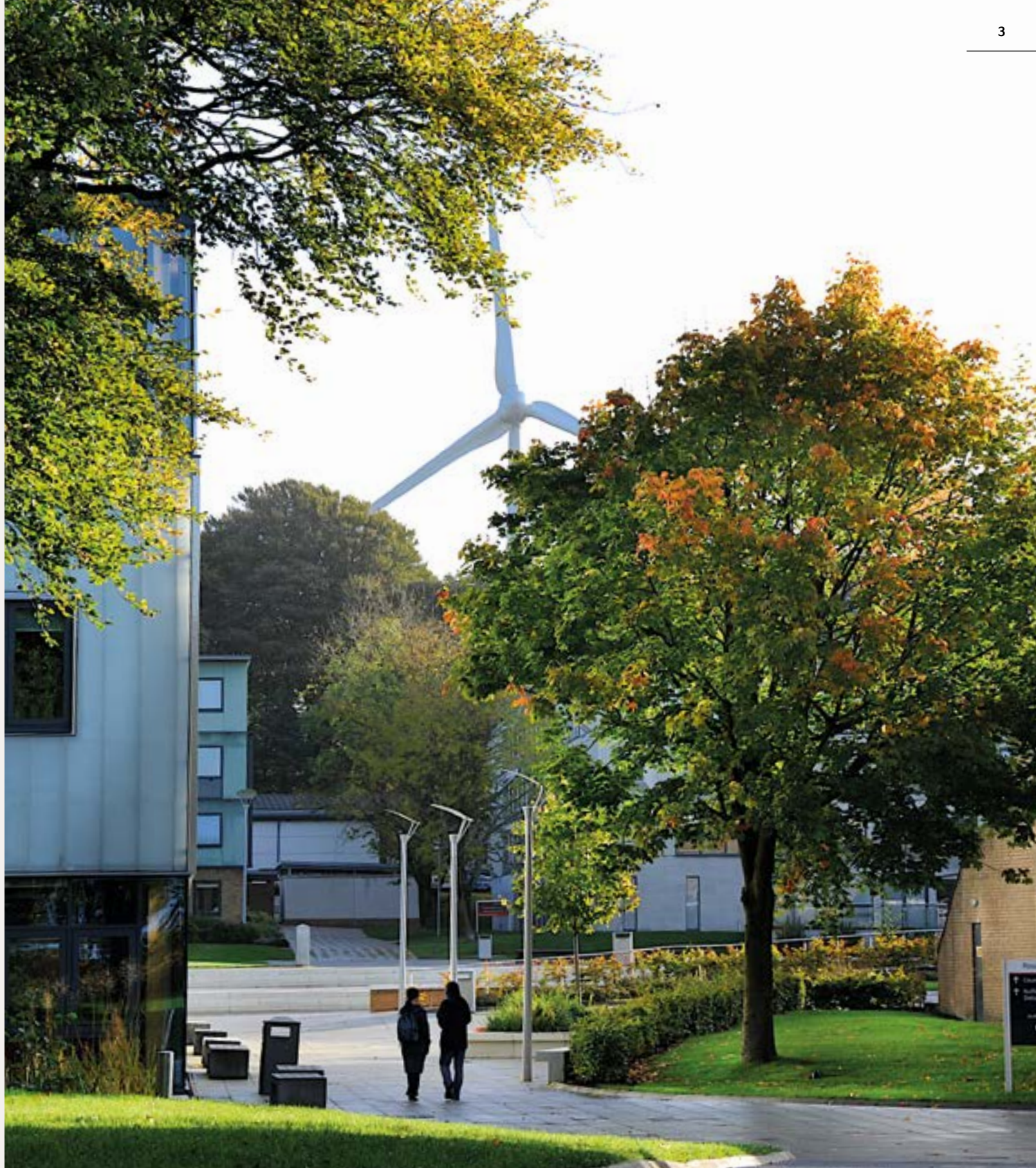

Welcome

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bienvenue · Willkommen!

The Department of Languages and Cultures (DeLC) has pioneered a distinctive approach to languages and cultures that includes using innovations in interactive digital language learning in our teaching delivery and assessment.
We are ranked in the top 100 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023 for Modern Languages. We also continue to be a flagship department for developing our students' transferable skills.

Here at Lancaster we offer very flexible programmes, both within our Department and in collaboration with 14 other subjects across the University. You can study a wide range of degree schemes in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish from beginners and advanced levels, and Italian from beginners level. This variety provides a lively and dynamic environment for study. During your time with us, you'll enjoy a unique and enriching experience.

We support your journey towards a future career in sectors such as teaching, interpreting, translation and project management, humanities and interdisciplinary research, business innovation and community engagement. That's in addition to careers in marketing and e-commerce, technologies and media, event planning, NHS consultancy, audit, accountancy and insurance, financial and banking services, HR and international affairs. We have an active departmental alumni network on LinkedIn.

Our relative size means we are small enough to offer close, productive contact between students and staff. This environment encourages good working relationships which continue beyond our students' undergraduate degrees into their professional lives. This in turn supports our engagement with local schools and companies and also with a wide variety of creative practitioners that we regularly invite to engage with our students.

Our innovative, research-led teaching and internationally recognised research deliver an exciting and intellectually challenging synthesis of both high-level language skills and wide-ranging cultural studies which are both comparative and transnational. Our researchers have made contributions to Lancaster's successes in the latest research excellence framework (REF2021), reflecting our interdisciplinary strengths and collaborations. Our degrees are also popular with visiting students from across the world, enhancing the international flavour of life in the Department.

I am proud of our Department and the work we do. We look forward to discussing with you how the degree scheme you are interested in will foster your own personal ambitions, language learning and cross-cultural understanding.

Dr Derek Hird
Head of Department

Languages
at Lancaster

Top 100 worldwide

Our research and reputation are recognised internationally. The latest QS World Subject Rankings (2023) places Lancaster joint 85th in the world for Modern Languages.

Global outlook

Whatever you study with us, your degree will be international in scope. Our teaching programme considers the global dimensions of the languages and cultures that we teach.

Supportive language learning

We are a pioneering department in offering languages at both beginners and advanced levels with flexible language and non-language combinations. By the end of your degree, you will have achieved a high level of language skills as benchmarked against international standards - the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) or Chinese HSK.

Top 15

in the UK for French, German, Italian and Spanish
Complete University Guide 2024

Flexibility

Our degrees offer flexibility with your International Placement Year enabling you to study at a partner institution, conduct a work placement, teach with the British Council, or a combination of these.

Great for careers

We prepare you for your future career throughout your degree with offers such as the Year 2 module Professional Contexts for Modern Languages. This includes the opportunity to explore language-related professional contexts and to join a work placement.

We have a dedicated departmental Employability Champion plus a wealth of resources and global networks.

'Cordoba, Spain'
Emma Kayley
BA (Hons) French Studies and Spanish Studies

This photo was one of the entries in our annual International Placement Year Photo Competition. We stay in touch with you while abroad and you remain supported by Lancaster University.

Degrees and entry requirements

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
Single honours language degrees			
BA (Hons) French Studies	4 years	R120	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies	4 years	R220	ABB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies	4 years	R410	ABB
Joint language degrees			
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and French Studies	4 years	R1T1	ABB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and German Studies	4 years	R2T1	ABB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Spanish Studies	4 years	R4T1	ABB
BA (Hons) French Studies and German Studies	4 years	RR12	ABB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Spanish Studies	4 years	RR14	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Spanish Studies	4 years	RR24	ABB
Triple language degree			
BA (Hons) Modern Languages *Three languages chosen from Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish*	4 years	R800	ABB
Integrated BA/MA degree			
MLang (Hons) Modern Languages and Cultures	4 years	R810	AAB

All our language degrees involve spending a year studying or working abroad. We call this your International Placement Year.

You can conduct a work placement for all or part of your International Placement Year.

Visit our website for more information on degree options, entry requirements and scholarships **www.lancaster.ac.uk**

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
Major/minor language degrees			
BA (Hons) French Studies with Italian	4 years	R1R3	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies with Italian	4 years	R2R3	ABB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies with Italian	4 years	R4R3	ABB
Joint degrees (Chinese + non-language)			
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and English Literature	4 years	T1Q3	AAB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Film	4 years	T1P3	ABB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and History	4 years	T1V1	AAB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Linguistics	4 years	T1Q1	AAB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Mathematics	4 years	T1G1	AAB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Philosophy	4 years	T1V5	ABB
BA (Hons) Chinese Studies and Politics	4 years	T1L2	ABB
BA (Hons) Psychology and Chinese Studies	4 years	C8T1	AAB
BA (Hons) English Language and Chinese Studies	4 years	TQ13	AAB
BA (Hons) Theatre and Chinese Studies	4 years	W4T1	ABB

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
Joint degrees (French + non-language)			
BSc (Hons) French Studies and Computing	4 years	GR41	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and English Literature	4 years	RQ13	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Film	4 years	R1P3	ABB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Geography	4 years	LR71	ABB
BA (Hons) French Studies and History	4 years	RV11	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Linguistics	4 years	QR11	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Mathematics	4 years	GR11	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Philosophy	4 years	RV15	ABB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Politics	4 years	RL12	ABB
BA (Hons) Psychology and French Studies	4 years	CR81	AAB
BA (Hons) French Studies and Theatre	4 years	WR41	ABB
BA (Hons) Criminology and French Studies	4 years	MR91	ABB
BA (Hons) English Language and French Studies	4 years	QR31	AAB
BA (Hons) Management and French Studies	4 years	RN12	ABB
Joint degrees (German + non-language)			
BSc (Hons) German Studies and Computing	4 years	GR42	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and English Literature	4 years	RQ23	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Film	4 years	R2P3	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Geography	4 years	LR72	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies and History	4 years	RV21	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Linguistics	4 years	QR12	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Mathematics	4 years	GR12	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Philosophy	4 years	RV25	ABB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Politics	4 years	RL22	ABB
BA (Hons) Psychology and German Studies	4 years	CR82	AAB
BA (Hons) German Studies and Theatre	4 years	WR42	ABB
BA (Hons) English Language and German Studies	4 years	QR32	AAB
BA (Hons) Management and German Studies	4 years	RN41	ABB

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
Joint degrees (Spanish + non-language)			
BSc (Hons) Spanish Studies and Computing	4 years	GR44	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and English Literature	4 years	RQ43	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Film	4 years	R4P3	ABB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Geography	4 years	LR74	ABB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and History	4 years	RV41	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Linguistics	4 years	QR14	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Mathematics	4 years	GR14	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Philosophy	4 years	RV45	ABB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Politics	4 years	RL42	ABB
BA (Hons) Psychology and Spanish Studies	4 years	CR84	AAB
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies and Theatre	4 years	WR44	ABB
BA (Hons) English Language and Spanish Studies	4 years	QR34	AAB
BA (Hons) Management and Spanish Studies	4 years	RN22	ABB

Will I study at advanced or beginners level?

The majority of our degrees offer the opportunity to study the language from beginners or advanced level.

Beginners level is suitable for those with a GCSE (or equivalent), or complete beginners. Our teaching programme rapidly progresses you beyond GCSE level.

Advanced level is for those who have an A level (or equivalent) in the language.

If you are interested in a multiple language degree, it is only possible to study one of the languages from beginners level. This is due to the extra workload involved in the beginners modules to bring you up to a high level quickly.

Which languages can I study at which level?

Chinese, French, German and Spanish may all be studied from advanced and beginners level and will take you to C1/C2 level of the Common European Frame of Reference (CEFR) by the end of the final year. Your Chinese studies will take you to HSK 5-6.

Italian may be studied from beginners level only and can only be a minor subject within your degree. It will take you to the B2 level of the CEFR.

Chinese may be studied as a joint degree with another subject (language or non-language). We do not offer a single honours degree in Chinese Studies.

Alternative entry requirements

We welcome applications from students with a range of alternative UK and international qualifications. Further guidance can be found on our website.

Teaching and assessment

Your studies

You will maintain a strong focus on core language learning throughout your degree. You will also study the culture and geographic area where they speak your chosen language/s, as well as their relationships with the wider world.

Learning in the Department

You will learn through a combination of interactive lectures, workshops, language lab sessions, seminars and independent study conducted either individually or in groups. Your learning is enhanced by teaching and assessment through our online education platform Moodle and the use of other interactive digital tools. Our language classes are typically small enough for staff and students to get to know each other well and develop a strong sense of community. We support students studying on the beginners (intensive) route by providing additional contact hours during your first two years of study.

Assessment

As a guide, most of our degrees have a 40% exam, 60% coursework assessment pattern. Our tutors return constructive feedback/feedforward comments for assessments. We aim to return all coursework within four working weeks, helping you to improve in your future work.

Facilities

Our Language Resource Centre provides a space to read the news, watch international TV and borrow foreign language films as a way to improve your language learning and immerse yourself in the language and culture of other countries and societies. We also provide you with the use of language labs, virtual reality headsets, self-access materials, virtual learning environments and online resources to help you to develop your own autonomous learning strategies.

Guest lecturers

We regularly invite guests to teach on our degree programmes. This allows you to engage with language professionals and brings real-world experience into the academic environment. Some examples of recent guest lecturers include:

+ Bill Swainson, publisher and editor, delivered workshops on publishing and editing literary translations, offered careers guidance and one-to-one translation surgeries for students.
+ Mithu Sanyal discussed her book *Identitti* in a hybrid workshop with students where she explored with them aspects of language, identity and decolonialisation, and 'cancel culture' on campus.
+ Sophie Lewis, Visiting Translator in Residence (French and Portuguese), worked with students on literary translation and offered guidance on careers in translation and publishing, while working on her translation of Leila Slimani's latest novel.
+ Benoît Peeters, Visiting Professor in Graphic Fiction, worked with second and final-year students on translating comics.
+ Acclaimed Ukranian-born poet and translator Yevgeniy Breyger, Visiting Writer-in-Residence (German), ran translation workshops with students and conducted a reading from his poetry and translation of TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*.
+ Journalist Jan Rocha gave a talk about the work of the ecumenical group CLAMOR in South America on tracing 'disappeared' individuals in the Southern Cone with Sue Branford from the Latin America Bureau (LAB).

Degree **structure**

Our distinctive approach to undergraduate language degrees gives you the opportunity to acquire both high-level language skills and a thorough understanding of languages, cultures and societies within a global context.

Year 1

Language studies (advanced or beginners)	+	Optional module or joint major core module	+	Optional module or minor module

Enhances linguistic proficiency in a variety of styles and uses through written, grammar and oral work. An integral 'language in context' course explores how key moments in history have shaped contemporary society, through the study of film, plays, novels and other types of text.

Single honours students can choose two additional modules to complement their first year language studies.

Joint major students will study the core module from their second subject and can choose one additional module.

Optional modules available in the Department are: Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. We strongly encourage you to take a second language in your first year.

Minor modules can be chosen from a range of subjects across the University, from English Literature to Philosophy, Geography to Marketing, subject to any timetabling restrictions and entry prerequisites.

Year 2

Language studies	+	Language-specific culture modules	+	Comparative culture modules	+	Optional module or minor	+	Preparation for International Placement Year
Continue your language studies in the advanced or beginners class.		Deepen your understanding of the cultures of the individual languages you have chosen to study.		These modules provide a comparative understanding of languages and cultures across Europe and further afield.		We encourage single honours language students to continue a second language as an optional module.		Non credit- bearing module that helps you prepare for your international placement year, including administrative, academic, finance and welfare support.

Year 3

International Placement Year: intercultural and academic reflection

The International Placement Year is worth 30 credits, rather than the usual 120 credits for a normal year of your degree. The focus is on embracing and expanding language proficiency and cultural understanding in preparation for your final year.

You can study at a partner university, conduct a work placement, teach with the British Council, or a combination of these. Assessment is by means of partner university marks, a project gathering up observations on a contemporary aspect of the country you have lived in and/or a report on the placement you undertook.

Year 4

Language studies	+	Comparative culture modules	+	Specialist culture modules	+	Dissertation
Consolidate your language proficiency in oral and written language classes. Former beginner and advanced level students are taught together in Year 4.		Select modules that compare aspects of language, culture and society across different countries.		Work in depth with specialist researchers in the cultures of China, Germany, France and the French-speaking world, Spain, and Latin America.		This 10,000 word dissertation enables you to specialise in a subject of your choice and develop skills in research and extended analysis.

Joint degree structure

If you are studying a joint degree, you will study core and optional modules in both your subjects in an approximately 50/50 split. Please see our website for detailed module options for your degree: **www.lancaster.ac.uk/study**

Information contained in this booklet with respect to modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer modules as advertised. In some cases changes may be necessary and may result in some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research. Please check our website for the latest information. ***www.lancaster.ac.uk***

Modules

The below modules are indicative of the modules you will study on all of our BA (Hons) language degrees in your second and fourth years. The module options may vary from year to year.

Year 2

Language-specific culture modules (core)

French
+ Shaping Contemporary France: Moments and Movements

German
+ Shaping Contemporary German-speaking Europe: Moments and Movements

Spanish
+ Shaping Contemporary Spain and Latin America: Moments and Movements

Chinese
+ Shaping Contemporary China: Moments and Movements

Comparative culture modules (options)

+ Language and Identity in France, Germany, Spain and the Sinophone World
+ Professional Contexts for Modern Languages (work placement module)
+ Society on Screen: The Language of Film
+ Thinking Queerness: LGBTQIA+ Lives, Identities and Politics in Contemporary Thought and Cultural Production
+ Understanding Culture
+ What are the Humanities For?

Year 4

Language-specific culture modules (options)

French
+ Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada
+ Transforming Thinking: From Philosophy to Neuroscience in French and Francophone Thought
+ French Modernisms and Mental Health

German
+ The Future Cannot Begin: Speculative Fiction in German-speaking Europe
+ Vorsprung Durch Technik: Climate, Technology and the German Anthropocene

Spanish
+ Latin America and Spain on Film: Violence and Masculinities
+ Social movements and Committed Writing in Mexico since 1968
+ Memories of War and Dictatorship in Contemporary Spain

Chinese
+ Masculinities and Modernities in China
+ Sinophone Literature and Film

Comparative culture modules (options)

+ Contemporary Cities in Literature and Film
+ Spirits in the Material World: Cultures and Sciences
+ Translation as a Cultural Practice

MLang degree **structure**

The MLang degree is a selective and accelerated four-year BA with integrated MA. It allows you to go abroad in your second year and finish your BA in your third year, ready for Masters level work in your final year. You may study either one or two advanced level languages for this degree.

Year 1

You will study core language studies, alongside optional modules, as for other degrees in the Department. In addition, you will take the non-credit bearing 'International Placement Year Preparation' module that helps to prepare you for all aspects of spending a year abroad including administrative, academic, financial and welfare support matters.

Year 2

MLang International Placement Year + MLang International Placement Year Project

You will select a mix of language and culture modules at a partner university abroad. It is compulsory to spend your year studying, rather than on work placement on this degree scheme.

You will write a project in the target language on a topic researched in the host country.

The International Placement Year constitutes 120 credits on this degree scheme.

Year 3

Returning to Lancaster for your third year, you will join final year Bachelor degree students in core language classes. You will also study comparative and specialist culture modules and write your BA dissertation (a dissertation is compulsory for all MLang students).

Year 4

Masters Dissertation

You will write a 20,000 word Masters level dissertation on a topic of your choice, with guidance from a supervisor in the Department. You will consult a range of primary and secondary sources and demonstrate critical evaluation of primary sources and their secondary literature.

+ Research Skills for Modern Linguists

You will learn research skills specific to modern languages to support you in researching and writing your dissertation. Topics include: beginning research; the academic research process; mapping a research project; abstract writing; resource evaluation; research paper attendance; working with theory; advanced presentation techniques. The module culminates in a Postgraduate Conference.

+ Optional modules

+ Reading Theoretically
+ Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
+ Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
+ Independent Study Unit

Or another appropriate Masters module within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The module options may vary from year to year.

Your international **placement year**

Spending a year abroad is an integral and assessed part of all our language degrees. We offer flexibility to split your time abroad between different activities.

Studying abroad

You can choose to study courses taught in your target language at one of our partner universities. For MLang students, studying abroad is compulsory.

Lancaster University's current European partner institutions for languages degrees are:

+ Bordeaux
+ Lyon 3 (Université Jean Moulin)
+ Rennes 2 - Haute-Bretagne
+ Ecole de Traduction et d'Interprétation (ETI), Geneva
+ Université de Lausanne - for French Studies and Geography students only
+ Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
+ Universität Siegen
+ Universität Trier
+ Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
+ Universidad de Córdoba
+ Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao)
+ Universidad de Granada
+ Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Barcelona)
+ Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca (UPSA)

Lancaster University also currently partners with the following institutions outside of Europe:

+ Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla - Mexico

If you are studying Chinese, during your International Placement Year you will be able to study or undertake a work placement in a Chinese language environment. Current partners are:

+ Beijing Foreign Studies University 北京外国语大学
+ Shanghai International Studies University 上海外国语大学
+ National Tsing Hua University 國立清華大學

Work placements

You may wish to spend your International Placement Year on a work placement for a company or as a Language Assistant for the British Council (see right). This adds invaluable work experience to your academic skills. We will support you in identifying opportunities and securing internships as part of the second year 'Preparation for International Placement Year' module.

Here are some examples of where our students have undertaken placements previously:

French work placements
+ Brand Project Assistant, Nomen Communication Agency, France
+ Business Development Intern, Maupard Fiduciaire, France
+ Event Coordinator, MJC Annonay, France
+ International Recruitment Assistant, FERRANDI Paris, France
+ Intern, Église Protestante Évangélique de Bruxelles, Woluwe Saint-Lambert, Brussels, Belgium
+ Website Coordinator and Client Liaison, Roomlala, France

German work placements
+ Social Media and Editing Internship, MMC Sport, Munich, Germany
+ Transport Market Internship, LKW WALTER Internationale Transportorganisation AG, Wiener Neudorf, Austria
+ Teacher and Translator, AREVA GmbH, Erlangen, Germany
+ International Relations Office Internship, BOKU, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Spanish work placements
+ Internship, British Chamber of Commerce in Madrid, Marbella and Barcelona, Spain
+ Culture and Language Facilitator, CIl Teach Argentina, Argentina
+ Marketing Intelligence Internship, Underwriters Laboratories Ibérica, Barcelona, Spain
+ Internship for CAMeNA (Centro Académico para la Memoria de Nuestra América), Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México, Mexico
+ Drama and English Classroom Assistant, SEK International Schools, Catalunya, Spain

For students studying two languages, we do not have set rules about your choice of destinations. Students taking three languages are required to spend their International Placement Year in at least two language-specific environments. Beginners level students will normally spend some or all of their year in the country of their beginners level language.

Work with the British Council

You may apply to spend your International Placement Year working as a Language Assistant with the British Council. This role involves supporting the teaching of English in a school or university, planning activities and producing resources to help students improve their English as well as introducing UK contemporary culture through classroom and extra-curricular activities. You may also support the running of international projects and activities.

- Languages and Cultures students visiting the Great Wall in China 万里长城

Wiktoria's placement experience

On my International Placement Year (IPY), I lived both in China, in Xi'an, and in Peru, in Lima. The IPY allowed me to gain worthwhile work experiences as well as valuable life lessons. It is especially important to emphasise that the IPY is not only about our placements. It's about exploring, meeting local people, visiting new places, trying new things that we wouldn't have the opportunity to learn in a lecture or seminar or on vacation. There is no doubt that the IPY was the most exciting, challenging and insightful year of my life.

Wiktoria Wilk
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies with Chinese

Meet our **staff**

Cyrille Rollet

Cyrille is a Senior Teaching Associate in French. He is passionate about languages and has co-written a book on French verbs. He is in charge of our Language Resource Centre and is very much involved in the French community in the region. Cyrille organises trips abroad for students and regular social events to support language learning (lunch clubs, international karaoke nights and the international café).

Dr Cornelia Gräbner

Cornelia is Senior Lecturer in Hispanic Studies and Comparative Literature. Cornelia researches how social and political transformations relate to poetic and imaginative languages and practices, and to critical thinking. Her research is comparative between different cultural areas across the world, and feeds directly into her teaching, including her current module Social Movements and Committed Writing in Mexico since 1968.

Dr Helen Jones

Helen is a Senior Teaching Associate in German and our Admissions tutor. She teaches German language and translation alongside some cultural seminars on topics such as the Posthuman (A.I. and human futures). She is the International Placement Year tutor for German. Her interests lie in the literature and history of former East Germany. She is the Department's Student Experience Director and works closely with our student reps.

Professor Jinghan Zeng

Jinghan Zeng is Professor of China and International Studies and Director of the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University. His research lies in the field of China's domestic and international politics. He is the author of *Artificial Intelligence with Chinese Characteristics: National Strategy, Security and Authoritarian Governance* (2022). He has published numerous academic papers and he frequently appears in TV and radio broadcasts including the BBC, Al Jazeera, Voice of America, China Central Television (CCTV) and China Global Television Network (CGTN).

Professor Charlotte Baker

Charlotte's specialism is literary and cultural representations of marginalised groups in sub-Saharan Africa, and the Francophone West African dictator novel. These interests inform the module Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada. She is particularly interested in the realities and representations of albinism. She collaborated with the Independent Expert on Albinism and the Witchcraft and Human Rights Information Network to table a Resolution recognising these abuses as harmful practices at the UN Human Rights Council in 2021.

Your life at **Lancaster**

Societies

Our students take part in a very wide range of student societies, including the Language Society, and other clubs connected to sport, travel and language.

Language lunch clubs

We host informal social lunches and brunches in the Department so you can practise your conversational language skills. Our communal social space is perfect for catching up with friends, sharing some food and finding out the latest news.

Placements and volunteering

We encourage you to gain work experience and offer a variety of work placements in industry and education while at Lancaster and during your International Placement Year. You can opt to take our work-based learning module (Professional Contexts for Modern Languages) in the second year. On this module, you will undertake a language-related work experience placement. You'll consider the linguistic and cross-cultural skills you develop in the role and enhance your employability. Other opportunities to gain work experience include volunteering as a supervisor in our Language Resource Centre, or paid work as a student ambassador representing the University at events.

We work collaboratively with Lancaster University Students' Union to provide opportunities for you to volunteer in local schools as a classroom assistant or reading buddy. There are also roles on campus such as organising activity days for school groups.

The Lancaster Award

You can participate in the Lancaster Award, which rewards you for taking part in extra-curricular activities. This certificate enhances your future employment prospects by encouraging you to engage in college activities, careers workshops, work experience and volunteering. The new skills and experiences developed through these endeavours are recognised and valued by employers.

- Student Photo from DeLC Welcome Week Photo Competition 2021.

Your future **career**

We have a departmental Employability Champion who advises students on their strengths and possible future careers. Employability resources and job ads are uploaded and constantly updated on our web platform. We also have active Alumni Facebook and LinkedIn groups to stay in touch and continue to promote opportunities once you have graduated. Within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences there are specialist careers advisors and opportunities to apply for paid internships to help you gain experience and prepare for your future career.

Workplace skills

Quite apart from language- and subject-related skills, a degree in languages develops rich interpersonal, intercultural, cognitive and transferable skills that can be utilised across a variety of careers. In both our work-based learning module in the second year and on the International Placement Year, you will reflect academically on key issues in relation to your placement organisation.

Careers-related events

We hold 'Careers with Languages' events where you can meet major employers who recruit graduates with language skills. The Department also hosts an event called 'Languages - A Route to a World of Careers'. Recent graduate Rosie (BA Hons French and Psychology), who worked both for a translation firm in Paris and for an estate agent in Tahiti during her International Placement Year, returned to campus to talk about her current role as a Digital Graduate for BGL Group. She explained what firms are looking for in job candidates and gave valuable advice on the set of skills needed to succeed. Such events are a great opportunity to gain awareness of how to stand out from the crowd in the graduate market.

Other events focus on the demands of the current job market. These include welcoming alumni to share insights about their careers in a 'languages and employability panel', video interview techniques workshop, CV workshop and training in translation software.

Future careers

Our graduates find employment across a wide range of language-related and non-language-related sectors, often internationally. Recent graduates from Lancaster have gone into the following categories of employment as well as further study:

+ Marketing and Communications
+ General Management
+ Operations
+ Corporate Banking
+ E-learning Consultancy
+ Academic Lecturer
+ Customer Service
+ Civil Service

Cathy Castling,
Translator
Former student BA Hons Spanish and German Studies, MA Translation

Studying languages gave me the chance to start my own business abroad. I loved studying in Spain and Germany during my international placement year and I knew that I wanted to move abroad after graduating. The opportunity to interact with the language and culture in each country, as well as develop my own skills, gave me the confidence I needed to achieve this and start my own translation business. The teaching staff and community within the department made my experience truly fantastic.

Jamie Gamble,
Business Development Representative
Former student in BA Hons Management Studies and European Languages (German)

Studying languages alongside Management allowed me to apply my business knowledge and skills to a German-speaking marketing role during my year abroad. I had the opportunity to rebuild the organisation's solutions portfolio, assist with webinars and marketing events, undertake French and German translations and even conduct interviews for new interns. After my degree, I took a role as a Business Development Representative in Berlin.

Important information

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