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# Cardiff University School of Modern Languages

Culturally  
**DIVERSE**

**ACADEMIC**  
excellence

**HIGH**  
EMPLOYABILITY

Transferable  
**SKILLS**





Friendly **Supportive** environment  
**Outstanding** Facilities

**95% of our graduates**  
were in employment and/or further  
study six months after graduating

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From study tips to where to eat, to societies, weekend trips and where to get your books, our student bloggers are real students talking about the reality of being a student at Cardiff.

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# Discover the **Cardiff Experience**

## *A leading university . . .*

- ▶ You'll be part of a Russell Group university - one of the UK's world-class universities.
- ▶ You can choose from more than 350 degree programmes. The Cardiff University degree is known and respected worldwide with a substantial number accredited by the professions and other external bodies.
- ▶ You'll benefit from outstanding teaching in a research-led environment - Cardiff is ranked in the UK's top 5 universities for research quality.
- ▶ Staff include a Nobel Laureate and numerous Fellows of the Royal Society and other prestigious institutions.

## *in an outstanding city . . .*

- ▶ You'll live in a friendly, compact and safe city with all your study, living and leisure needs within walking distance.
- ▶ Your money will go further at Cardiff with capital city attractions at provincial prices - Cardiff is amongst the most affordable/cost effective student destinations in the UK.<sup>1</sup>

## *with able and motivated students . . .*

- ▶ You'll be at a first choice university where demand for places is strong.
- ▶ You'll be studying in an environment with able and motivated students who have high grades at A-level or equivalent.
- ▶ You'll be at an international university with students from more than 100 countries who have excellent career prospects.

## *who have excellent career prospects.*

- ▶ You can be confident of your future prospects - 95% of our students were employed or had entered further study within six months of completing their studies.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ You'll be in demand - Cardiff is among the top 25 universities targeted by employers seeking high calibre graduates.<sup>3</sup>

### Notes

1. Research by Natwest 2018
2. HESA Destination of Leavers Survey 2016/17
3. High Fliers Research *The Graduate Market 2017*



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# Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering joining our vibrant community of linguists at Cardiff. Modern Languages was one of the first subjects to be taught at Cardiff University when it was established in the late nineteenth century, and the University has long recognised the power and importance of the subject.

The world around us has changed dramatically since the 1880s but the University's commitment to language study, and its impact and transformative power in personal, educational and career terms, remains unchanged.

As a School of Modern Languages we firmly believe that despite the global challenges that surround us in the twenty-first century, there is no better time to be studying for a degree in modern languages than now. In a world of global business transactions and digital connectivity, graduates with specialised language qualifications have the intercultural communication skills, knowledge and understanding to navigate today's trans-national world successfully.

Our School provides a supportive, welcoming and highly international community with staff and students from around the world. In recent years we have expanded our undergraduate provision into Translation Studies, Chinese and Portuguese, and added a new master's programme in Global Cultures. We continue to refine our curriculum and develop new programmes to ensure that our students' language learning journey allows them to develop the skills and knowledge to progress in their chosen careers and to contribute effectively as global citizens.

With a global, transnational focus, our programmes allow you to study and research languages and cultures not only in their geographically specific aspects in particular countries and regions, but also in their global and international contexts and connections. You can take all of the languages we offer as a beginner or as

an advanced learner, and each language is profiled in this brochure along with our popular Translation Studies programmes (a three or four year course, depending on whether you choose to study or work abroad for a year).

This brochure includes insights from a selection of our recent and current students to illustrate the directions in which a degree in languages can take you. We are very proud of everything that our students achieve; many of them are now living exciting multilingual lives due to their degree studies at Cardiff.

To find out more about what makes us a leading University centre for Modern Languages in Wales and the UK, come to one of our many open days where you'll receive taster lectures and have the opportunity to chat to members of staff, current students and alumni from our vibrant learning community. We hope you enjoy discovering Cardiff Modern Languages via this brochure, and we look forward welcoming you on a visit to our School in the future.



**Professor Rachael Langford**  
Head of School

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This brochure will provide you with more details of our programmes. We hope that they will give you more than just a flavour of what we have to offer you. However, we are always ready to answer any questions you may have, by post, telephone or email, or when you come to Cardiff for a visit. You will find the appropriate contacts at the end of this brochure.

## Important Legal Information

The contents of this brochure relate to the Entry 2020 admissions cycle and are correct at the time of going to press in March 2019. However, there is a lengthy period of time between printing this brochure and applications being made to, and processed by us, so please check our website [[www.cardiff.ac.uk](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk)] before making an application in case there are any changes to the course you are interested in or to other facilities and services described here. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence and represent the basis on which we intend to deliver our services to you.

Any offer of a place to study at Cardiff University is subject to terms and conditions, which can be found on our website [[www.cardiff.ac.uk/offerterms](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/offerterms)] and which you are advised to read before making an application. The terms and conditions set out, for example, when we might make changes to your chosen course or to student regulations. It is therefore important you read them, and understand them.

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Your degree: Students admitted to Cardiff University study for a Cardiff University degree.

# Cardiff: A capital city



The Principality (Millennium) Stadium nestles in the heart of the city, and is home to numerous sporting events and concerts throughout the year

**Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city, which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study. It combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location, with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.**

Cardiff offers everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquillity of the nearby coast and countryside. With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile cultural and sporting events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport.

When it comes to entertainment, Cardiff is well-equipped to satisfy student needs. There is a multitude of cafés, pubs and nightclubs. The city is home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David's Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Principality Stadium, the National Museum Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Doctor Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty.

The city is one of the UK's best shopping destinations, with St David's Dewi Sant retail centre standing alongside pedestrianised shopping streets, indoor and outdoor markets, and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian arcades.

Cardiff also has more urban green space than any other UK city, and offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains.

Lively, elegant, confident, cosmopolitan and ambitious are all words readily used to describe modern-day Cardiff. Together, the city and the University provide students with the 'Cardiff Experience', a lifestyle our students remember long after graduation.

**Don't just take our word for it . . .**

"Cardiff is one of Europe's youngest capital cities – small enough to be friendly and big enough to offer the best of living in a major city."

**The Complete University Guide 2017**



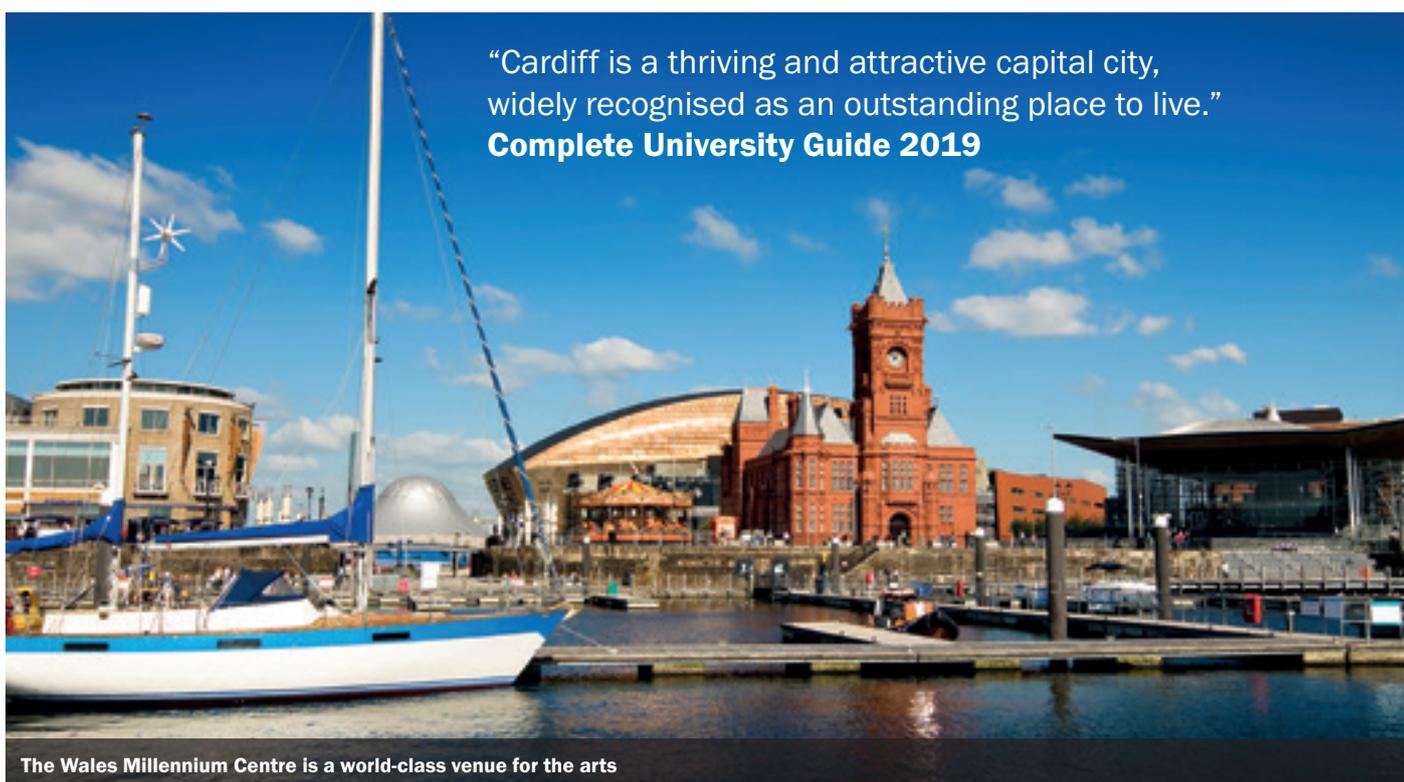
**The surrounding countryside and coast offer superb opportunities for outdoor pursuits**



**Cardiff is one of the UK's best shopping destinations**

**Come and see for yourself . . .**

Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain's other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the West and South of England, as well as West Wales. Travel to the Midlands and to the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed, and Cardiff also benefits from an international airport.



**"Cardiff is a thriving and attractive capital city, widely recognised as an outstanding place to live."  
Complete University Guide 2019**

**The Wales Millennium Centre is a world-class venue for the arts**

# Cardiff: A leading university





**Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.**

With attractive and compact campuses, excellent student accommodation, and a hugely popular Students' Union, all within easy walking distance of each other in a thriving city, it is not surprising that Cardiff is a first choice university for many.

We admit approximately 5,000 undergraduate entrants each year, the majority of whom are school and college leavers, and have high grades at A-level or equivalent. While competition for entry is strong, Cardiff is an inclusive university with a good record on widening participation and fair access, and we welcome applications, irrespective of background, from everyone with the potential to succeed at Cardiff University.

The University's Cathays Park Campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff's attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes' walk from the city centre. The three academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding

Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park Campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested substantially in its estate in recent years and continues to do so today. Most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities. International opportunities are available via our Global Opportunity Centre. These include study, work and volunteering placements in 27 EU countries as well as international exchange opportunities. All students also have the opportunity to study a language, in addition to their degree, through the University's Languages For All programme.

The University takes its environmental, safety and security responsibilities very seriously. It has comprehensive policies in place which are making great savings in energy consumption and, to support the safety and security of all members of the University community and their property, there is 24-hour security cover throughout the campus.

**What the Guides say ...**

**"Cardiff University is a hugely popular UK university...[it] has a reputation for world-class research and provides an excellent experience for its student body."**

*Telegraph University Guide 2018*

**"Cardiff University is highly rated on a local and global scale."**

*The Telegraph 2018*



# Living in Cardiff





As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It's large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

### Accommodation

Cardiff offers guaranteed University accommodation of good quality and value, and a range of residences to suit individual preferences and budgets.

All undergraduates who accept their offer of a place from Cardiff, on a firm basis, are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences during their first year of study.

Please see our website for full details of our accommodation guarantee and associated deadlines:

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences)

The University is continually investing in its student residences, and the views of students are taken into account at the design stage. Unusually for a civic university, most of our residences are within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, the Students' Union and city centre.

There are 15 different residences, providing more than 5,500 study bedrooms and students can apply for the residences which best suit their preferences, interests and budgets. Some 70% have en-suite shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to Wi-Fi.

Fees depend on the facilities included and whether catered, part-catered or self-catered, but prices compare very favourably with those of other UK universities. Besides managing University property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and provides assistance to students seeking to rent or share houses or flats.

### Student Life

#### The Students' Union

Cardiff Students' Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. A multi-million pound investment has been made in Union facilities in recent years,

which has included a new venue called Y Plas, which at night becomes a nightclub. Hosting live music, club nights, stand-up comedy, fashion shows and awards ceremonies, there's lots to keep you entertained from your first day to your last.

Other facilities include a food court, a bank, a print shop, a hair salon and a bookshop. The Lounge offers IT and Skyping facilities, meeting rooms and a "chill-out" area, as well as snooker tables and multi-faith prayer room. The Union also has its own letting agency and an Advice and Representation Centre. In addition, it is home to CU TV and Xpress Radio (the students' own TV and radio stations) and more than 200 cultural, political, religious, social, sporting societies and clubs.

#### Jobshop

Jobshop is the Union's own student employment service and provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students.



#### What the Guides say . . .

**"Cardiff has one of the biggest, best and most active students' unions in the UK, with high quality facilities including Y Plas, a 2,150 capacity nightclub; and the Great Hall, a major concert venue."**

*Complete University Guide 2019*

**Cardiff is amongst the most affordable/cost effective student destinations in the UK.**

*Research by NatWest 2017*

# The School of Modern Languages



## Why study languages?

**We're passionate about the power of languages and their impact in personal, educational and economic terms. And that passion lies at the heart of everything we do. It drives our degree programmes.**

There has never been a better time for you to study languages. According to Universities UK, 49% of employers want greater language skills in the graduates they employ. Our degrees have been carefully designed to meet this national need, equipping graduates with the strong modern foreign language skills which open doors in a host of different career paths. We're endlessly proud of our graduates and what they go on to achieve. As the graduate career profiles in this brochure underline, languages open many more doors than you might think. Our graduates work in diplomacy, IT, international sport, manufacturing, the armed services, accountancy, law, financial analysis, management consultancy, international business. The list is endless!

If languages are powerful in career terms, so too do they transform your education. Our degrees are tailored not just to the needs of the workplace but also to the individual students taking them. Each of the students coming to

us has different linguistic interests and career aims. Our programme of study has been designed to accommodate those different interests in the range and diversity of our module options and pathways. We support our students to succeed both in their time in Cardiff and their time abroad via a dedicated team of personal tutors and year abroad staff, forging links with them which last well beyond graduation. According to Universities UK, students who study abroad are 19% more likely to achieve a first-class degree. And one of the highlights of our year is watching from the stage as our students graduate, revelling in their success and hard work.

Languages transform careers and educational paths, but they also transform lives. The majority of our undergraduates work, study or teach abroad in their third year on degree programmes which take our students around the globe. The value of the year abroad in CV terms is well-documented: it underlines the independence, strong communication skills, problem-solving capacities and intrepidity developed through our degrees. But the study of languages transfigures lives as well as CVs. Languages open the world to our graduates, enabling them to

experience cultures from the inside as they immerse themselves in new worlds, gaining lifelong skills, friends and memories all over the globe. We love to see where languages take our undergraduates. Come and find out where they might take you...



# Undergraduate Degree Programmes



The School of Modern Languages offers a broad range of Single and Joint Honours programmes.

**If you have an interest in language and culture, we offer a range of Single Honours and Joint Honours degree courses.**

Our courses aim to allow students to develop a high level of proficiency in their chosen language(s), as well as a comprehensive understanding of cultures that shape them. All languages can be studied from beginner or advanced level.

Our courses are very flexible and allow you to expand your interests with a range of optional modules.

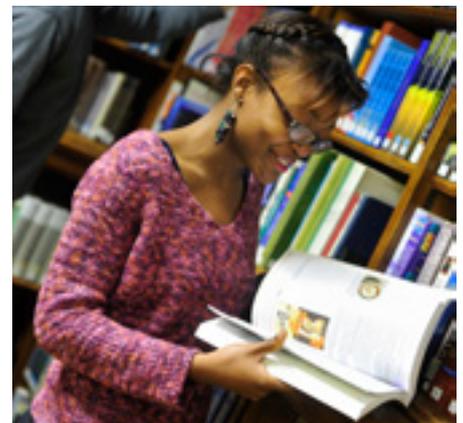
A Joint Honours degree is the perfect option for those who would like to combine their interests. Many choose to combine two of the languages taught within the School itself.

Students complete a year abroad period when a language is one of the two subjects selected as part of a Joint Honours programme.

Subjects you can combine your degree with include (language choice dependant):

- ▶ Ancient History
- ▶ Archaeology
- ▶ English Language
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ History
- ▶ Law
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Philosophy
- ▶ Politics
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Welsh

NB: Please see our website for full listing of Joint Honours programmes



# Studying Modern Languages at Cardiff

## A Modern Languages degree at Cardiff University has four broad aims of development:

- ▶ Near-native competency in the language(s) studied.
- ▶ An in depth understanding of the politics, economy, society, history and culture of the countries whose languages are studied.
- ▶ A global vision, allied to a high-level ability to mediate between cultures, and to understand how different cultures intersect and interrelate.
- ▶ High-quality transferable skills of independent problem-solving, written and oral communication and analytical skills that will make you highly attractive to prospective employers.

In 2018 the School of Modern Languages launched a new transnational curriculum, which develops these skills from the very beginning of your studies. This curriculum will encourage you to link the study of your chosen language(s) and culture(s) with the wider world, equipping you to play an important role in the increasingly globalised twenty first century.

Content is taught by a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and skills training. Lectures provide a broad structure for each subject, introduce key concepts, and convey relevant up-to-date information. Seminars provide an opportunity to ask questions and discuss key ideas in a small group environment. Seminars are kept small and usually average between 12-15 students.

This is designed to give you ample opportunity to participate and interact with members of the academic staff.

From year one you will undergo skills training as part of the core modules. In year one these focus on developing skills needed to approach study and assessment at Cardiff, covering topics such as how to approach the study of literature, how to 'read' film or photographs, or how to interpret political speeches, and how to produce effective essays, and how to create engaging vlogs and podcasts. In later years skills training focuses on the skills needed to work and study abroad, and on employability for the graduate world of work.

This unique blend of intercultural, personal and linguistic skills puts you at the forefront of the job market. All members of staff at Cardiff are

passionate about their subject and are keen to share their enthusiasm and research-led knowledge with you. Their expertise spans a wide range of subjects creating flexibility to specialise or mix and match options. Language provision is also supplemented by meetings with language assistants for further oral practice, as well as opportunities to join our range of societies.

The transnational curriculum has been carefully constructed to ensure you can build upon your learning across the years in a clear and coherent learning arc.

## Year one

You will study your language(s) and their culture(s) in transnational contexts. Those taking Single Honours programmes can also choose to take translation modules, or to explore other language and culture options.

Translation students study their language(s), translation theory, translation methods, and (for those on the single language pathway), transnational cultural modules.

## Year two

The second year builds on the core knowledge and skills developed in the first year, through the study of language and modules building on the year one transnational modules.

Those taking Single Honours or Joint Honours in languages can also choose to study options on the World and Language of Business, or Specialised Translation.

Translation students continue with their languages(s) and dedicated translation modules. Those on a single-language pathway can also choose a cultural module.

## Year three

The third year is spent abroad either at a partner university, as a language assistant in a foreign school, or on a work placement. Students studying one language will spend two semesters in the host country. Students studying two languages will spend one semester in each host country.

We have developed numerous partnerships with top universities, which means that you have the opportunity to study in some of the most iconic and inspiring cities in Europe as well as across the world.

We will make sure you are well prepared to make the most of this experience.

Students have previously travelled to Paris, Berlin, Milan and Barcelona, as well as many other universities across Europe. Spanish students also have the option to spend their year abroad further afield in Latin America, such as Lima (Peru) and Guadalajara (Mexico). Students taking Japanese will be attending select universities in Tokyo, Kyoto, Beppu, Saitama, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kitakyushu and Yokohama depending upon their degree, preferences and the nature of the exchange. We also have specific links with prestigious translation schools for those on the relevant programmes.

There are opportunities to apply to teach with the British Council, students offered a place on the British Council Scheme are employed as teaching assistants on a part-time basis. This option provides excellent experience and enable you to earn a salary sufficient on which to live. Training is provided by the British Council in the destination country. The flexibility, independence and problem-solving skills developed during this year are often cited by employers as a major attraction for hiring language students after graduation.

## Year four

Final year students consolidate their general language skills and develop a more professional focus by concentrating on core areas in which language skills will be of most relevance in future employment or study.

The broad range of optional modules enable you to pursue topics at the forefront of the latest research in cultural studies, politics and society, and translation with top researchers in the field.

One of our recent innovations is the Student Teaching module. Through this scheme the School is at the forefront of innovative teaching and learning and engaging with professionals. Students combine university lectures, seminars and workshops with leading teaching professionals, with a mentored teaching placement in a local school. The module builds key employability skills in organisation, presentation skills, workplace experience, as well as providing an invaluable opportunity for those who would like to pursue a career in teaching.

# Chinese



The BA in Modern Chinese is a new dual degree offered jointly by Cardiff University and Beijing Normal University (BNU).

## Why study Chinese?

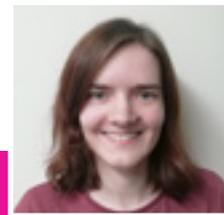
Mandarin Chinese is the only ancient language still in full use within the contemporary world. It is spoken by more than 1 billion people making it the most widely used language in the world. Learning Chinese language and culture is increasingly perceived as a most advantageous element to obtaining key positions in the political, economic, and artistic world.

**We offer two Chinese programmes at undergraduate level: our BA in Chinese and our BA in Modern Chinese.**

The four-year BA in Chinese programme enables you to spend years one and two in Cardiff, building an extensive understanding of Mandarin Chinese as well as Chinese culture and history. You will spend the third year abroad at one of our partner institutions in China, before returning to Cardiff for your final year of study.

The four-year BA in Modern Chinese programme is divided across Cardiff and Beijing Normal University and is a unique and exciting opportunity for students interested in China and its culture. You will spend years one and four in Cardiff and years two and three in Beijing. Before going to China, you

will acquire a thorough grounding in Chinese history and culture as well as linguistic skills. While in Beijing, you will take part in classroom studies and may gain some work experience. On returning to Cardiff, you will be required to write a dissertation (in English) which will be an analytical work based on the two years of research in Beijing.



**Agnieszka Ziajor**  
Chinese (BA)

I chose to study Chinese because I am fascinated by Chinese calligraphy. The fact that the language itself is a visual art form interested me so much that I wanted to learn more. China is known to be a rapidly developing country, and to learn how its culture and society is impacted by it is so interesting. Chinese culture and language have such a long and enthralling history that learning them never gets dull.

The thing I have enjoyed learning the most are the Chinese characters. Although it is one of the hardest things to learn as well (there's just so many of them!), it feels so rewarding when I am able to recognize the characters and understand more of the various Chinese texts.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website:  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/chinese](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/courses/undergraduate/chinese)

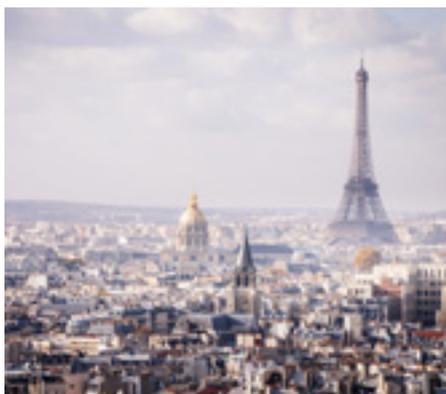


French language and culture have been centre-stage in European and world affairs for centuries.

## Why study French?

In the new globalised world, French is more important than ever before and the ability to communicate in the language is an invaluable skill. Not only are there exciting career opportunities within Europe for those with a degree in French, but the excellent communications and intercultural skills you will acquire are highly desired by multinational organisations worldwide.

**French is an official language of 29 countries, of all United Nations agencies, and of many other international organisations. It is considered the international language of diplomacy, and is second only to English in its influence.**



French is spoken across the globe as a native or second language by up to half a billion people. The French speaking world extends across the globe from Europe to North Africa, Asia and the Americas. French is also the foreign language most prized by British businesses, two-thirds of which seek to recruit staff with foreign language skills. On completion of a four year course in French, you will have a high level of proficiency in French, as well as a critical understanding of key aspects of modern and contemporary French and Francophone culture. You will also be aware of the ways in which France has shaped, and been shaped by, other cultures, nations, and communities.

The third year of this course offers a fantastic opportunity to live in a French-speaking environment. You will either undertake a work placement at a business, work as a paid teaching assistant in a school or attend a university. Established exchange programmes provide exciting opportunities to study in French cities including Montpellier and Nantes while some of our students have spent their year abroad in Brussels, Geneva and Quebec.



**Callum Davies**  
Welsh and French (BA)

I enjoyed meeting people from all over the UK and further afield and made some great friends along the way. My best memory is studying abroad in Montpellier in the south of France. A lot of my course-mates will agree that this was a life-changing experience and one that shouldn't be missed.

I now work for Cardiff City Football Club as a Player Liaison Officer. I use my language skills every day which can involve anything from translating team-talks for our first team to planning trips for our scouts to go and find the next big players. The door was opened because of Cardiff University so it was instrumental in helping me along my career path.

For more details on courses offered please visit our website:  
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# German



German is one of the key languages in international business, with nearly 100 million native speakers.

## Why study German?

German language skills are highly desirable for employers in international business in a wide range of fields including finance, marketing, translating, teaching, media, arts, publishing, and civil service. A recent survey by the UK's leading employers' organisation CBI rated German as the language most valued by UK managers (50%). In contrast, the British Council recently reported an alarming shortage of people in the UK able to speak the ten most important foreign languages for the country's future prosperity and global standing. German gives those who speak it fluently a competitive advantage in the job market.

**Language and culture are inseparable, and students will no doubt discover that there is more to German culture than most think.**

The unique heritages and histories of Germany, Austria and Switzerland have played an important role in the development of the West. Taught by native speakers, all of our German courses provide comprehensive language training combined with the opportunity to explore the cultures, literatures and intellectual histories of German-speaking countries.

German at the School of Modern Languages was ranked #1 in Wales in The Times Good University Guide 2019. We are also home to the Goethe Institute which has a satellite office in our School.



**Meriel Dhanowa**  
French and German (BA)

What interested me most about my degree was the balance between language modules and history and culture modules. All of these aspects combined opened my eyes to the different cultural mindsets and ideas of European countries, which taught me to embrace new perspectives and ideas.

I spent my third year abroad where I attended Universities in Chambéry and Heidelberg. These experiences were crucial in not only improving my language skills but also my organisational skills and ability to adapt to new surroundings. I had to immerse myself fully in the other cultures. Once I completed the placements I found that after facing all the challenges of living abroad I was more than capable of trying even more new things.

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## Why study Italian?

Italian opens up a host of opportunities to work in both the public and private sectors in Europe. The unique communications and intercultural skills that language graduates develop are in high demand by employers in the fields of teaching, fine arts, banking, the media, tourism and law to name a few. Italy is a major political partner in the European Union; it is a leading force in fields such as engineering and architecture. It is the home of the design and fashion industries. Understanding Italian means that you can explore some of the major contributions to European cultural life, including film and literature, in their native language.

**Italy is the home of the design and fashion industries as well as being one of the world leaders in the arts, cinema, architecture and music. With a rich history dating back to the Roman era, Italy has significantly influenced the development of Europe.**

Our courses in Italian offer you the chance not only to learn the language to a high level of proficiency, but also explore the culture that has shaped the social landscape of this inspiring country. You will have the opportunity to investigate how Italy shaped Europe,

and how Italy has intersected with other cultures, diasporas and nations. We apply innovative methodologies in our teaching, including small group activities and constant discussion, with the support of native Italian teachers and exchange students.

One of the most exciting elements of this course is the opportunity to study or work in Italy during the third year. Many students choose to study in some of Italy's most inspiring cities, including Florence, Milan, Trieste, Verona and Venice. Others prefer to experience island life, working or studying in Sardinia or Sicily.

Italian at the School of Modern Languages was ranked #1 in Wales in The Times Good University Guide 2019.



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**Lucy Jenkins**  
Italian and English Literature (BA)

Seeing and feeling the energy of the School of Modern Languages on Open Day and in particular the enthusiasm of the staff, made me sure that studying a language at Cardiff would be a great experience. Without doubt, my most memorable experience as a student was my year abroad in Parma, Italy. It was the best year of my life and it completely opened my eyes. Studying abroad grew my confidence, my language abilities and allowed me to meet people from all over the world who remain some of my closest friends today. For me, it completely changed my outlook and has had a massive influence on career choice.

I am now National Coordinator of the Modern Foreign Languages Student Mentoring Project. The support I gained at the School of Modern Languages and the skills I developed through my language study have been vital in giving me the confidence to present myself positively, and always put my best foot forward.

# Japanese



A modern Asian language shaped by ancient customs and culture.

## Why study Japanese?

A Joint Honours degree in Japanese offers exciting prospects for anyone interested in Japan. With the huge amount of Japanese investment and interest in UK-based manufacturing, finance and marketing, the link with Japan continues to be a healthy one that is likely to foster many career opportunities for those fluent in Japanese.

Contemporary Japan is founded on a rich and fascinating cultural history that stretches back thousands of years. It remains a major economic power as well as an innovator in the fast-moving automotive and electronic industries.



**We are a leading British centre for Japanese Studies. Japanese can be studied as part of a Joint Honours degree and can be combined with Business Studies, French, German, Italian, Spanish, or Translation.**

By the end of the course, you will be proficient in the Japanese language, as well as having an excellent understanding of life and culture in Japan. You will also understand how Japan has shaped and been shaped by its relations with other cultures.

You will have the opportunity to spend time in Japan during your third year and immerse yourself in Japanese culture and language. During this year, you will develop a high level of language skills in order to complete an advanced language course in your final year in Cardiff. Please note, due to Japanese visa restrictions, those who enrol onto a Japanese programme are unable to work in Japan during their year abroad. As a consequence, you will spend time studying at a Japanese university instead.

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**Stephen Barr**  
German and Japanese (BA)

I have found that the most valuable aspect of the School of Modern Languages is the small sizes of the languages classes. This invaluable resource has allowed me to make the most of my contact hours and has likely played a large role in my level of language proficiency.

During my year abroad I travelled to Japan to study at Hiroshima University. Through this experience I was able to improve significantly my spoken Japanese as both the University and the local city government offered speaking classes to foreigners living in the area. On my return I attended a job fair in London for jobs in Japan and was offered a job in Osaka city for a Japanese company in their sales department which I will start the month after I graduate.



One of the world's most widely-spoken languages, especially important for international business and politics.

## Why study Portuguese?

Portuguese is one of the most important languages for international business and politics, spoken by more than 260 million people worldwide. The official language of nine countries in four continents, Portuguese is also increasingly used as a community and second language in the USA, Europe and Australasia. A degree in Portuguese could take you across the world!

As a major global language, Portuguese has been identified by the British Council as one of the most vital languages for the future of the UK. Portuguese is in high demand, and proficiency in the language and in-depth cultural understanding will make you stand out from the crowd.

**The BA Joint Honours in Portuguese offers specially-developed courses for students at advanced and beginners levels, and we welcome students who have a Portuguese-language heritage.**

Regular contact with native speakers will support you in building fluency and awareness of different forms of Portuguese. You will also learn about the vibrant cultures and societies of the contemporary Portuguese-speaking world, from Europe to Latin America, Africa and

Asia. You will explore the intersections between different Portuguese communities, and their relationships with other languages and cultures.

Our innovative teaching methodologies and supportive environment cater for diverse learners and develop your skills so that you'll be ready to take advantage of the wide range of employment prospects that a degree in Portuguese can open up. The degree provides the perfect opportunity to study Portuguese along with French, German, Italian, Spanish and Translation.

The year abroad is an opportunity to enhance and deepen your linguistic fluency and cultural understanding, and to see, in real life, the cultures that you have studied. Many students choose to study or work in Portugal but others have travelled further afield to placements in Brazil.

Our programme is supported by Camões Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua.



**Katherine Pickering**  
Portuguese and Spanish (BA)

Portuguese is a really beautiful language and the countries it is spoken in are an interesting mix of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Learning it as a beginner meant starting from scratch which makes it so much more rewarding when you start being able to remember words, form sentences, hold a conversation and finally compose an extended piece of writing.

We're a small class and this is extremely helpful because we have very personalized lessons, it is a very comfortable environment and the lessons always feel so laid back.



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# Spanish



A language with a global reach, shaped by a culturally diverse heritage.

## Why study Spanish?

Spanish is an important European language which also has a global reach. Latin American countries in particular are now integral players in international trade, meaning that the Spanish language is more important than ever. Speaking Spanish allows you to explore the vibrant cultures, literature and politics of the Hispanic world.

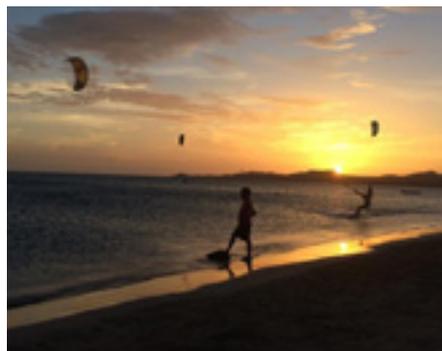
**There is high demand for Spanish graduates from multinational employers who value the language, communications and intercultural skills that are developed through language degrees. A Spanish course can open up a range of exciting career opportunities in fields such as international politics or business, consultancy, sales and marketing, finance, teaching, and translating/interpreting.**

With approximately 400 million native speakers in more than twenty countries where Spanish is an official language, Español is one of the three international languages in the world. Today Spanish is spoken in many parts of Europe, South America, Africa, and increasingly in the USA.

By the end of your course, you will have a near-fluent command of the Spanish language as well as an in-depth understanding of Hispanic culture and society, in Europe and across the Hispanic world. You will explore the cultural intersections between different Spanish-speaking cultures, and their interactions with other cultures and languages.

During the third year, you will have a fantastic opportunity to improve your spoken and written language, immerse yourself in another culture or gain work experience in a Spanish-speaking country. Many choose to study at one of our many partner universities in Spain or Latin America, or gain work experience as a teaching assistant in a Spanish school.

We are also home to the Spanish Embassy which has a satellite office at our School.



**Eirian James**  
French and Spanish (BA)

Cardiff and my placement in Valencia, Spain were where I developed a love for languages. I now teach English in a language academy just outside Barcelona, and I teach a variety of classes, from 12-year-olds to teenagers to university students to adults.

Having graduated as a fluent Spanish speaker with an intermediate level of Catalan, the transition from Wales to Catalonia was seamless, and thanks to the opportunities I had at Cardiff I'm able to connect with the people I work and live with on a far deeper level. Most importantly though, I can cheer on/bemoan the decisions against my local football team in four different languages!

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# Translation and Modern Languages

Study Translation with a modern language and learn professional translation skills.

## Why study Translation?

As well as receiving practical and in-depth language tuition, you will be given translation specific skills not available on traditional language courses. These skills will allow you to carve out a particular career path and act as an excellent foundation for a foothold in the translation industry. Specialist modules introduce the different institutional contexts you may encounter in your future careers (government, media, multinational business) and alert you to some of the real challenges of the translation profession such as time-management, managing resources, establishing and maintaining networks.



There is an increasing demand for translation skills in the UK and worldwide. We offer specialist translation programmes that provide you with theoretical, vocational and practical translation skills, alongside the opportunity to gain an excellent command of either one or two modern languages and cultures.

Our translation curriculum (in line with the Institute of Linguists and the Institute for Translators and Interpreters standards) will focus on combining the theory behind translation with methodology and practical skills.

### These unique courses offer:

- ▶ A good foundation in one or two languages and cultures (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese)
- ▶ A translation curriculum in line with standards set by professional bodies (Institute of Linguists and the Institute for Translators and Interpreters)
- ▶ Generic and specialised translation skills in areas such as legal, commercial and scientific translation
- ▶ Two ways to study. You can choose to study for three years or study for four years and spend a year abroad.



**Anais Banneville**  
Modern Languages and  
Translation (BA)

I find translation such a fascinating, intricate subject. Translation looks at foreign languages from a completely different perspective and I wanted to see how it would affect my language skills. I study Translation with French but I've learnt lots of things about other languages too, such as etymology of Latin languages and untranslatable words. The lecturers are very helpful and bring so much knowledge and energy to the lectures.

After university I would really love to work either in counter terrorism or medical translation. Whatever I end up doing, I want to use my translation skills to help people.

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# Further Information





Graduates from the School are in high demand in both the public and private sectors, not only for their language capability but also for their excellent communications skills and intercultural understanding.

**In 2016/17, 95% of graduates (of known destination) from the School, were in full-time employment or study six months after completing their degree.**

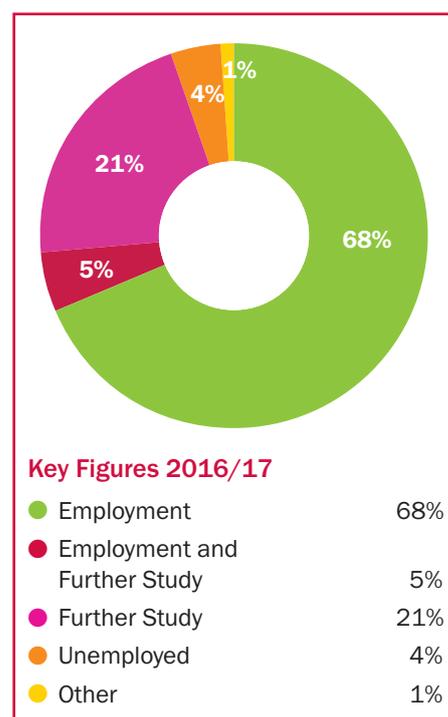
Many of our graduates find themselves working in the areas of finance, business consultancy, education, social welfare, health and the media. After further training, many language students pursue careers in interpreting, translation and teaching.

### Open Days

University-wide Open Days are held each year and provide the opportunity to visit all Schools in addition to residences, the Students' Union and sports facilities. The Admissions Tutors are also very willing to discuss queries, by telephone, letter or email. For further information, please see our website: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays)

### Careers and Employability Service

The University offers a careers and employability service for students, graduates and postgraduates. You can access careers information, explore your options and speak to a consultant who can advise you of opportunities relating to your degree or preferred field, including advice on postgraduate degrees. The service offers guidance on preparing a CV and job applications and gives you the chance to meet and network with top graduate recruiters at Careers Fairs and events. If you are looking for work experience, the careers service can assist with planning and organising your placement.



# Admissions



**To be considered for entry onto one of our degree programmes you should apply online via the UCAS website using the 'UCAS Apply' facility. To use this facility you need to log onto: [www.ucas.ac.uk/apply](http://www.ucas.ac.uk/apply)**

The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explains the UCAS procedure.

## Typical Entry Requirements

For detailed entry requirements and latest typical offers please see: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/ugcourses](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/ugcourses)

## Applications Information

Typical intake: **230**

Typical number of applications: **1,300**

## Equal Opportunities

Cardiff University is committed to promoting equality and diversity in all of its practices and activities, including those relating to student recruitment, selection and admission.

The University aims to establish an inclusive culture which welcomes and ensures equality of opportunity for applicants of all ages, ethnicities, disabilities, family structures, genders, nationalities, sexual orientations, races, religious or other beliefs, and socio-economic backgrounds.

This commitment forms part of the Equality and Diversity Policy which is available at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index)

## Applicants with Disabilities/ Specific Needs

All offers to study at Cardiff University are made solely on the basis of academic merit. Where applicants have specific requirements that relate to a disability or medical condition, they are encouraged to discuss these with relevant staff in order that appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure the University provides an accessible environment. Specifically, applicants are invited to contact the Disability Adviser who can provide information about the applications procedure, course delivery and access to the physical environment. Where appropriate, informal visits can be arranged in which applicants can view accommodation and meet academic staff.

The Disability Adviser can be contacted at:

### Student Support Centre

50 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AT

Tel/Minicom: **+44 (0)29 2087 4844**

Email: [disability@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:disability@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Deferred Entry

The School has no objection to the possibility of deferred entry provided the intervening year is spent in a positive and worthwhile way. Application is made through UCAS in the usual way, although the UCAS application must show the deferred year of entry.

## Admissions Contacts

For further information on applying, please contact:

### Admissions Office

65-68 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AS

Tel: **(029) 2087 0824**

Email: [languages-ug-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:languages-ug-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Tuition Fees and Financial Assistance

The University charges an annual fee which covers all tuition fees, registration and examinations other than the re-taking of examinations by students not currently registered. Please note charges for accommodation in University Residences are additional.

Please see the following website for more information: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees)

## Scholarships and Bursaries

For more information please visit the following website:

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## Useful Websites:

For information about tuition fees and financial assistance:

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Student Support Centre website:

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/financialsupport/index.html](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/financialsupport/index.html)

Student Finance Wales:

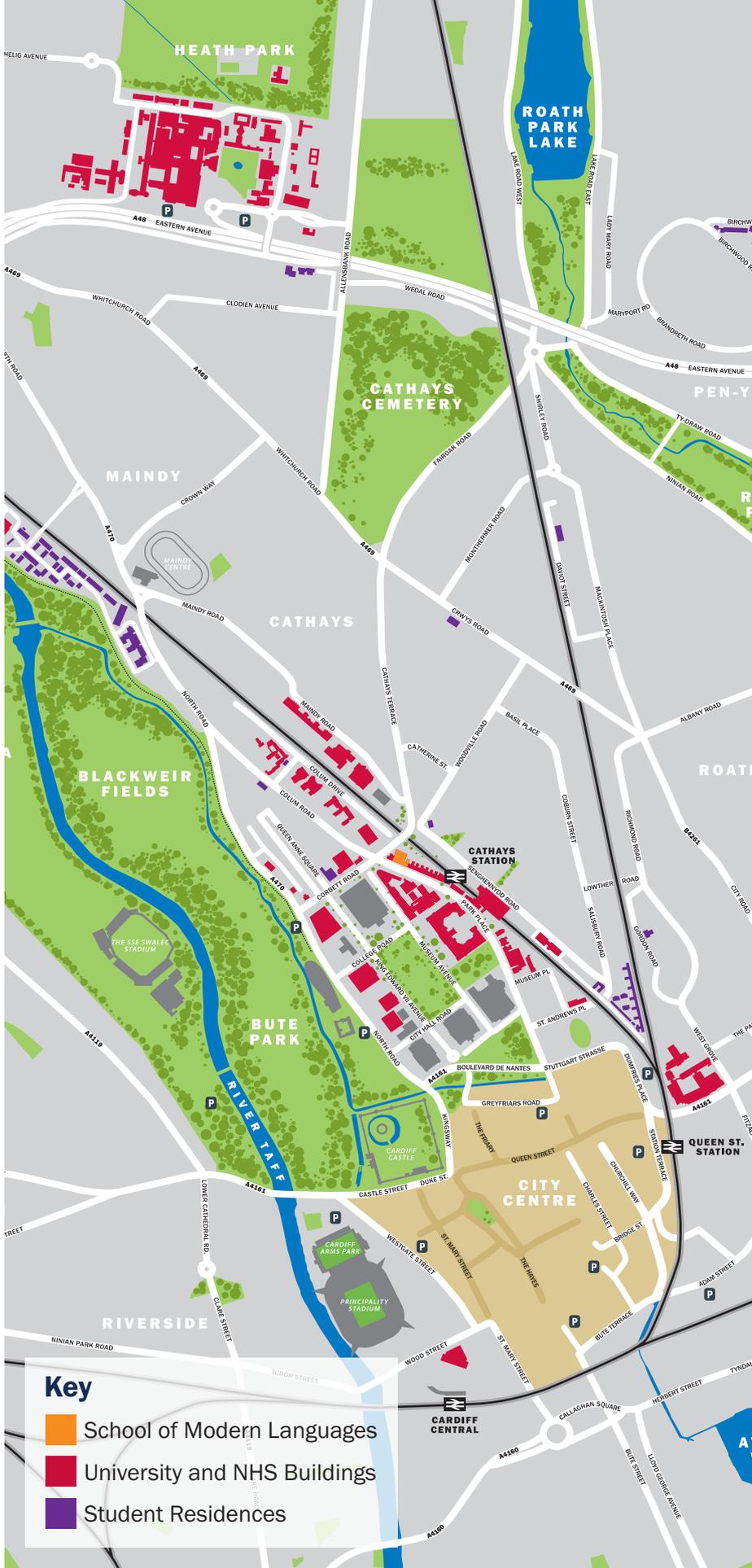
[www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

Student Finance England:

[www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk)

Student Loans Company:

[www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)



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- Student Residences

**How to find the School**

The School of Modern Languages is located at 65-68 Park Place, which is situated at the heart of Cathays Park Campus, a short walk from the city centre. The buildings are very close to the Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from the University Halls of residence.

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## Student Bloggers

From study tips to where to eat, to societies, weekend trips and where to get your books, our student bloggers are real students talking about the reality of being a student at Cardiff.

Don't miss their latest blogs for the chance to find out more about what it's like to study and live in Cardiff.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentbloggers](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentbloggers)

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