School of Modern Languages

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

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Welcome

With over 800 students and 60 academic staff, the School offers a friendly, diverse environment. Personal tutors ensure support throughout your degree programme.

Close links with top universities across Europe provide exciting options for a year abroad immersed in a foreign culture.

100% of our submitted research was benchmarked as internationally important, with 94% classed as ‘internationally excellent’ or ‘world-leading’.

Source: 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF)
Our **Student Language Ambassador** scheme offers the opportunity to work in schools across South Wales.

94% of our graduates were in employment and/or further study, due to start a new job or course, or doing other activities such as travelling, 15 months after the end of their course.


The Spanish Embassy and Goethe Institute have **satellite offices** at our School. We are home to the Confucius Institute and enjoy **close links** with the Italian Cultural Delegation, Japan Foundation, Instituto Camões and Institut Ramon Lull.

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Choose Cardiff

Modern Languages have been taught at Cardiff University since it first opened its doors in 1883 and continues to grow from strength to strength.
The world around us has changed dramatically since the 1880s, however, the need for graduates with strong language skills, excellent inter-cultural awareness and the ability to navigate different national contexts has become greater and greater.

We see in each and every one of our students the impact and transformative power of languages in personal, educational and career terms.

Languages are crucial in the global challenges of the twenty-first century. In a world of global business transactions and digital connectivity, our graduates with their specialised language qualifications have the skillset and abilities to navigate today’s transnational world successfully.

We pride ourselves on the supportive, welcoming environment that we offer you when you join our School.

Our community of staff and students from around the globe are joined together by a shared love of different languages and cultures. Our programmes, like the world for which they were designed, do not stand still. In recent years we have extended our provision in Translation Studies and added Chinese and Portuguese pathways to our undergraduate offering. For postgraduate students we offer two MA programmes, Global Cultures and Translation. We continue to develop our curriculum and programmes to enable you to prosper both in your chosen career and as a global citizen.

With a global, transnational focus, our programmes allow you to study languages and cultures not only in particular countries, but in a more global context. You can take all of the languages we offer as a beginner or as an advanced learner, and full details of each language we offer may be found in this brochure alongside details of our popular Translation Studies programmes. The degree programme offers a three or a four-year degree depending on whether you choose to study or work abroad for a year.

Our students are key to everything we do, and we watch with pride as they progress through the world of work, supporting them and keeping in touch. This brochure includes feedback from them, students past and present, to show you what is possible with one of our degrees.

Many of our graduates are living exciting, multilingual lives in countries around the world and their profiles underline the very many career opportunities a Modern Languages degree can provide you.

Professor David Clarke
Head of School
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. Our degrees have been carefully designed to meet the demand for language skills in a range of different sectors, 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 and international business. The list is endless!

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, reveling 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 intrepidness 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...
Studying with us

Be part of our community
We are one of the most dynamic language schools in the UK and we pride ourselves on the close-knit community that we’ve cultivated between staff and students to ensure that both thrive. We have approximately 800 students and 60 academic staff and all our teaching takes place at our central location on Park Place, Cardiff.

The high regard in which we are held is reflected in the relationships we’ve cultivated outside the University. Both the Spanish Embassy and Goethe Institute have chosen our School as a location for satellite offices and we are also home to Cardiff Confucius Institute.

Focus on the ‘transnational’
We revised our curriculum in 2018 and shifted the focus so that our programmes would concentrate on the ‘transnational’. Instead of thinking about languages as something specific to a country or region, transnational teaching looks at languages and cultures and how they sit in the wider world.

Our new curriculum has been cited as innovative best practice in the sector by the University Council of Modern Languages. It has been designed as a clear and coherent learning arc that scaffolds you as you progress. This ensures that you build skills and knowledge that allow you to progressively specialise as you move through your studies.

Year one provides a broad base of studies which equips you for immersion into the language and cultures you have chosen. From year two you will have real choice in following different specialisations, from cultural studies, to translation, to the world and language of business. This prepares you for your year abroad, and for specialised research-led study in the final year. What we teach in the final year of our programmes has been co-produced with our students; ensuring that you are at the heart of everything we do.

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.
Studying with us
Gain real experience while you study

Student Teaching module
We provide you with the opportunity to gain experience in teacher training via an optional module in your final year.

The Student Teaching module allows you to go into local secondary schools and teach pupils who are learning foreign languages. You will have the opportunity to observe teaching by professionals, take part in classroom activities and generate new learning materials. This in turn enhances your ICT, presentation, preparatory and organisational skills and, ultimately, your employability.

If you’re hoping to become a teacher after university this valuable experience can be used to feed into your PGCE application. We offer a dedicated (optional) training session for PGCE applications with an expert in the field.

Inside Out
We provide final year students with the optional opportunity to work with prisoners in Cardiff Prison. Inside Out is an educational exchange in which semester long modules are delivered to mixed classes of imprisoned learners and undergraduates inside HMP Cardiff. This transformative form of teaching works by breaking down boundaries. Both groups of learners are put in spaces that neither would normally inhabit and places them on an equal footing.

The scheme is mutually beneficial to the University and the prison, improving the experience and opportunities of both prisoners and undergraduates.

Modern Foreign Languages Student Mentoring Scheme
The Modern Foreign Languages Student Mentoring Scheme was launched in 2015. The scheme places undergraduates from Cardiff, Swansea, Bangor and Aberystwyth Universities into local schools to mentor pupils and encourage them to consider modern foreign languages when choosing their GCSE options.

As a student mentor you will undertake weekly mentoring and coaching sessions for your pupil mentees in small groups across the academic year.

This scheme has achieved great success, working with nearly half of all secondary schools in Wales. Partner schools have reported on average a doubling in the number of pupils choosing languages at GCSE, as well as improved motivation to continue studying and go to university.

Talk to us
You will be assigned a personal tutor for the duration of your degree, who will be a member of academic staff at the School of Modern Languages. If you are studying a joint honours programme you will have a personal tutor in each School. Personal tutors are there to advise on academic and personal matters in a confidential and informal manner. Your personal tutor will also supply references in support of any applications you may make for jobs or postgraduate courses.

In addition to your personal tutor, you will be supported by our Student Cases and Support team, whose role is to provide advice on procedures and regulations that affect your studies and sign-posting to the relevant teams in Student Support. If you have a disability, long-term health condition or specific learning difficulty, the Student Cases and Support team alongside our Academic Disability Officer will be able to support you throughout your studies.

Hone your skills and live your language
Immersing yourself in a culture and interacting with native speakers is the best way to develop and improve your language skills. In your third year, you’ll have the opportunity to do this when you spend a semester abroad either working, studying or taking part in the British Council’s English Language Assistant Scheme in a country where your chosen language is spoken.

We have developed partnerships with a range of excellent universities which means you can study in some of the most iconic and inspiring cities around the world.

Students have previously travelled to Paris, Berlin, Milan and Barcelona, as well as many other destinations across Europe. Students studying Spanish also have the option to spend their year abroad further afield in Latin America in locations which have included Lima in Peru and Guadalajara in Mexico. Students who have chosen to study Japanese have had the opportunity to study in universities in Tokyo, Kyoto, Beppu, Saitama, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kitakyasha and Yokohama.

Alternatively, you can take advantage of the British Council’s English Language Assistant Scheme. Every year, around 2,500 language assistants from the UK support the teaching of English in 14 countries around the world. The British Council provides you with training in your destination country and this opportunity provides excellent experience and enables you to earn a salary while you are away.

The flexibility, independence and problem solving skills that you develop during your year abroad are often cited by employers as a major reason for employing them after graduation.
After graduating, I went straight into employment at Cardiff City FC as a Player Liaison Officer where I used my language skills every day. This involved activities such as translating team-talks for our first team players to planning trips for our scouts to go and find the next big players. Without a doubt, my time at Cardiff University has been instrumental in helping me along my career path.

Callum Davies, Welsh and French (BA)
A language or translation degree from Cardiff University can lead to a multitude of exciting and varied career options.

Our graduates are now working in diverse fields that include travel & tourism, finance, sales and marketing, publishing, engineering, technology, the civil service and sport.

When you join us, you can gain support from the University’s Careers and Employability Service which includes:

• one-to-one sessions by appointment
• workshops on topics such as CV writing and interview preparation
• access to careers fairs throughout the year
• professional networking events and employer presentations
• mock interviews
• information on internships and graduate training programmes
• up-to-date careers information and links to additional graduate careers resources
• access to the online learning module, Your Career Journey, via the Student Intranet
• enterprise and entrepreneurial activities
• links to the Global Opportunities Centr(GOC)
• an opportunity to complete an employability award (Cardiff Award)
• work experience and placement opportunities
• specialist support from Go Wales (for eligible students).

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

After graduating, I secured a three-month internship at an education company, which led to a full-time executive position. After 15 months in the role I applied for the job of National Coordinator of the Modern Foreign Languages Student Mentoring Project.

There is no such day as a regular day in this job - which is why I love it! The project works in partnership with four Welsh universities and from meetings with funders, to meetings with learning technologists, to attending conferences and liaising with schools and mentors, my days are full of variety and lots of interesting people.

Lucy Jenkins,
Italian and English Literature (BA)
I will always remember my time at Cardiff University with fond memories. It was a place where I grew as a person, found independence, and was able to pursue my aims in life. Since graduating I have worked as a Senior Associate in assurance for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) at their Cardiff office and have completed my chartered accountancy exams.

Ellie van Klaveren, History and French (BA)
Our degree programmes

Chinese

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

Why study Chinese?
Mandarin Chinese 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 considered an advantage to securing 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.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

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. It’s so interesting to learn how China’s culture and society is being impacted by the country’s rapid development. 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 is the Chinese characters. Although it is one of the hardest things to learn (there’s just so many of them!), it feels so rewarding when I am able to recognise the characters and understand more of the various Chinese texts.

Agnieszka Ziajor, Chinese (BA)

Chinese study options | UCAS code
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Chinese (BA) | RC13
Modern Chinese (BA) | RC12
Modern Languages and Translation (BA) | 76D3
French

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.

Don’t just take our word for it... 

Living independently in France helped to push me out of my comfort zone, and develop greater confidence when meeting new people.

Charlotte Boland, Law and French (LLB)

French study options

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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 speaking 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 2020. We are also home to the Goethe Institute which has a satellite office in our School.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

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 Chambery 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.

Meriel Dhanowa, French and German (BA)

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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.

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 leading force in fields such as engineering and architecture. It is also 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.

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.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

I’ve particularly enjoyed the conversation classes (in both Spanish and Italian) where every week we are able to explore various contemporary topics which are affecting us worldwide. For example, in Italian we have recently discussed the implications of Brexit within the EU and what the benefits and drawbacks are. I have also really enjoyed the culture modules that are offered within the School.

Conor Graney,
Italian and Spanish (BA)

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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.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

I have found that the most valuable aspect of the School of Modern Languages is the small size of the language 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 and was offered a job in Osaka for a Japanese company in their sales department.

Stephen Barr,
German and Japanese (BA)

Japanese study options  UCAS code
Business Studies and Japanese (BSc)  NT12
French and Japanese (BA)  TR21
German and Japanese (BA)  TR22
International Relations and Politics (with a Language) (BScEcon)  L292
Italian and Japanese (BA)  TR23
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)  76D3
Spanish and Japanese (BA)  TR24
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.

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.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .
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 personalised lessons, it is a very comfortable environment and the lessons always feel so laid back.

Katherine Pickering, Portuguese and Spanish (BA)

The BA Joint Honours in Portuguese offers specially-developed courses for students at advanced and beginner levels.

Regular contact with native speakers will support you in building fluency and awareness of different forms of Portuguese.

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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 and politics of the Hispanic world.

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 Spanish-speaking School.

Don’t just take our word for it…
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!

Eirian James, French and Spanish (BA)

Spanish study options | UCAS code
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Banking and Finance with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc) | N3R4
Business Economics with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc) | L1RY
Business Management with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc) | N1R4
Economics with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc) | L1R4
English Language and Spanish (BA) | QR3K
French and Spanish (BA) | RR14
German and Spanish (BA) | RR24
International Relations and Politics (with a Language) (BSc Econ) | L292
Italian and Spanish (BA) | RR34
Modern Languages and Translation (BA) | 76D3
Politics and Spanish (BA) | LR24
Portuguese and Spanish (BA) | G5V5
Spanish (BA) | R400
Spanish and Economics (BA) | LR14
Spanish and English Literature (BA) | QR34
Spanish and Japanese (BA) | TR24
Spanish and Philosophy (BA) | RV45
Welsh and Spanish (BA) | QR54
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
- 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.

Don’t just take our word for it…

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.

Anais Banneville,
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)

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Joint honours degree programmes

We offer a variety of programmes which allow you to study two languages side by side.

However, if you’d like to study languages but are also interested in subjects which are taught outside our School, a joint honours programme could be exactly what you are looking for.

By studying two subjects in different environments you automatically gain a different perspective. You’ll experience varied teaching and assessment styles and will learn flexibility; a quality increasingly required within the job market.

We work with several Schools across the University to provide a suite of exciting and complementary joint honours options which:

• allow you to concentrate on more than one subject area,
• give you access to a wider range of modules,
• encourage effective time-management,
• provide you with a host of transferable skills.

To help you see what joint honours programmes we offer, we’ve included a list on every language page.

Subjects are listed with their UCAS codes so that you can find out more detailed information on the University’s website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses
A capital city

Cardiff is a compact city with an enormous character. Nestled between the rugged coastline and breathtaking mountainous scenery of Wales, the country’s capital is a cornucopia of culture, marrying historical delights with cosmopolitan amenities.

Providing an endless array of activities, one stroll through its cobbled streets can see you learn about the rich tapestry of Cardiff’s past at Cardiff Castle before soaking in the atmosphere as the crowds spill from the Principality Stadium after one of the many sporting events it holds year round.

The vibrant and independent culinary scene is the heartbeat of the city. With something to please every palate, you can enjoy fine dining, plant-based treats and exotic cuisines from almost every corner of the globe, without forgetting Welsh Cakes for dessert!

Wales is the land of song, and Cardiff certainly contributes heftily to this legacy. This city is built with music running through its veins, from the oldest record store in the world Spillers Records, which is tucked away in Morgan Arcade, to more contemporary and intimate venues which host some of the world’s most exciting new musical talent.

Though your Cardiff bucket list may be bursting at the seams, be sure to make a little room for our National Museum which is a place of true wonder, while the iconic Wales Millennium Centre in the idyllic setting of Cardiff Bay is simply not to be missed.

Bustling with personality, Cardiff is a city made for students, offering an endless string of entertainment opportunities while remaining inexpensive and easy to navigate.

The modern shopping centres, aesthetic arcades, luscious green parks and thriving nightlife are a huge draw for living in Cardiff, though you’ll always find your way back to our Students’ Union, which is the true home of the student scene in the city.

“The official capital of Wales only since 1955, the buoyant city of Cardiff (Caerdydd) has, since the turn of the millennium, witnessed a remarkable evolution from a large town to a truly international city, with massive developments in the centre as well as on the rejuvenated waterfront. With a reputation as a party town, allied to lots of top-class sport and cultural attractions, it is one of the UK’s most enticing destinations.”

Rough Guide 2020
Our students learn from leading researchers in over 300 courses across the University. As Wales’ only Russell Group institution, we have gained an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, which is built from our history of achievement since 1883.

Cardiff University becomes home for approximately 5,500 new undergraduate students every year. While competition for places is strong, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive university, welcoming applications from everyone who wishes to study with us.

We are a global university with over 7,900 international students from more than 100 countries and open our doors to all applications, irrespective of background.

Facilities and development
Committed to investing in our services, Cardiff University is home to new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities to name a few, with more exciting developments continuously underway.

We take our environmental, safety and security responsibilities seriously, embracing our comprehensive Energy, Water and Waste Policy, which is already making great savings in energy consumption and helping us to do our bit to tackle climate change.

Global Opportunities
We are partnered with over 300 leading institutions across the world, and our Global Opportunities team will help you to gain valuable international experience, through study, work or volunteering.

Supporting you
Our student support and wellbeing centres deliver a substantial range of services available to all students that are free, impartial, non-judgemental and confidential, aimed to help you make the most of student life and support you during your study.

We are also rated as one of the best universities for supporting LGBT+ students and are proud to be ranked highly in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

Virtual campus tour
Discover more about the University and the city of Cardiff through our interactive online tour at:
virtualtour.cardiff.ac.uk
Living in Cardiff

“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 the perfect place to be a student. It mirrors the hive of activity a big city offers, but in an intimate and compact setting with endless character. Drink in the atmosphere, soak up the culture and get stuck into the host of activities available in our city; your new home.

A guarantee of accommodation
If you accept your offer of a place at Cardiff on a firm basis, you are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University accommodation during your first year, living with other first year undergraduate students.

The residential dates for your particular accommodation will be confirmed in your Offer of Residence.

Residence Life
While staying in Cardiff student accommodation, you will have access to the incredible service provided by the Residence Life Team who work tirelessly to enhance your student experience.

Working in partnership with Student Support and Wellbeing, the Residences Office and the Students’ Union, Residence Life will welcome you to Cardiff and help you to make a smooth transition into University.

They also help foster a strong sense of community through social events and cultural activities, as well as practical support too.

Students’ Union
Our Students’ Union is at the heart of the Cardiff student experience. It’s a student-led and independent part of the University, dedicated to making your time with us the best it can be.

Built on the foundation of inclusion, diversity, personal development and friendship, the Students’ Union runs a range of activities and services to help enhance your Cardiff University experience.

These include advice, training, skills development, entertainment, volunteering opportunities and employment throughout your time at Cardiff and to prepare you for a career after University too.

Find out more . . .

Accommodation
For further information please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
You can also watch our residences film online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxzX-dYLfB8

Students’ Union
facebook.com/cardifffstudents
snapchat.com/add/cardifffstudents
instagram.com/cardifffstudents
@cardifffstudents
www.youtube.com/cardifffstudents
Applications

To be considered for entry onto any of the undergraduate courses offered in the School of Modern Languages you should apply through UCAS:
UCAS, Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 3LZ, UK
www.ucas.com

Entry requirements
These typical requirements are for guidance. Please check our website for latest information.
Please note that for all of our programmes bar BA Modern Chinese and LLB Law and French, we have both advanced and beginner entry points.

A-level:
BA single honours (which includes programmes where you study two languages): ABB - BBB

Joint honours programmes: Please refer to our web pages for entry requirements for specific programmes.

WBA: The Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate will be accepted in lieu of one A-level (at the grades listed above), excluding any specified subjects.
IB: Please see our website for details.
Other: Applications from those offering alternative equivalent/overseas qualifications are welcome, as are those who may have other relevant work/life experience.

All degrees:
GCSE requirements (or equivalent):
GCSE English language is required at grade C or grade 4.

Specific subjects:
For combinations with the Business School, GCSE Maths at Grade B/Grade 6 is also required.

Equality and diversity
We are committed to supporting, developing and promoting equality and diversity in all our practices and activities.
We aim to establish an inclusive culture free from discrimination and based upon the values of dignity, courtesy and respect. We recognise the right of every person to be treated in accordance with these values.
We are committed to advancing equality on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief (including lack of belief), sex and sexual orientation and to fostering good relations between different groups.
For further information, please visit: www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/equality-and-diversity
Open Days
The University runs Open Days throughout the year giving anyone considering applying to Cardiff the chance to find out more about life at university and see what we offer.

If you apply and are offered a place, you will be invited to meet us at our specially-devised School Open Days. When making that important decision, we strongly encourage you to join us. Not only will you have the opportunity to hear more about our degrees, you will also meet staff, have the chance to talk to current students and to get the feel for our cosmopolitan capital city.

Student support
Whether or not you use student support services it’s reassuring to know that they are available to you should you need them. Every student is assigned a personal tutor but should you need extra support we have a range of services available to you. Such as;

- Disability and Dyslexia support
  - Email: disability@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844
- Counselling and Wellbeing Guidance
  - Email: wellbeingandcounselling@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4966

Scholarships and bursaries
For more information please visit the following website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships

Applications continued
How to find the School
The School of Modern Languages is located in the heart of Cathays Park Campus, just a short walk from the city centre. The buildings are very close to Cathays Railway Station, and are easily accessible from the University Halls of Residence.

Key
- School of Modern Languages
- University and NHS buildings
- Student residences

Important Legal Information
The contents of this brochure relate to the Entry 2022 admissions cycle and are correct at the time of going to press in October 2021. 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 at: 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.

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

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Student life
Got questions about student life? Get them answered at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentbloggers

Want to know more about life at Cardiff University? Our student bloggers are recording their experiences and are happy to answer your questions. Our student bloggers are real students studying on a range of courses. They are here to answer any questions you have about life at Cardiff University. What’s a typical day like? What clubs and societies are there? Is Cardiff’s music scene any good? It can be almost anything.