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Illustration in the ligne claire style by PhD student Andi Setiawan
The Department of Languages and Cultures (DeLC) has pioneered a distinctive approach to languages in the context of their related global cultures. We are ranked in the top two nationally for French, German and Spanish*. We continue to be a flagship department for developing a range of transferable skills for graduate employability, and are ranked in the top ten nationally.

Here at Lancaster we offer very flexible programmes, both within our department and in collaboration with 14 other subjects across the University. You can study a wide range of degree schemes in and with Chinese, French, German and Spanish, from both beginners and advanced levels; and Italian from beginners level. This variety provides a lively and dynamic environment for study. Student experience rankings of 3rd for German and 6th for French demonstrate that our students find studying with us an enriching and enjoyable experience*.

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

Our approach to our teaching and internationally recognised research is an exciting and intellectually challenging synthesis of both high-level language skills and wide-ranging cultural studies which are both comparative and transnational. Our degrees are also popular with visiting students from across the world, enhancing the international flavour of life in the Department.

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

*Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019
A global outlook
Whatever you study with us, your degree will be international in scope. Our teaching programme considers the global dimensions of the languages and cultures that we teach.

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

Fluency
Students on our major languages degrees (Chinese*, French, German and Spanish) graduate with near-native competence in their relevant language or languages thanks to the support they receive throughout their degree.

Learn a new language
We have a proven record in supporting students who are learning a language for the first time, meaning many of our students can add a new language to their degree beyond those already studied at A level.

Rapid progress
If you choose the beginners/post-GCSE option, our intensive language courses will quickly bring you up to full degree standard in our major languages.

Advanced and beginners levels
Chinese, French, German and Spanish may all be studied from advanced and beginner level; you could also choose to take beginners/post-GCSE Italian.

Ciao italiano!
Italian studied as a minor language takes students to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference.

Great for careers
We rank highly for graduate employability with The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 placing us 1st for French, 6th for German and 1st for Spanish.

Wide choice
You can choose from over 50 language degree combinations.

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Degrees and entry requirements

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Please see our website for any new courses to be offered.

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For information on fees, scholarships and additional costs you might need to consider, please see our website: lancaster.ac.uk/study
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Teaching and assessment

Your studies
Whilst maintaining a strong focus on intensive language learning, you will also study the cultures of the geographic areas where your language is spoken and their relationship with the wider world, either exclusively or in combination with another subject.

Learning in the Department
You will learn through a combination of interactive lectures, workshops, language lab sessions, seminars and independent study conducted either individually or in groups. Because language is taught exclusively in small classes, staff and students get to know each other well. We support new language learners by providing additional contact hours during your first 2 years.

Lancaster University has been awarded the highest possible score in the UK government’s 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) ratings. Our TEF Gold rating is based on high quality teaching, excellent teaching facilities and the good careers our graduates attain.

Guest lecturers
We regularly invite guest lecturers to teach on your degree programme. Recently the award-winning German author and performance poet, Ulrike Almut Sandig, ran a masterclass in performance poetry with first and second year students. Such events really bring texts to life so that they literally leap off the page.

We engage with language professionals to bring real-world experience into the academic environment.

+ Roman Ehrlich, a young German contemporary writer, visited us to listen to our students’ translation of his work.
+ Michael Krüger, a German publisher shared with students his life in literary publishing.
+ Benoît Peeters, Visiting Professor in Graphic Fiction and Comic Art worked with our second- and final-year students on translating comics.
+ Canan Marasligil, multilingual translator and poet of Turkish origin, offered comics and video translation workshops to our students between French, Spanish, and English.
+ Our in-residence literary translator Sophie Lewis organised group reading sessions, ‘translation surgeries’ and workshops, and delivered a talk and Q&A on ‘On Translating Music and Philosophy in Noémi Lefebvre’.

Assessment
As a guide, most of our degrees have a 40% coursework, 60% exam assessment pattern. Usually tutors in the Department return written work promptly, with constructive comments, and with individual attention; this is normally within three weeks of submission for non-language work and within two weeks for language coursework.

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

Please contact us for details of the degree structure for our joint degrees. We keep our degree programmes under constant review, and also regularly introduce new modules. In any academic year, the list of modules offered may therefore differ from that presented here. Please check our website for the latest information: lancaster.ac.uk/study

**Year 1**

- **Language studies (advanced or beginners)**
- **Flexible subject option**
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Enhances linguistic proficiency in a variety of styles and uses through written, grammar and oral work. An integral ‘language in context’ course explores how key moments in history have shaped contemporary society, through the study of film, plays, novels and other types of text.

For single honours and the majority of joint honours degrees, you will be able to choose one module from a choice of subjects that are complementary to your major subject and are recommended by your Department. We encourage single major language students to incorporate a second language as a flexible subject option. After you apply for your degree we will confirm which optional modules are available and how to register for your preferred option.

**Year 2**

See module examples on page 17

- **Language studies**
- **Language-specific culture modules**
- **Comparative culture modules**
- **Flexible subject option**
- **Preparation for International Placement Year**

Continue your language studies in the advanced or beginners class.

You will deepen your understanding of the cultures of the individual languages you have chosen to study.

International in scope, these modules promote a comparative understanding of languages and cultures across Europe and further afield.

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Non credit-bearing module that prepares you for all aspects of your year abroad, including administrative, academic, finance and welfare support.

**Year 3**

**International Placement Year**

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

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

**Year 4**

See module examples on page 17

- **Language studies**
- **Comparative culture modules**
- **Specialist culture modules**
- **Dissertation (Compulsory for single major students)**

Consolidate your language proficiency in oral and written language classes. Former beginner and advanced level students come together in Year 4.

Select modules that compare aspects of language, culture and society across different countries as well as in aspects of Europe as a whole.

Work in-depth with specialist researchers in the cultures of China, Austria, Germany, France and the French-speaking world, Spain, and South America.

This 10,000 word dissertation enables you to specialise in a subject of your choice and develop skills in research and extended analysis.
Year 3
Returning to Lancaster for your third year, you will join final year Bachelor degree students in core language classes, elective comparative and specialist culture modules and write your dissertation (a dissertation is compulsory for single and combined language MLang students).

Year 4
Year 4 is the final year of the MLang degree and is a selective and accelerated four year BA with integrated MA. It allows you to go abroad in your second year and finish your BA in your third year; ready for Masters study level work in your final year. You may study either one or two advanced level languages for this degree.

Modules

Year 2
Language-specific culture modules (core)
- French
  - Shaping Contemporary France: Moments and Movements
- German
  - Shaping Contemporary German-speaking Europe: Moments and Movements
- Spanish
  - Shaping Contemporary Spanish-speaking Europe: Moments and Movements

Comparative culture modules (options)
- Understanding Culture
- Society on Screen: The Language of Film
- Translation as a Cultural Practice
- Economic and Social Change in France, Germany and Spain since 1945
- Language and Identity in France, Germany and Spain
- Professional Contexts for Modern Languages
  (work placement module)

Year 4
Language-specific culture modules (options)
- French
  - Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada
  - French Culture in the Digital Age
  - Modernity of Forms and Forms of Modernity in French Literature 1850-2000
  - French Modernism and Madness
- German
  - Images of Austria: National Identity and Cultural Representation
  - Literature and Fame in Contemporary Germany
  - ‘The Future Cannot Begin’: Speculative Fiction in German-speaking Europe
- Spanish
  - Memories of War and Dictatorship in Contemporary Spain
  - Life-Writing in the Hispanic World
  - Latin America and Spain on Film: Violence and Masculinities
  - Social Movements and Committed Writing in Mexico since 1968

Comparative culture modules (options)
- Autocrats, Caudillos and Big Men: Understanding Dictatorship in its Cultural Representation in the Twentieth Century
- Contemporary Cities in Literature and Film
- Imagining Modern Europe: Post-Revolutionary Utopias and Ideologies in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century
- Mirrors across the Media
- Translation as a Cultural Practice

Year 2
International Placement Year
You will study a mix of language and culture modules at a partner university abroad. Your assessment will consist of 120 credits including a project (30 credits) and elective modules (90 credits) taken at the partner university.

Year 3
You will study core language studies, alongside elective modules as flexible subject options, as for other degrees in the Department. In addition, you will take the non-credit bearing ‘International Placement Year’ preparation module that prepares you for all aspects of your year abroad including administrative, academic, financial and welfare support matters.

Year 4
You will study a 20,000 word dissertation on a topic of your choice, with guidance from a supervisor in the Department. You will consult a range of primary and secondary sources and demonstrate critical evaluation of primary sources and their secondary literature.

MLang degree structure
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MLang Dissertation
+ Research Skills for Modern Linguists
+ Optional modules
+ Reading Theoretically
+ Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
+ Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
+ Independent Study Unit
Or another appropriate Masters module within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
Your international placement year

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

Studying abroad
You can choose to study any courses taught in your target language at one of our partner universities. Lancaster University’s current European partner institutions for languages degrees are:
- Bordeaux
- Lyon 3 (Université Jean Moulin)
- Rennes 2 - Haute-Bretagne
- École de Traduction et d’Interprétation (ETI), Geneva
- Dauphine Université, Paris - for Management and French Studies students only
- Université de Lausanne - for Management and French Studies students only
- Université de Lausanne - for French Studies and Geography students only
- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
- Universität Siegen
- Universität Trier
- Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
- Universidad de Córdoba
- Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao)
- Universidad de Deusto Business School - for Management and Spanish Studies students only
- Universidad de Granada
- Universidad Internacional de Catalunya (Barcelona)

All of these are Erasmus+ partners, except the Université de Lausanne which is part of a similar scheme called SEMP (Swiss European Mobility Programme).

The University also currently partners with the following institutions outside of Europe:
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla - Mexico
- HEC Montreal - for Management and French Studies students only

Students studying Chinese have the opportunity to undertake short study stays in China through the Confucius Institute, British Council or others. These opportunities are additional to your degree and do not form part of the assessed International Placement Year.

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

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

French
- Administrative and Commercial Assistant, JCM Conseil Immobilier, Papeete, Tahiti
- Website Coordinator and Client Liaison Roomalala, Paris
- Event Coordinator Cinema Festival - MJC Annonay, Annonay, France

German
- Transport Logistics Coordinator LKW Walther, Vienna, Austria
- Market Research Assistant GfK, Erlangen
- Project Management Trainee IFH Performance Solutions, Frankfurt
- Translator and Media Intern Siemens Niedorf, Paderborn
- Marketing Assistant Bricoflor, Wuppertal

Spanish
- Intern, Travel Agency Montevideo, Uruguay
- Teaching Assistant SEK Galicia, Spain
- Content Manager Intern Arroba Network SL, Madrid, Spain
- Marketing Intern Tui, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- Public Relations Intern Marco de Comunicación, Madrid, Spain

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

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

On my International Placement Year I split my time between studying in Lyon, France and working in Munich, Germany. In Munich, I worked for a sports translation agency called mmc sport. This job involved me translating websites and social media for a number of high-profile Bundesliga football clubs.

It was mainly an in-office job, however, now and again there was the possibility to go and watch live games while working which got me an all-expenses paid trip to the Allianz Arena!


Michael’s placement experience

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Meet our staff

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

Professor Rebecca Braun
Rebecca’s research into issues of authorship and celebrity, and the relationship between the media and the culture industry, feeds directly into her teaching. She currently teaches on the modules Cross-cultural Encounters in World Literatures and Literature and Fame in Contemporary Germany.

Dr Elena Polisca
Elena is a Senior Language Associate in Italian and our Admissions Tutor. She teaches Italian language and translation alongside culture seminars. She is interested in language pedagogy and didactics, intercultural awareness, learner autonomy, and language assessment and feedback.

Dr Sam O’Donoghue
Sam’s research spans French and Spanish literary studies, comparative literature, memory studies, cultural history, and aesthetics. He is interested in the legacy of the Spanish civil war and Franco’s dictatorship in modern-day Spain and his research feeds into his final year module Memories of War and Dictatorship in Contemporary Spain.

Dr Charlotte Baker
Charlotte’s specialism is literary and cultural representations of marginalised groups in sub-Saharan Africa, and the Francophone West African dictator novel. These interests inform her modules including Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada.

Societies
Our students take part in a very wide range of student societies, including the Study Abroad Society and other clubs connected to sport, travel and language. A popular annual event is participation in the Sauerkraut Cup football tournament for all students of German throughout the UK and Ireland.

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

Placements and Volunteering
We encourage students to take up a variety of work placements in industry and education, both while in Lancaster and internationally during the International Placement Year. You can opt to take our work-based learning module (Professional Contexts for Modern Languages) in the second year. On this module you will develop, reflect on and articulate both the range of competencies, and the linguistic and cross-cultural skills that enhance employability by undertaking a language-related professional placement.

Other opportunities to gain work experience include volunteering as a supervisor in our languages resource centre, or paid work as a student ambassador representing the University at events. We work collaboratively with Lancaster University Students’ Union to provide opportunities for you to volunteer in local schools as a classroom assistant or reading buddy. There are also roles on campus such as organising activity days for school groups.

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

We have a departmental Employability Champion who advises students on their strengths and possible future careers. Employability resources and job ads are uploaded and constantly updated on our web platform and we have an active DeLC Alumni Facebook group to stay in touch and continue to promote opportunities once you have graduated. Within the Faculty there are specialist careers advisors and opportunities to apply for paid work placements to help you gain experience and prepare for your future career.

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

Careers-related events
We hold ‘Careers with Languages’ events where you can meet major employers who recruit graduates with language skills. Alexika, a local translation firm, visited campus and explained to students what they are looking for in job candidates and how valuable languages are to their business. Such events are a great opportunity to gain insight into how to stand out from the crowd in the graduate market.

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

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

- International Marketing and Digital Solutions
- European Sales and Expedition Executives
- International Business Development and Project Managers
- NGOs and Development Consultancy
- Human Resources and Industrial Relations Officers
- MA Translation students
- PGCE students
- Other postgraduate study (in Arts Consultancy, Cultural Studies or Law)

Vicky Hilton,
Head of Modern Foreign Languages
at Bridgewater School
Former student in Spanish Studies

My time as a language student studying Spanish Studies with a minor in Linguistics at Lancaster University was incredibly rewarding and enjoyable. I particularly enjoyed the range of modules available within a language degree course; studying film, literature and history made the language really come alive!

My International Placement Year as an English Language Assistant in Spain was incredible and led me to decide on a career in teaching back in the UK. I am now Head of Modern Languages and we run a Spanish Exchange every year with the school I worked at during my year abroad. Nothing but fond memories of my time in DeLC.

Ninh Hao
Marketing and Communications Manager for the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce
Former student in European Languages and Management Studies

Studying languages gave me the chance to work for the British Chamber in Chile which was an amazing International Placement Year opportunity! The many projects I finished include changing their email system to Google Apps for Business, assisting on all monthly and quarterly publications, and planning high profile Golf and Tennis tournaments. After graduation, I was offered a permanent position as the Marketing and Communications Manager, a position normally not offered to a graduate student.

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