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Our thoughts are with all who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic. For the latest information in relation to applying to Lancaster University, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/coronavirus/applicants

The Confucius Institute, County Main and Lancaster Square
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 ten nationally for French, German and Spanish*. We also continue to be a flagship department for developing a range of transferable skills and are ranked 1st in the UK for graduate prospects for French and Spanish*.

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

*Complete University Guide 2021
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.

Supportive language learning
We have a proven record in supporting students who are studying a language at both ab initio and advanced levels. By the end of their degree, our graduates have developed near-native language skills and made rapid progress in the understanding of the target culture of the language they are studying.

Great for careers
We rank highly for graduate employability with the Complete University Guide 2021 placing us 1st in the UK for both French and Spanish and German within the top 15.

Everything you want from your Language degree
# Degrees and entry requirements

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For information on fees, scholarships and additional costs you might need to consider, please see our website: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study)
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**Joint degrees (French + non-language)**

**Joint degrees (German + non-language)**

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**Will I study at advanced or beginners level?**

The majority of our degrees offer the opportunity to study the language from beginners or advanced level. Beginners level is suitable for those with a GCSE (or equivalent), or complete beginners. Our teaching programme rapidly progresses beyond GCSE level so you are not repeating your studies.

Advanced level is for those who have an A level (or equivalent) in the language. If you are interested in a multiple language degree, it is only possible to study one of the languages from beginners level. This is due to the extra workload involved in the beginners modules to bring you up to a high level quickly.

**Which languages can I study at which level?**

Chinese, French, German and Spanish may all be studied from advanced and beginners level. Italian may be studied from beginners level only and can only be a minor subject within your degree. It will take you to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference. Chinese may only be studied as a joint degree with another subject. This means we do not offer a single honours degree in Chinese Studies.

**Alternative entry requirements**

We welcome applications from students with a range of alternative UK and international qualifications. Further guidance can be found at: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements)
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. Our language classes are typically small enough for staff and students to get to know each other well and develop a strong sense of community. We support new language learners by providing additional contact hours during your first two years of study.

Assessment
As a guide, most of our degrees have a 40% coursework, 60% exam assessment pattern. Our tutors usually return written work promptly, with constructive comments, and with individual attention. We aim to return all coursework within four working weeks, helping you to improve in your future work.

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

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

- Bill Swainson, publisher and editor, delivered workshops on publishing and editing literary translations, offered careers guidance and one-to-one translation surgeries for students.
- Roman Ehrlich, one of the most unconventional and interesting voices among young contemporary writers in Germany was invited to listen to our students’ translation of his work.
- Sophie Lewis, Visiting Translator in Residence (French and Portuguese), worked with students on literary translation and offered guidance on careers in translation and publishing, while working on her translation of Leila Slimani’s latest novel.
- Benoît Peeters, Visiting Professor in Graphic Fiction, has worked with our second and final-year students on translating comics.
Degree structure

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

Year 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Year 2

See module examples on page 16.

| Language studies | Language-specific culture modules | Comparative culture modules | Optional module or minor | Preparation for International Placement Year |

Continue your language studies in the advanced or beginners class.

Deepen your understanding of the cultures of the individual languages you have chosen to study.

These modules provide a comparative understanding of languages and cultures across Europe and further afield.

We encourage single honours language students to continue a second language as an optional module.

Non credit-bearing module that helps you prepare for your international placement year, including administrative, academic, finance and welfare support.

Year 3

International Placement Year

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 16.

| Language studies | Comparative culture modules | Specialist culture modules | Dissertation |

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

Select modules that compare aspects of language, culture and society across different countries.

Work in-depth with specialist researchers in the cultures of China, 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.

Joint Degree Structure

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

We keep our degree programmes under constant review, and regularly introduce and update modules. In any academic year, the modules offered may therefore differ from those presented here. Similarly, the structure of our degrees may change in response to curricular developments and following consultation with students. Please check our website for the latest information: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study

Further information is available on page 18.
Our modules

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

Year 2

Language-specific culture modules (core)
- French: Shaping Contemporary France: Moments and Movements
- German: Shaping Contemporary German-speaking Europe: Moments and Movements
- Spanish: Shaping Contemporary Spain and Latin America: Moments and Movements
- Chinese: Shaping Contemporary China: Moments and Movements

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

Year 4

Language-specific culture modules (options)
- French: Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada
- French: French Modernism and Madness
- German: The Future Cannot Begin: Speculative Fiction in German-speaking Europe
- Spanish: Latin America and Spain on Film: Violence and Masculinities
- Spanish: Social movements and Committed Writing in Mexico since 1968

Comparative culture modules (options)
- French: Contemporary Cities in Literature and Film
- German: Dissertation
- Spanish: Mirrors across Media: Reflexivity in Literature, Film, Comics and Video Games
- Spanish: Translation as a Cultural Practice

MLang degree structure

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

Year 1

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

Year 2

International Placement Year

You will select a mix of language and culture modules at a partner university abroad. This constitutes 90 credits of your annual assessment.

You will write a project in the target language on a topic researched in the host country. This constitutes 30 credits of your annual assessment.

Year 3

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

Year 4

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

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

Optional modules
- Reading Theoretically
- Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
- Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
- Independent Study Unit

The module options may vary from year to year.

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Your international placement year

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

Studying abroad
You can choose to study courses taught in your target language at one of our partner universities. Lancaster University’s current European partner institutions for languages degrees are:
- Bordeaux
- Lyon 2 - Haute-Bretagne
- Ecole de Traduction et d’Interprétation (ETI), Geneva
- Universidad de Lausanne - for French Studies and Geography
- University of Trier
- University of Siegen
- Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
- Universidad de Córdoba
- Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao)
- Universidad de Granada
- Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Barcelona)
- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
- Universität Siegen
- Universität Trier
- Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
- Universität de Córdoba
- Universidad de deusto (Bilbao)
- Universidad de Granada
- Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Barcelona)

The University also currently partners with the following institutions outside of Europe:
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla - Mexico
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla - Mexico
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla - Mexico

If you are studying Chinese, during your International Placement Year you will be able to study or undertake a work placement in China.

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

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

**French work placements:**
- Brand Project Assistant, Nomen Communication Agency, France
- Business Development Intern, Maupard Fiduciaire, France
- Event Coordinator, MJC Annoney, France
- Website Coordinator and Client Liaison, Roomlala, France

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

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

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

Please note that overseas opportunities may be impacted by international travel or Government border restrictions.

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

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

**Work with the British Council**

Wiktoria Wilk,
BA (Hons) Spanish Studies with Chinese, Year 4
Meet our staff

Cyrille Rollet
Cyrille is a Teaching 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).

Dr Cornelia Gräbner
Cornelia researches how social and political transformations relate to poetic and imaginative languages and practices, and to critical thinking. Her research is comparative between different cultural areas across the world, and feeds directly into her teaching.

Dr Elena Polisca
Elena is a Senior Teaching 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.

Professor Jinghan Zeng
Jinghan Zeng is Professor of China and International Studies and Director of the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University. His research lies in the field of China’s domestic and international politics. He is the author of *The Chinese Communist Party’s Capacity to Rule: Ideology, Legitimacy and Party Cohesion* (2015). He has published numerous academic papers and frequently appears in TV and radio broadcasts including the BBC, Al Jazeera, and Russia Today (RT).

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 the module Francophone Voices: Literature and Film from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Canada.

Your life at Lancaster

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 news.

Placements and volunteering
We encourage you to gain work experience and offer a variety of work placements in industry and education while at Lancaster and during your International Placement Year. You can opt to take our work-based learning module (Professional Contexts for Modern Languages) in the second year. On this module, you will undertake a language-related work experience placement. You’ll consider the linguistic and cross-cultural skills you develop in the role and enhance your employability.

Other opportunities to gain work experience include volunteering as a supervisor in our Language Resource Centre, or paid work as a student ambassador representing the University at events.

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

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

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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. I have nothing but fond memories of my time at Lancaster.

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 undertook included 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 not normally offered to a graduate student.

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

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

Careers-related events
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