



School of Modern Languages

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

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Welcome



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

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

You **live, work** and **learn** in a world that is characterised by increasing diversity and globalisation. Study it via our **transnational curriculum** which will address a range of questions relevant to you.





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.

Source:
Higher Education Statistics Agency, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018/19*.

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 our offering continues to grow from strength to strength.



Compared to this long-standing history, I'm a relative newcomer, having started at the university in 2018, I then became Head of the School of Modern Languages in 2021.

Since joining the school, I have taught at undergraduate level, led one of our MA programmes, and supervised doctoral students. These experiences have shown me the dynamism of the school in terms of its teaching offer, its research culture and its service to students.

Although we're a small community of language learners, our output is far from modest. We think globally and are home to Cardiff's Confucius Institute, which is a collaboration between Cardiff University and Xiamen University. The institute provides high quality Chinese teaching that benefits the academic communities of both universities, but also the communities of Cardiff and surrounding areas with its range of outreach and engagement activities. The Spanish Embassy and Goethe Institute have also chosen us as the home for their satellite offices which is a great honour and a constant opportunity for collaboration.

We are at the forefront of research into modern language learning. Our award-winning Modern Foreign Languages Mentoring Scheme, funded by the Welsh Government, encourages young people to pursue multilingual lives. The approaches we have developed are now being rolled out as examples of best practice in Europe and across other disciplines in England.

Our teaching also sets us apart from other language schools. All our programmes are offered through a transnational lens, which gives us the opportunity to address a range of questions that are of relevance to you, our potential students, who live, work and learn in societies characterised by increasing diversity and ever greater global connectivity.



Our transnational curriculum will allow you to explore the place of the languages and cultures you chose to study in the wider world. I hope this brochure provides you with a snapshot of life at the School of Modern Languages and encourages you to come to meet us at an Open Day and join us when the time comes. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

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.

One of the highlights of our year is watching from the stage as our students graduate, revelling in their success and hard work.

Languages transform careers and educational paths, but they also transform lives. The majority of our undergraduates work, study or teach abroad in their third year on degree programmes which take our students around the globe. The value of the year abroad in CV terms is well-documented: it underlines the independence, strong communication skills, problem-solving capacities and intrepidity developed through our degrees. But the study of languages transfigures lives as well as CVs. Languages open the world to our graduates, enabling them to experience cultures from the inside as they immerse themselves in new worlds, gaining lifelong skills, friends and memories all over the globe. We love to see where languages take our undergraduates.

Come and find out where they might take you . . .



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 1 provides a broad base of studies which equips you for immersion into the language and cultures you have chosen. From year 2 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

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, Kitakyushu 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 language graduates.

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 have provided 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 were put in spaces that neither would normally inhabit which placed them on an equal footing.

The scheme was 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.





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 has been instrumental in helping me along my career path.

Callum Davies, Welsh and French (BA 2013)

Beginning your career



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 Student Futures (the university's careers 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
- an opportunity to complete an employability award (Cardiff Award)
- work experience and placement opportunities
- specialist support from Go Wales (for eligible students)

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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 2016)

Our degree programmes

Chinese



Chinese is the world's most widely spoken language. Learning Chinese and spending time in China will introduce you to a new world of history and tradition, culture and cuisine.

Why study Chinese?

China is the world's second biggest economy and is poised for further growth. It is one of the largest trading partners of the United States and most East and Southeast Asian countries.

We currently 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 1 and 2 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 1 and 4 in Cardiff and years 2 and 3 in Beijing. Before going to China, you will acquire a thorough grounding in Chinese history and culture as well as linguistic skills.



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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
Chinese (BA)	RC13
Modern Chinese (BA)	RC12
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3

French



“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 2020)

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.

French study options UCAS code

Banking and Finance with a European Language (French) (BSc)	N3R9
Business Economics with a European Language (French) (BSc)	L1R9
Business Management with a European Language (French) (BSc)	N290
Economics with a European Language (French) (BSc)	L160
English Language and French (BA)	QR31
French (BA)	R100
French and Economics (BA)	RL11
French and English Literature (BA)	RQ13
French and German (BA)	RR21
French and Italian (BA)	RR31
French and Japanese (BA)	TR21
French and Music (BA)	WR31
French and Philosophy (BA)	VR51
French and Politics (BA)	LR21
French and Portuguese (BA)	P6P9
French and Spanish (BA)	RR14
Law and French (LLB)	RM11
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3
Welsh and French (BA)	QR51

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.

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



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

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

Meriel Dhanowa,
French and German (BA 2018)

German study options UCAS code

Banking and Finance with a European Language (German) (BSc)	N3R2
Business Economics with a European Language (German) (BSc)	L1RX
Business Management with a European Language (German) (BSc)	N1R2
Economics with a European Language (German) (BSc)	L1R2
English Language and German (BA)	QR32
French and German (BA)	RR21
German (BA)	R200
German and Economics (BA)	RL21
German and English Literature (BA)	RQ23
German and Italian (BA)	RR32
German and Japanese (BA)	TR22
German and Music (BA)	WR32
German and Politics (BA)	LR22
German and Portuguese (BA)	S89P
German and Spanish (BA)	RR24
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3

Italian



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.

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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 2019)

Italian study options	UCAS code
English Language and Italian (BA)	QR33
French and Italian (BA)	RR31
German and Italian (BA)	RR32
History and Italian (BA)	RV31
Italian (BA)	R300
Italian and Economics (BA)	RL31
Italian and English Literature (BA)	RQ33
Italian and Japanese (BA)	TR23
Italian and Music (BA)	WR33
Italian and Philosophy (BA)	VR53
Italian and Politics (BA)	LR23
Italian and Portuguese (BA)	6YR4
Italian and Spanish (BA)	RR34
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3
Welsh and Italian (BA)	QR53

Japanese



A modern Asian language shaped by ancient customs and culture.

Why study Japanese?

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

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

We are a leading British centre for Japanese Studies. Japanese can be studied as part of a joint honours degree and can be combined with business studies, French, German, Italian, Spanish, or translation.

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

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

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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
Italian and Japanese (BA)	TR23
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3
Spanish and Japanese (BA)	TR24

Portuguese



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

Why study Portuguese?

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

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

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

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

You will also learn about the vibrant cultures and societies of the contemporary Portuguese-speaking world, from Europe to Latin America, Africa and Asia. You will explore the intersections between different Portuguese communities, and their relationships with other languages and cultures.

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

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

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

“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 2019)

Portuguese study options

UCAS code

French and Portuguese (BA)	P6P9
German and Portuguese (BA)	S89P
Italian and Portuguese (BA)	6YR4
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3
Portuguese and Spanish (BA)	G5Y5

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Spanish



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

Why study Spanish?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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!

Eirían James,
French and Spanish (BA 2012)

Spanish study options UCAS code

Banking and Finance with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc)	N3R4
Business Economics with a European Language (Spanish) (BSc)	L1R1Y
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
Italian and Spanish (BA)	RR34
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)	76D3
Politics and Spanish (BA)	LR24
Portuguese and Spanish (BA)	G5Y5
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

Study options

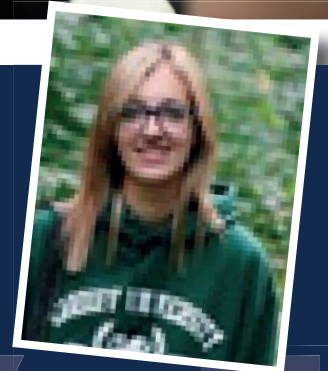
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Modern Languages and Translation (BA)

76D3

Translation (BA)

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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.

Anais Banneville,
Modern Languages and Translation
(BA 2020)

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 skillu

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

A leading university

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“Cardiff University is highly rated on a local and global scale.”

The Telegraph

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:

virtualltour.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, 2020



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/cardiffstudents

 snapchat.com/add/cardiffstudents

 instagram.com/cardiffstudents

 [@cardiffstudents](https://twitter.com/cardiffstudents)

 www.youtube.com/cardiffstudents

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.

BTEC: Single honours: DDM - DMM in Social Science, Humanities, Arts and Science subjects. Joint honours: see website.

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

Applications *continued*



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
- Counselling and Wellbeing Guidance
- International Student Support

Email: studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk
Tel: **+44 (0)29 2087 4844**

- Student Mentor Scheme
www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support

Tuition fees and financial assistance

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

Tuition fees

Please see the following website for more information: www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships and bursaries

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



Important Legal Information

The contents of this brochure relate to the Entry 2023 admissions cycle and are correct at the time of going to press in June 2022. 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.

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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

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Student life

Got questions about student life?
Get them answered at:

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