LANGUAGES
CULTURES
SOCIETIES
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WHY STUDY LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES AT LEEDS?

The School of Languages, Cultures and Societies offers a variety of subjects including ten world languages, linguistics, film and classics. You can choose one of these subjects, combine two languages, or study one language with another subject.

Our committed teachers ensure that our languages students reach an advanced level of fluency, but we also have experts in classical civilisation, history, politics, literature and film. You’ll gain the language and professional skills to prepare you for an international career in many sectors.

Our researchers are working at the very forefront of their disciplines and the 2014 Research Excellence Framework ranked the University of Leeds in 10th place for research power and 9th place for impact power, which judges research by its impact on the economy, public policy, civil society or culture. This means you’ll become part of a community of leading researchers and be taught by staff who are just as passionate about their subjects as you are.

OUR GRADUATES

Our graduates demonstrate expertise within a high profile, contemporary subject area; familiarity with an economically expanding part of the world; appreciation of other cultures and points of view; communication skills; project skills of research, analysis and persuasion; and workplace skills of delegation, time-management and negotiation. Language students also demonstrate high-level linguistic expertise and self-reliance from their year abroad.

To find out more about our School, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/lcs

University of the Year 2017
(The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide)

51st in the world
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures
(QS World Rankings by Subject 2018)

Top 10 for modern languages and linguistics
(The Guardian University League Table 2017)
LEARNING AND SUPPORT

LEARNING AT LEEDS

We have well-established student support systems to allow you to get the most from your time with us and help you gain in confidence and experience to become an independent learner. In the early part of your degree we will help you through the transition from school or college to university, and guide you as you take your learning to the next level to work increasingly independently.

You’ll have a personal tutor to help guide you through your time at Leeds. Studying at university is different from school or college in that you’ll benefit from a variety of teaching and learning styles. These include lectures, small-group seminars or tutorials and, in some modules, workshops. While your lecturers are all experts in their fields, and their teaching reflects this, there is greater emphasis on independent learning.

You’ll prepare for lectures and seminars by doing some independent research, which means reading, checking sources and discovering more information or new ideas related to your subject. Often you will do this on your own but you may also work in groups. Whichever the case, your lecturer or tutor will always be on hand to help.

FACILITIES

You’ll have access to Minerva, which houses online resources to support all our teaching, and the University Portal, which provides you with all the information you need for the day-to-day management of your degree. The UniLeeds app brings together useful information such as campus maps, computer cluster availability, your personalised timetable and much more.

The University has invested in a state-of-the-art lecture capture and multimedia management system. This means you’ll be able to access video and audio recordings of most of your lectures and other learning activities so that you can study at your own pace and revisit course content at any time.

Our Language Zone gives you access to free learning materials to support your study. Resources include an extensive collection of foreign language films, documentaries, magazines, newspapers and global satellite television feeds. You’ll also get free access to Rosetta Stone, the online language-learning software, with 24 languages to choose from.

Our Interpreter Training Suites also offer you the chance to explore a career in interpreting, and our Electronic Resource Information Centre houses specialised computing facilities to support translation studies.

You’ll also have access to over 1,800 networked PCs across campus and most areas have high-speed WiFi for you to connect your own devices.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library is one of the major academic research libraries in the UK. Its print and online collections attract students and researchers from around the world. It has a wealth of manuscript, archive and early printed material which you can use for individual and group research as part of your course.

We have four libraries on campus which provide a variety of different working environments, including flexible group study areas and silent individual study spaces. They are open seven days a week during term time and have a variety of opening hours to suit your needs.

The Library provides support for academic skills, including report and essay writing, delivering effective presentations and planning projects with expert library staff available to help.

www.library.leeds.ac.uk

92% student satisfaction
(National Student Survey 2016)

Top 3 student experience
(Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018)

We strive to make the transition to university as smooth as possible
### Single Honours Degrees

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BA LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
R1R1
4 YEAR DEGREE

Reach fluency in two languages with the opportunity to study a third through optional modules. At Leeds your joint language degree is a combination chosen from a selection of nine world languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Starting your language from scratch, or with an A-level, either way you’ll reach a professional standard in both your chosen languages, through intensive learning practice and your residence abroad. The rich diversity of expertise in our School means you’ll choose from a wide range of topics including literature, world cinema, popular culture, history and politics. You’ll explore cultures and societies across the world, while focusing on the countries where your languages of choice are spoken. In your final year, you can enhance your translation skills or business language and will develop an independent project.

You’ll gain the language and professional skills to prepare you for an international career in many sectors.

*see page x for the list of available language combinations in this degree

Residence abroad
You’ll spend your residence abroad in two countries where your languages are spoken. It’s the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in another culture while sharpening and refining your language skills every day.

You’ll spend a year in one country and a term in the other depending on the options available for your particular language combination. On your term abroad you may be able to complete a work placement or study at a partner institution. In your year-long residence, you may complete a work placement, teach English or study at a partner university, depending on the country where you’ll be residing. Whatever you decide, you’ll gain a new perspective and valuable work experience.

See the residence abroad pages for your chosen languages for details of your residence abroad options.

How to apply
Please see page 88 for additional information on how to apply to this course through UCAS.

BA Languages and Cultures
R1R1 possible combinations

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Shaded purple box = available language combination
I liked Leeds because of its impressive language department, so that together with my passion for Chinese and Spanish helped me to decide to study a dual languages course.

My lecturers are really knowledgeable and the seminars are varied – from one of my favourite modules about slavery in the Americas and the Caribbean, to translating real-life political and legal documents from Chinese.

For my year abroad I chose to spend my time studying in Shanghai – it was one of the best years of my life. I had the opportunity to travel across China and experience a completely different way of life meeting lots of new people. When I graduate I’d love to go back to Shanghai to work there. My term abroad was great too; I spent that in León in northern Spain and it gave me more opportunities to travel and practice my language skills.

Rob Floyd
Studying Chinese and Spanish A
ARABIC, ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AT LEEDS

Our courses provide intensive teaching of the Arabic language, as well as courses on Islamic and Middle Eastern studies. We teach Modern Standard Arabic, which is the official written language used throughout the Arab World in virtually all formal circumstances (religious, political, commercial, literary, media).

You’ll be able to study Arabic to an advanced level; practical language modules will teach you to speak and write fluently. You can also choose to study Arab drama, cinema, theatre, culture, politics, societies, religion and law.

For centuries a hub for high culture, civilisation, art, architecture and spirituality, the Middle East has long been a fascinating region to study. Today, given the economic importance of the Middle East and its changing political landscape since the Arab Spring began in 2011, there is a pressing need for experts who have knowledge of the history, politics and religious traditions of the region.

The expertise and research of our teaching staff means that as well as language modules you’ll be able to study a range of subjects and topics including: Islamic civilisation, the history of the Middle East, literature, politics, Islamic law, religion, culture and society.

What will I study?

BA ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES TVP6
You’ll embrace both language study and the study of Islam in terms of its rich theological, philosophical and legal traditions. A year abroad, usually in Morocco, will enhance your language competence and local knowledge. Our wide range of options allows you to select between modules ranging from Qur’anic studies, Turkish, Persian, literature, politics and translation studies.

BA ARABIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES Q146
Knowledge of Arabic and the Middle Eastern region is of growing importance in the modern world. This language-based degree promises expertise in language, literature and cultural awareness. You’ll receive a thorough grounding in spoken and written Arabic as well as gaining substantial knowledge of Middle Eastern cultural life. A year abroad in the Middle East consolidates both language learning and cultural studies.

BA ISLAMIC STUDIES V622
This course develops deep understanding and true appreciation of Islamic thought and practice. It embraces traditional Islamic sciences and provides insight into the way modern Muslims interpret Islam. You’ll be able to personalise your studies through an exploration of Islamic theology, law, philosophy and spirituality. You may wish to broaden your studies by examining how Islam is practiced in different countries, review Middle Eastern politics or build on your introduction to Arabic language study.

Native Arabic speakers and those with no prior knowledge of the language may apply.

BA MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES T600
This course provides you with an in-depth understanding of the multi-ethnic and multi-religious Middle East by looking a range of aspects of the areas history, politics, culture and society. You may wish to focus on the key issues shaping the domestic and regional politics of the Middle East, study its diverse culture and people, or explore how the Arab Spring has affected the region. You can also choose to study the Arabic language.

No knowledge of the Arabic language is required, although Arabic speakers are welcome and it is possible to select Arabic language as an option.

Example Year 1 modules
• Language Awareness and Skills
• Beginning Arabic
• Early and Medieval Islamic History
• Introduction to the Middle East: Politics, Culture and Religion

Example optional modules
• Persian for Beginners
• Turkish for Beginners
• Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilisation
• Introduction to Islamic Theology
• Politics, Cultures and Society

Language in context
Learn more about the region’s rich and diverse culture, history, politics and religions.
I think that a huge benefit of studying dual languages at Leeds is that you get to spend a year and a term abroad. I’ve spent a year in Morocco and will soon be going to Spain for my term abroad. By the time I get to my final year I’ll have a really good knowledge and practical experience of both languages.

My degree allows me to study both subjects in depth, so I feel that one doesn’t take priority over the other. I really enjoy the combination of Spanish and Arabic together too because they connect so well through history and language. I’ve loved learning about the origins and the similarities in traditions of both these languages and cultures.

I’ve been involved in Leeds Student Radio since I came here. This first-hand experience of media means I now feel like that’s very much the route I want to go down after university. I have big aspirations, and want to secure an internship in the Middle East or Latin America at a media company. Then I’ll be able to combine my passion for media and my language skills.

Mohamed Ayoub
Studying Arabic and Spanish

What other degree courses can I study the Arabic language with?

4-year courses
- BA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies QT36
- BA Arabic and Islamic Studies TVP6
- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
  Arabic combined with:
  – French
  – German
  – Italian
  – Portuguese
  – Spanish A
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
- BA Arabic and Portuguese RT56

5-year courses
- BA Arabic and Chinese TT61
- BA Arabic and Japanese TT62
- BA Arabic and Russian A RT76
- BA Arabic and Russian B RTR6
Residence abroad

**BA Arabic and Islamic Studies, BA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, or Arabic joint honours with a non-language subject**

You’ll usually spend a year studying at the Arabic Language Institute in Fes, Morocco.

Your residence abroad in Morocco will provide you with an unforgettable experience, enhance your language skills and give you a greater understanding of the Arab world.

You’ll be introduced to Arabic and Islamic culture, while strengthening your language skills both in terms of greater literacy and in the vernacular Arabic of Morocco. Past activities have included regional tours of Morocco and extracurricular courses in calligraphy and music.

The Arabic Language Institute has been carefully selected for its high-quality methods of teaching and success in running TAFL (Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language) courses. You’ll have regular communication with staff at the University and at the Institute and you’ll be supported before and after your time abroad.

Accommodation is either with a host family or in specially provided student accommodation.

**Arabic joint honours with another language**

You’ll normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken. However, a number of courses (including Arabic with Chinese/Japanese/Russian) are five-year courses requiring two years abroad.

**BA Islamic Studies or BA Middle Eastern Studies**

You can apply to study abroad at one of the 400 universities worldwide with which the University has partnerships. It may also be possible to undertake a work placement year.

For further information see [courses.leeds.ac.uk](http://courses.leeds.ac.uk)

**Middle Eastern Studies Student Society**

Our active student society organise film-screenings, dances and regular socials. Our Middle Eastern Studies society offers practical study tips, guest speakers and department socials, and the Islamic Society is a platform for students to gather, organise and participate in social, cultural and educational activities, as well as providing a united voice in expressing the views and aspirations of the Muslim student community.
EAST ASIAN STUDIES

You can study Chinese, Japanese, or Thai to an advanced level, while gaining a firm understanding of the historical, cultural, political, social, religious and economic contexts in which these languages are spoken.

You can focus on one subject area, or study two subject areas in a joint honours course – either within East Asian Studies or combined with another subject from across the University.

If you study a language course, you’ll spend time studying abroad at a university in China, Taiwan, Japan, or Thailand. No prior knowledge of the language is assumed in our courses, although we can usually accommodate those who have an A level in or equivalent knowledge of the language.

If you study a non-language course you’ll still have the opportunity to study abroad.

We are proud of the close and friendly atmosphere between staff and students who mix frequently for social and academic activities including films, seminars with guest speakers, photo competitions, Christmas parties and graduation balls. The East Asian Research, Japanese, Thai and Chinese societies all arrange regular events that are extremely popular amongst East Asian Studies students and the many East Asian students on campus.

Residence Abroad

If you study BA Asia Pacific Studies or BA East Asian Religions and Cultures, you’ll have the option to study abroad at one at one of the 400 universities we have partnerships with worldwide, including several in East Asia, or spend a year working in either the UK or to spend a year internationally.

Studying Asia Pacific Studies with a non-language subject will allow you to take a year abroad or year in industry.

If you study Asia Pacific Studies or East Asian Religions and Cultures with a language you’ll have a compulsory year abroad.

Chinese Study abroad options page 26
Japanese Study abroad options page 30
Thai study abroad options page 34
ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES T300
ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES (INTERNATIONAL) T301

Encompassing the countries of East and Southeast Asia, Pacific America and Oceania, and home to over a third of the world’s population, the Asia Pacific region enjoys great cultural, political and economic diversity. Flourishing economies, dynamic trade and spectacular megaprojects exist alongside increasing food insecurity and environmental degradation. Our courses in Asia Pacific Studies offer you the opportunity to study this region and its composite nations from historical, economic, political, social and cultural perspectives. All the modules are taught entirely in English. However you’ll also have the option of complementing your knowledge with the study of the Chinese, Japanese or Thai languages.

Year 1
You’ll study the historical and cultural origins of the Asia Pacific region. As well as core components, you’ll choose between optional modules covering Chinese civilisation, Japanese society or the peoples and cultures of Southeast Asia.

Year 2
You’ll examine regional political economies including political organisations, international business and development. If you select our international option, you’ll spend your third year as an exchange student at a partner university in the Asia Pacific region.

Years 3/4
You’ll deepen your awareness and understanding of history, politics, international relations, society, culture and political economy and development in the Asia Pacific region.

BA EAST ASIAN RELIGIONS AND CULTURES T413
Religious issues remain hugely influential in East and Southeast Asian societies, having impact on politics, society, family life, the individual, education, culture and the economy. This course offers a fascinating insight into East and Southeast Asian religions and philosophies, providing important tools if you decide to live or work in contemporary Asia. Modules are taught entirely in English. However you’ll also have the option of complementing your knowledge with the study of the Chinese, Japanese or Thai languages.

Year 1
You’ll develop knowledge of the historical development, major doctrines and social practices of Buddhism, Islam, Shinto, Christianity, Confucianism and Daoism in East Asia. You’ll also gain an understanding of the historical and cultural contexts of influential religious and philosophical texts whilst acquiring fundamental academic skills for the study of East Asian religions and cultures.

Year 2
You’ll choose from a range of modules, allowing you to focus on specific East Asian religions and study the complex interrelationships between religion, society and politics.

Year 3
You’ll demonstrate advanced skills in writing, analysis and critical thinking whilst deepening your knowledge of different aspects of religious studies and East Asian religions with a variety of module options.

What other degree courses can I study Asia Pacific Studies with?
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and International Relations TL32
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and Politics LT23
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and Chinese TT13
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and Japanese TT23

What other degree courses can I study East Asian Religions and Cultures with?
- BA Chinese and East Asian Religions and Cultures TV16
- BA East Asian Religions and Cultures and Japanese TV26
- BA East Asian Religions and Cultures and Thai Studies VT6H
I became interested in Japanese language, history and culture when I spent four months in Japan during my gap year, which made me decide to apply for a degree involving Japanese culture at university.

I have a great interest in the history, culture and politics of Northeast Asia and Asia Pacific Studies has allowed me to broaden my knowledge in all these areas. I’ve also had the opportunity to study abroad and learn Japanese, which has allowed me to study Japan in even greater depth.

I spent a year studying in Japan, in Akita prefecture (about a seven hour drive north of Tokyo). Living in a remote campus in the middle of the Japanese countryside was a very different experience to living in Leeds. It was a brilliant year for me and I learnt a great deal about traditional Japanese culture, as well as greatly improving my Japanese language skills. I would highly recommend doing a year abroad, as it added an extra dimension to my degree that I would not have had otherwise.

During my time at Leeds, I have been involved in the committee for the University’s LGBT Society as a Welfare Officer. In this role, I have been responsible for supporting the members of the society and working with the other committee members to organise events and run various workshops and talks for our members. This has taught me a range of different group skills that I expect to find extremely useful in any future career I choose to pursue.

Anna Wheeler
BA Asia Pacific Studies (International)
China’s increasing prominence in world affairs is obvious to all, but how much do we really know about China, with its rich history, and its complex emergence today as a modern, powerful nation? Studying Chinese language and culture will give you an insight into an increasingly influential part of the world, and open the way to a lifetime of personal enrichment as you delve deeper into China’s past and present. You’ll better understand how China has emerged as a modern, powerful nation, as well as how China views itself and the world from the inside out.

**BA CHINESE (MODERN) T100**

This course will equip you with the skills and experience that employers find invaluable. By the time you graduate, you will have successfully tackled a challenging language, lived in a very different society for at least a year, and learnt to analyse and write about China in a well-informed, incisive way.

**Year 1**
You’ll gain a solid foundation in the Chinese language, and an overview of the history and culture of China. This is in preparation for your year abroad, when you’ll take an intensive one-year course, taught entirely in Chinese at one of our partner universities in Taipei, Shanghai or Beijing.

**Residence Abroad**
You’ll take language courses provided by our partner universities, a great opportunity to improve your spoken and written Chinese. This is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in Chinese culture, giving you a real insight to life in the country.

**Year 3**
Studying both language and non-language modules will encourage you to reflect critically on your experiences in East Asia, and interpret relevant material in a wider sense, fitting it into the broader social, political, economic and cultural context of present day China and the Asia Pacific region.

**Year 4**
You’ll use your language skills with greater accuracy and sophistication in a range of contemporary contexts. You’ll have options to study politics, law, society and development, and contemporary, modern or pre-modern literature. You’ll also further develop your understanding of Chinese society and culture and produce a dissertation on a topic of your choice related to Chinese history, society or culture, using both English and Chinese language sources.

**What other degree courses can I study the Chinese language with?**

**4-year courses**
- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1 Chinese combined with either: French; German; Italian A; or Spanish A
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and Chinese TT13
- BA Chinese and East Asian Religions and Cultures TV16
- BA Chinese and Portuguese RT51

**5-year courses**
- BA Arabic and Chinese TT61
- BA Chinese and Italian B RTH1
- BA Chinese and Japanese TT12
- BA Chinese and Russian A RT71
- BA Chinese and Russian B RTR1
- BA Chinese and Thai TL31
I chose to study at the University of Leeds because of the module choices and the flexibility of my course. There are many different modules on offer and I can also take a discovery module in almost anything I want – I’m spoilt for choice! Languages have always greatly interested me; from a young age I have enjoyed watching foreign films and travelling to different countries. I also believe languages are a great way to integrate into new cultures and give you more opportunities.

By learning two languages I have gained more confidence, especially in public speaking and generally in social situations, as in our language classes we give presentations and converse in the language we are studying. My year abroad was the greatest experience of my life and I felt I was well prepared by East Asian Studies and the University. My language ability increased a lot seeing Chinese characters and speaking Chinese every day. The classes were small so we had plenty of chances to speak and I was able to make a smooth and quick transition.

I lived with a Taiwanese host family for 3 weeks, which gave me an insight into the daily life and culture in Taiwan. I also had the chance to travel a lot – I cycled with a friend down the east coast of the country and saw a lot of beautiful scenery. I was based in the capital city Taipei, where there is always something going on and everyone was friendly and wanted to help me improve my language skills. People weren’t afraid to correct my Chinese and were always willing to help.

Gard-Pinn Grace Lee
Studied Chinese and German
JAPANESE

Japan is an economic powerhouse, a world leader in technology, and an important player on the global stage. Its varied cultural landscape, from manga cartoons to Zen Buddhism, continues to fascinate.

BA JAPANESE T210

As well as developing advanced language skills in Japanese, you can focus on Japan’s politics, society and its cultural expressions. You may also choose to put more emphasis on Japan’s interaction with its neighbours across the Asia Pacific region, or on Japan’s role in international development. Specialist modules will develop your ability to analyse both historical issues and contemporary developments in Japan.

Year 1

Intensive language study will enable you to acquire the necessary language skills to live and study in Japan on your year abroad. You’ll also study Japanese history, culture, politics and society.

Residence Abroad

You’ll study at one of our exchange universities across Japan. We have partnerships with universities in Tokyo and Kyoto, and also in smaller cities or more suburban areas. While abroad, you’ll achieve a high level of day-to-day language proficiency and learn from your experience of living in a different culture. You’ll take part in Japanese language classes and go on field trips.

Year 3

You’ll further develop your linguistic skills and enhance your understanding of modern and pre-modern Japan. You’ll build on the extensive experience acquired during your year abroad to explore and specialise in areas relating to the history and culture of Japan, or socio-economic developments in the region.

Year 4

You’ll use your Japanese with greater accuracy and sophistication in a range of contemporary contexts, whilst further developing your understanding of Japanese society and culture. You’ll have options to study politics, international relations and development, and modern literature, film, culture and identity. You’ll also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice related to Japanese history, society or culture, using both English and Japanese language sources.
"I spent a year studying in Kobe, close to Osaka, Japan’s second largest city. I studied at Kobe Gakuin University. During the year I got the opportunity to travel to many different parts of Japan by road, rail and sea, from the tourist traps (Tokyo, Kyoto) to other lesser-known but equally interesting cities and beautiful areas of countryside. The places I saw, the people I met and the activities I took part in are what really stand out for me in my memories of Japan.

As a language student it was a fantastic opportunity to improve my language skills, but I also think it helped me mature as a person. Being a foreigner and having to adapt to a different way of doing things is a humbling and enlightening experience. You learn to reassess your own values and opinions and become more accommodating and accepting of other people’s. It’s a cliché, but languages really do open up your world.

I think that people who speak only their native language are restricting their understanding and appreciation of the world they live in. I love being able to chat to international students or read foreign newspapers to get a different view of things. I have no regrets about choosing to study two languages and I would encourage anybody who’s committed and enthusiastic about languages to apply too."

Laurence Newbury-Payton
Studied French and Japanese

What other degree courses can I study the Japanese language with?

### 4-year courses
- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
  Japanese combined with either: French; German; Italian A or Spanish A
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
- BA Asia Pacific Studies and Japanese TT23
- BA East Asian Religions and Cultures and Japanese TV26

### 5-year courses
- BA Arabic and Japanese TT62
- BA Chinese and Japanese TT12
- BA Italian B and Japanese RTH2
- BA Japanese and Russian A RT72
- BA Japanese and Russian B RTR2

As a language student it was a fantastic opportunity to improve my language skills, but I also think it helped me mature as a person. Being a foreigner and having to adapt to a different way of doing things is a humbling and enlightening experience. You learn to reassess your own values and opinions and become more accommodating and accepting of other people’s. It’s a cliché, but languages really do open up your world.

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THAI STUDIES

Thailand has been one of the most dynamic countries in the world in recent decades, in terms both of economic transformation and political change. Dramatic economic growth and its social, political and environmental consequences have created an interesting array of opportunities for employment in sectors such as education, language teaching, business, diplomacy, the non-governmental sector, human resource development, advocacy, research and media.

BA THAI STUDIES T311

Studying Thai at Leeds will allow you to develop language skills while discovering the cultural, political and historical context of this unique country. You’ll graduate with a range of skills and experiences that will give you access to the many opportunities that the Southeast Asian region offers.

Year 1

You’ll follow an intensive course in Thai language and culture; you may also take modules covering politics, economic development and social change in the region. This year will prepare you for your year abroad.

Residence abroad

You’ll spend a year studying at Chiang Mai University in northern Thailand. You’ll not only consolidate your language abilities, but also immerse yourself in Thai culture and society. You’ll attend intensive language courses as well as lectures in other subjects conducted in Thai. You’ll also undertake research for a project to be submitted to the University of Leeds.

Chiang Mai is Thailand’s second largest city, located in the beautiful north of the country. Chiang Mai University is the first Thai university to be established outside of the capital. Its notable former students include the current Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. You’ll have plenty of opportunities to develop your conversational and reading skills during your time in Chiang Mai.

By the end of your year in Thailand, you’ll be able to communicate more effectively with native speakers of Thai, in a variety of contexts, as well as being able to read Thai newspapers and undertake research using other Thai sources. You’ll have gained a much deeper understanding of Thai society, culture, politics and development.

Many students use this extended period of time overseas to travel in the region and explore job opportunities. Students can extend their stay over the summer period after they have completed their year abroad. They then return to Leeds in September to continue their next level of study.

Years 3 and 4

You’ll develop advanced and vocational skills in written composition, translation, debate and verbal presentation. Topics will include the emergence of the Thai nation, how Buddhism has shaped society and exploring contemporary Thailand through its distinctive media.

What other degree courses can I study the Thai language with?

4-year courses

- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
- BA East Asian Religions and Cultures and Thai Studies VT6H

5-year course

- BA Chinese and Thai Studies TL31
A highlight of my time at university so far has been my year abroad in Thailand, where I spent most of the year at Chiang Mai University. Although I was initially nervous to be so far away from home, I found myself able to adjust to the new environment and settled in quickly. This fantastic experience allowed me to explore Thai culture and really helped me to learn fast and improve my communication skills. As someone who sees themselves as an introvert, the year really helped me with my confidence, helping me cope with new and exciting situations.

I’ve really enjoyed seeing the progression in my Thai language skills. After our year abroad we began to have lessons completely in Thai, and I was surprised and delighted to discover that I could understand the vast majority of what was being said, which really improved my confidence. I also love how personal Thai lessons are – my lecturers are enthusiastic and understand thoroughly the level I am at with my learning. Small class sizes also make the academics feel very approachable when I need help with my work. The School was really helpful in the lead up to the year abroad, whilst also providing us with the appropriate amount of freedom. In my first year, meetings were set up which allowed me to meet students who had recently come back from a year abroad in Thailand. The Thai students in each year form a tight-knit community and I was more than comfortable to ask for advice about my year away. It was comforting to speak to people who had been through the challenges we were about to take on. We were also given handbooks written by staff and previous students, covering almost all of my worries about my year abroad and providing numerous contact numbers for whenever we needed support.

Tara Baxter
History and Thai
With a diverse cultural heritage and varied history, France has been hugely influential in the shaping of the modern world. As a major economic and political force, it continues to play an important role today. Whichever French degree option you choose, you'll gain a thorough knowledge of this global language while building an awareness of French and Francophone culture.

Our courses combine core language competence with optional modules in literature, linguistics, visual culture, society and history. We offer flexible degrees with an array of optional modules on topics from politics and philosophy to literature from Medieval to modern, via the history of the French language and postcolonial Francophone cinema.

**BA FRENCH R120**

You’ll improve your spoken and written French through core language modules, but you’ll also explore areas of French culture, politics, history and literature that interest you. French at Leeds is also distinctive because translation is an integral part of the degree from your first year, providing an opportunity to specialise in this area if you want to progress to our MA Translation programmes.

**Year 1**

You’ll attend lectures covering key aspects of French culture and core language, with the opportunity to discuss the content further in small-group seminars. You’ll also have the opportunity to explore and present your ideas through individual or group presentations.

**Year 2**

Most lectures and seminars are conducted in French. Independent study becomes increasingly important, and you’ll be encouraged to explore your own ideas about the topics of study. Optional modules include cinema, Francophone culture and politics.

**Year 4**

All teaching is delivered via small-group seminars. These are mostly conducted in French and some of the assessment is also in French, helping to tie your language learning to your other modules. You’ll be expected to do a lot of independent reading, and assessment in a number of modules involves independent research, including a major research project on a topic of your choice.

**Residence abroad**

You’ll spend your residence abroad in France or another Francophone country, immersing yourself in local culture and cultivating your language skills.

If you study single honours French, or BA Languages and Cultures joint honours with a non-language subject, you’ll spend a year in France or in another French speaking country. You may apply to spend your year abroad in Belgium, French Canada, Switzerland, Senegal or the French Caribbean.

If you study BA Languages and Cultures you’ll normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken. On the term abroad you’ll be either studying French at one of our partner institutions, or undertaking an approved work placement (subject to approval by the School).

We have partnerships with a number of universities in France where you can decide to study the equivalent of your course alongside French students or take an intensive language course for learners of French. Alternatively, you can undertake a work placement with one of our partner French-speaking companies, or set up your own placement. You can also work as a language assistant in a school under the British Council’s programme.

Whatever you choose to do, you’ll gain a new insight into a French-speaking society as well as valuable experience of adapting to another culture. If you choose to work during your time abroad, you’ll also return with work experience to increase your appeal to employers. For many of our students, it’s the real highlight of their course.

**What other degree courses can I study the French language with?**

- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
- French can be combined with either: Arabic; Chinese; German; Italian A or B; Japanese; Portuguese; Russian A or B; or Spanish A or B
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
- BA Classical Literature and French QR81
- BA Liberal Arts (International Language) Y001

**French Student Society**

Our French Student Society offers practical study tips, peer-to-peer advice about the residence abroad and department socials. Weekly ‘Rendez-vous’ nights out are the perfect opportunity to meet other students of French and practise speaking the language.
"I wanted to come to the University of Leeds because I had visited the city a few times before and absolutely loved it.

My year abroad was the best year of my life so far. I spent most of it living and working in Paris for the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry as an event organiser and marketing assistant and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I gained not just language skills but also business skills. Having undertaken nine months of work experience, I feel that I have a real advantage compared to other graduates. The University was really supportive throughout my time abroad – we had contact with several members of staff who were always there to help out if we had queries.

I really enjoy the conversation classes; each class has a different topic and it is a great chance to practise our spoken French. Getting to debate and discuss controversial topics makes it even more interesting.

I am so glad I chose to study French at the University of Leeds. I haven’t for a second regretted those two decisions as I have had the best time, better than I could have imagined. I have developed so much academically but also as a person, and it is the whole Leeds experience that has made that possible."

Emily Appleton
BA French
GERMAN

Germany has enormous political and economic influence within the European Union and is the fourth largest economy in the world. German is widely spoken in Central and Eastern Europe and fluency in German coupled with a detailed knowledge of German culture will make you extremely attractive to employers.

BA GERMAN R220
You’ll combine intensive language training with the study of German history, culture and society. You’ll also have the opportunity for independent research into those areas of German studies that interest you the most.

You’ll work with experts in their specialist fields, giving you access to cutting-edge research in German studies. Regular talks by guest speakers and practitioners, including visits by contemporary German-language authors and professional translators, bring the subject to life and give you the opportunity to discuss your studies in a friendly, informal environment.

Throughout your course you’ll be able to choose from modules that are taught and assessed in English or in German.

Year 1
The core language module involves small-group teaching and lectures to consolidate and practise written and spoken skills. A further core module will provide a framework for understanding what is most significant about Germany today. You’ll learn what it means to be a Germanist today – what questions do we ask and how do we answer them?

Year 2
You’ll continue with your core language module and will be carefully prepared for your time overseas through teaching on German culture, society and behaviour. Optional modules cover politics and culture in post-unification Germany, German cinema, art and literature and specialist and applied German language.

Residence abroad
The residence abroad is one of the most important parts of your degree as it will provide you with an important insight into contemporary German culture and society, and a high level of German over a wide range of registers. This is an excellent basis for success in your final year studies. Throughout your first two years you’ll be thoroughly prepared for the linguistic and practical challenges of living abroad with specialised support from the residence abroad tutor and returning students.

If you study single honours German, or a German joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year in Germany or in another German-speaking country.

If you study BA Languages and Cultures, you’ll normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken.

Year 4
You’ll consolidate the language fluency gained on your time abroad and choose from a wide range of modules covering translation skills, literature, history and cinema. You’ll also complete your major research project in an area of German studies that interests you.

Top 20
for German
(Complete University Guide 2018)
During my year abroad in Münster, Germany, I had a level of independence unlike that of home and university life, which meant that I had the responsibility of finding a home, planning my work timetable and motivating myself to get as much out of my year as possible.

Before I went to Germany I spent some time as an au pair in Austria, where I found it difficult to communicate with the family (and not just because of the dialect there). They came to visit this summer and I was amazed to find I could understand almost everything they said to me!

The highlight of my year was when our weekly dinner club (consisting of friends from the UK, the US and Germany) had our final meal. We set up a table at the Domplatz (the cobbled square in front of the cathedral), complete with chairs, table cloth, crockery, Spanish guitar music and candles and ate various homemade dishes accompanied by a glass of wine or two.

Laura Ulanowski
German and English
ITALIAN

Rich in cultural heritage, Italy is a leading world economy. Our Italian language degrees allow you to become fluent in Italian and acquire an in-depth knowledge of the history and culture of this vibrant country.

We offer research and teaching expertise in a broad range of areas within Italian studies from the Middle Ages to the present day, including history, literature, politics, film studies, art history, and linguistics, as well as excellent teaching of the Italian language, with plenty of access to native speakers.

As the home of several important national and international initiatives in research into Italian culture from Dante to the present, our research culture enriches our teaching, and provides outstanding opportunities for you to engage with leading research.

Top 10 for Italian
(The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018)

BA ITALIAN A (ADVANCED) R310
BA ITALIAN B (BEGINNERS) R305

You’ll achieve both linguistic fluency and cultural understanding through a combination of lectures, seminars, group work, tutorials, computer-based learning and independent study. Through academic tuition and residence abroad experience, you’ll also become fully immersed into Italian society and experience the Italian way of life.

You’ll be taught in small groups by native speakers and your high number of contact hours will ensure steady progress in all language competences. Our language teaching is based on the Common European Framework of Reference, which is the most innovative language teaching guideline and provides language assessment criteria valid across the EU.

Our Beginners Programme (BA Italian B) is specifically designed for students who have little or no previous contact with Italian language. It has an excellent record in student success, with ex-beginners able to live in Italy after only two years of study, and often gaining top marks in final-year language exams.

Our Advanced Programme (BA Italian A) is specifically designed for students who have an A-level or equivalent in Italian. If you’re unsure whether your language ability is advanced enough for this course, you can take our placement test.

Year 1
You’ll be taught by native language speakers and use computer assisted language learning to steadily improve your language skills. You’ll select modules ranging from film studies, the Renaissance and an in-depth analysis of modern Italy amongst many others.

Years 3 and 4
Your language skills are consolidated and you’ll choose from a wide range of optional modules that cover a number of topics including Italian cinema, society, literature, the ‘Made in Italy’ and language for business.

You’ll spend a year abroad before returning to Leeds to choose from a wide selection of Italian options.

Residence abroad
The residence abroad is one of the most important parts of your degree. Through living in a foreign country, you will acquire confidence and independence, and form many new friendships. It also adds an international dimension to your CV, which is impressive to employers.

If you study single honours Italian A or Italian B, or an Italian joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year in Italy. If you study a two-language joint honours course, you will normally spend two periods abroad. In most cases, you will spend a year in one country and a term in the other. However, a number of courses (including Italian B with Chinese/Japanese/Portuguese/Russian) are five-year degree courses requiring two years abroad.

University placement
Studying in Italy is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. You can study at one of the 16 Italian universities with which we have agreements, or if your course requires you to take a term abroad then you will usually be hosted by a specialist language school in Rome.

British Council Language Assistant
You can choose to spend your year abroad working as an English Language Assistant which involves teaching English in an Italian-speaking school.

Work placement
It may be possible to take a work placement year in one of the companies with which we have links, or propose your own placement. You’ll be supported throughout your placement year to gain invaluable skills in a graduate-level job.

If your course requires you to take a term abroad, it may be possible to spend this on an approved work placement.
What other degree courses can I study the Italian language with?

BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
Italian A combined with:
• Arabic
• Chinese
• French
• German
• Japanese
• Portuguese
• Russian A or B
• Spanish A or B
Italian B combined with:
• French
• German
• Spanish A

BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1
BA Italian B and Portuguese RRH5
BA Classical Literature and Italian B QR8H
BA Liberal Arts (International Language) Y001

5-year courses
BA Chinese and Italian B RTH1
BA Italian B and Japanese RTH2
BA Italian B and Russian A RR3T

“Being a language student means that I love communicating with others and not just in English! Since returning from my year abroad in Italy I love meeting international students and finding out what they think about the UK. I’m quite an active student and I try and get involved in as much of university life as I can. I take my studies seriously but I also think that university is more than just being a student; you’re part of a community and it’s important to embrace that concept.

After having been to numerous university open days what I loved about Leeds is that the staff are really engaged in their subjects and there’s nothing better than being taught by lecturers who are enthusiastic about what they’re researching. I also liked the idea that it has its own campus but is also really close to the city centre so you get the best of both worlds.

Doing a modern languages degree is much more than studying grammar; the University provides a wide variety of cultural modules to satisfy everyone’s tastes. In French I have studied Charles Baudelaire’s poetry, surrealist novels and contemporary French literature. In Italian I have studied art history, social history concerning the north and south divide, and Italian cinema. I have never been disappointed in the modules I’ve chosen and I’m always very impressed by the level of teaching provided.

There are so many benefits to studying languages, as not only does it show that you have great communication skills but also that you’re adaptable to new environments and can take on new challenges, such as living or working abroad for a year. With a language degree you could be an asset to many companies that are trying to go global; they will always be in need of linguists.”

Clara Espinosa
BA French and Italian B
RUSSIAN AND SLAVONIC STUDIES

Russia, with its rich cultural history and extraordinarily turbulent political past, is now without doubt one of the major players in the new world order. The University of Leeds has a long Russian Studies tradition: our area was founded in 1918. Whilst mindful of this tradition, we are pioneering a dynamic approach to the subject which means that you'll study in a forward-thinking community with a multi-media, cross-disciplinary approach.

BA RUSSIAN A R710

BA RUSSIAN B R705

Your course is organised around several thematic areas, including language, literature, visual culture, linguistics and history, to provide you with an insight into Russia, making you an expert on this intriguing country.

Russian B (Beginners): This Russian language course is for those with little or no prior experience of the Russian language. We have an excellent record in teaching Russian, with ex-beginners often gaining top marks in final-year language exams.

Russian A (Advanced): This advanced language course is suited to applicants who have an A-level in Russian or equivalent knowledge of the language.

We incorporate intensive language learning, traditional areas of study such as literature, history and society, and new fields such as visual culture and the media. Experienced native language tutors undertake a high proportion of the teaching. We also offer the opportunity to take a discovery module in Czech.

Year 1
Concentrates on developing your essential language skills and provides an introduction to Russia’s cultural history through literature and visual culture. Core modules cover listening, speaking and writing Russian with regular use of authentic written and audio-visual material, and various aspects of Russian society and culture.

Years 3 and 4
After your residence abroad, you’ll develop advanced language skills and study optional modules which reflect the varied research interests of our staff. Popular options cover business Russian, Soviet History, 19th century Russian literature and contemporary Russian society.

Residence abroad
For their year abroad our students are usually hosted by either the Institute of Russian Language and Culture at Moscow State University or at St Petersburgh State University, which are our partner institutions. Our partner institutions are carefully selected for their high-quality teaching and will provide you with the essential skills needed to communicate in Russian effectively and clearly. There is constant liaison between the institution and the University of Leeds and the language skills you gain will be built on and taken further in the final part of your course.
**What other degree courses can I study the Russian language with?**

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**Leeds Russian Archive**

Located in the Library’s Special Collections, the Leeds Russian Archive contains some 650 collections of manuscripts, photographs, books, journals and newspapers documenting Anglo-Russian contacts in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Library also holds collections related to celebrated Russian authors such as Leonid Andreyev, Ivan Bunin, Leonid Zurov and Anna Bunina.

**Slavonic Society**

You’ll be able to join the student-led Slavonic Society that organises a range of events and activities including theatre trips and socials. The society organises events to enhance the learning experience of all its members; activities include a film club and social events, a student magazine and networking groups (SlavSoc on Facebook) and a Year Abroad blog. All of these activities help create an intimate and friendly atmosphere among students and staff.

“**When I first arrived in Leeds to begin studying Russian, I had no idea how big an impact the four years that followed would have on me. Despite having no previous knowledge of Russian or Russia, from my very first lecture I was absorbed by the language, the culture and the history. The range of expertise reflected in the Russian staff here is staggering and adds an exciting dynamic to the teaching – each lecturer is genuinely passionate about what they teach and this has definitely rubbed off on me!**

Towards the end of my four years, I realised there was still so much of Russia left to discover and still so much at the University to be a part of, so I decided to undertake a part-time research Masters. Russia is an amazing country with a fascinating culture that needs to be explored and understood, and the excellence in teaching, the active student community and the dozens of opportunities on top of studying make Leeds the perfect place for your exploration to begin.”

Esther Harper
BA Russian B
SPANISH, PORTUGUESE AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries are among the most diverse and dynamic in the world. In light of the increasing international prominence of Spanish and Portuguese – particularly on account of the boom economies of Brazil and Mexico – demand for students of Hispanic, Iberian and Latin American Studies is only going to grow in the future.

We offer highly varied courses that allow you to study all the major topics within the field, along with language modules that enable you to reach a very high level of proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese. Our advanced level modules include specialist study of a wide variety of subjects such as translation, Spanish for business, 20th century Spanish history, and Latin American culture.

In addition to compulsory Spanish and/or Portuguese language modules at each level of your course, you can choose to follow pathways that focus on culture, history and language depending on your academic interests and career goals.

BA SPANISH R410
BA SPANISH, PORTUGUESE AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES RR45

Year 1
You’ll consolidate your knowledge of the Spanish language through participative classes and practice in your own time. If you study Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, you’ll also follow an intensive Portuguese language course.

Our core ‘Essay Project’ module will teach you how to research independently and effectively. You’ll work in small groups to produce a written essay and develop skills necessary to succeed in other modules, including the final year project.

You’ll be able to complement this with optional modules on cultural production, history and Catalan, which is available throughout your course.

Year 2
In addition to further developing your language skills, you’ll be able to choose modules on literature, theatre, film, translation, and social and political history across Iberia and Latin America. We’ll also prepare you for the practical aspects and psychological challenges of your residence abroad.

Residence abroad
Your residence abroad enables you to make substantial linguistic progress over a wide range of registers, to acquire a deeper knowledge and appreciation of your host country, and to develop personally and professionally.

Most of our students spend their year abroad studying – we have links with universities in six Spanish-speaking countries and two Portuguese-speaking countries. Alternatively, you may be able to arrange employment in any Spanish or Portuguese-speaking country, or apply to work as a Language Assistant with the British Council (available in Spanish-speaking countries only).

If you study single honours Spanish, or a Spanish joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you’ll spend a year in Spain or another Spanish-speaking country. Some of our students choose to spend their year abroad in Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina and Costa Rica.

If you study Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies you’ll spend two periods abroad; the final term of your second year in Spain, and then a full year in a Portuguese-speaking country in your third year.

If you study a course that combines either Spanish or Portuguese with another language, you’ll also spend two periods abroad. Normally, you’ll spend your final term of your second year abroad in your stronger language, followed by a year abroad in a country where your other language is spoken. The term abroad involves a special course for non-native speakers; for Portuguese students this will be spent in Lisbon and for Spanish students this will be spent in Leon or Granada. We also offer the opportunity for students of Spanish and Portuguese to find a work placement for their term abroad.

If you study BA Italian B and Portuguese you’ll spend two years abroad which will result in a five-year course.

Year 4
You’ll build on your knowledge and fluency developed whilst overseas. In addition to advanced language work in Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan, you’ll take optional modules. You can also investigate, research and present a topic of your choice as part of a final year project.

Throughout your studies, you’ll benefit from access to the facilities of the Instituto Cervantes, Instituto Camões and Institut Ramon Llull, the language and cultural arms of the Spanish government, Portuguese government and Catalan autonomous government, which are based on campus.
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“I applied to my course because you are able to do a term abroad in Spain at the end of your second year, and then a whole year in Portugal or Brazil. As well as this, I was starting Portuguese as a beginner, and the fact that the teachers were able to get you to A-level standard in a year is incredible.

The teachers are attentive and knowledgeable about the topics and are always willing to help you out in any way they can. The module choices on offer are very varied and so it has been easy to tailor each year to what I want to study. Personally I love history, and there are many modules which cover this area.

I spent my third year in a small city called Coimbra in Portugal. It was an incredible experience, where I was able to meet people from so many different countries and converse with them in Portuguese.

I have been involved in many societies during my time at Leeds: Stage Musical Society, Musical Theatre, Pantomime Society and the Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies Society (SlapSoc). The societies are a great way to meet people from different areas of the University as well as the people in your department, through socials and other activities. It’s a great way to do what you love doing outside of your studies.

The great thing with languages is that they open up your opportunities to go into many different fields and work abroad in many different countries. With the contacts I made during my year abroad in Brazil, I have the option of working there as well as in Europe – the world is my oyster.”

Adam Jones
BA Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
You may wish to combine your chosen language with another subject. You’ll gain an in-depth knowledge of two subjects, including proficiency in a major world language. As well as demonstrating that you are intellectually versatile, your degree will equip you with a wide range of skills across different disciplines that employers actively seek.

You’ll acquire good research skills, and be able to analyse complex information from multiple sources before drawing your own conclusions. You’ll then be able to communicate and defend your views clearly, whether in speech or in writing. In addition, you’ll have strong research and organisational skills and be confident working independently or in a team. You’ll have a strong understanding of cultural diversity, allowing you to work effectively with people from different backgrounds.

Your final year project will enable you to demonstrate your combined understanding of both elements of your degree, enabling you to explore issues in greater depth with specific reference to your chosen language and country.

Residence abroad
An integral part of your degree is the opportunity to spend a year abroad in a country where your chosen language is spoken. It’s the perfect opportunity to surround yourself with another culture while sharpening and refining your language skills every day.

If you are studying either French, German, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese, you’ll usually spend your third year in a country where the appropriate language is spoken. This could consist of a work placement, for example as a language assistant in a school, or studying at one of our partner universities.

If you are studying Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian or Thai, you’ll usually spend your second year on a specially designed language course at one of our partner universities.

Joint honours degrees with a language
You can combine a language with business, economics, English, film studies, history, international relations, linguistics, philosophy or politics. See below for the possible subject combinations with your chosen language.

Language pathway
(choose one from the options)
All courses are 4 years including 1 year abroad
A = Advanced level (A-level required)
B = Beginners level

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Shaded purple box = available language combination

How to apply
Please see page 88 for additional information on how to apply to this course through UCAS.
BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND BUSINESS

Gain an in-depth understanding of business, management, and organisational issues while developing fluency in your chosen language. You’ll combine technical expertise with an understanding of the local business environments, and develop your awareness of the challenges faced by organisations operating across the globe.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND ECONOMICS

Combine fluency in your chosen language with an in-depth understanding of economic issues in business, society and public life. You’ll combine theoretical knowledge with observations based on your year abroad experiences and sharpen your awareness of the challenges faced by societies across the globe.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND ENGLISH

Study literature and culture from a global perspective whilst gaining fluency in your chosen language. You’ll study literatures in English, from Old English to Jane Austen and Shakespeare, Romantic poetry, American and African literatures. You’ll explore literatures from across the world, and study other cultures and societies while focusing on the countries where your language of choice is spoken.

“I decided to apply to Leeds as I wanted a place where there would always be something to do and people to meet, and because I was attracted by both the course and the teaching staff.

The aspect I have most enjoyed about my course has been learning from the lecturers, particularly if they are originally from Germany, as you are able to learn from their personal experiences of historical events. You can learn about the subjects they are researching and this also feeds into your own learning. The facilities are well-equipped with everything you need to improve your studies, and although the course encourages independent learning there is always help on hand if you need it.

My advice to new students is try to get involved with anything German! It’s good to start reading German newspapers and magazines in order to keep up with events in Germany, even if it’s about the current fashion trends. I also like to socialise with the German Society as well other language societies, as this is a good way of meeting like-minded people as well as learning about other cultures.”

Amy Simcock
BA German
BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND FILM STUDIES P3R1
Learn about various critical, historical, and theoretical approaches to film whilst gaining fluency in your chosen language. Our focus on world cinemas means you’ll engage with ‘art’ and popular cinemas from a wide range of cultures and societies. You’ll develop specialised knowledge in the ways film uses style and narrative to create meaning, intervening in national and global debates. You’ll explore the history and theory of cinema, alongside issues of genre and the impact of digital technologies on this rapidly changing art form.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND HISTORY V1R1
Study history from a global perspective and gain fluency in your chosen language. You’ll study a range of historical periods from the fall of the Roman Empire to the 21st century post-colonial and globalised world. You’ll explore cultures and societies across the world, focusing on the countries where your chosen language is spoken.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS L5R1
Combine fluency in your chosen language with a deep understanding of the dynamics and complexities of contemporary international relations. You’ll examine the issues facing international society today and the challenges facing some of the most important players in international relations. Optional topics range from political issues in Africa, translation and interpreting, to politics and society in Israel.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND LINGUISTICS Q1R1
Combine your passion for speaking languages with a fascination for how they work. You’ll explore language acquisition, structure and change, the mental and social processes that shape and sustain human interaction, as well as phonetics – the study of how speech sounds are physically produced. Studying a language in parallel will enable you to ground these linguistic concepts and theories and compare them across languages in everyday use, using them to bolster your language learning.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND PHILOSOPHY V5R1
Combine fluency in a language with the ability to analyse complex concepts and arguments. Philosophy will sharpen your understanding of languages and cultures by challenging how we understand the world. You’ll study great thinkers and explore key philosophical questions in logic, language, ethics, politics, and the arts. You’ll also explore cultures across the globe, focusing on the countries where your chosen language is spoken.

BA LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND POLITICS L2R1
Examine domestic and international political systems and processes and achieve fluency in your chosen language. You’ll gain an in-depth understanding of the institutions and practices of modern political systems, the theories that underpin them, and the ways in which they shape, and are shaped by, society. You’ll deepen your awareness of the important political challenges faced by governments today.
CLASSICS

Classics focuses on the study of the Greek and Roman worlds, ranging from the earliest Greek literature to the fall of the Roman Empire. But it also covers the way ancient culture has been received and interpreted ever since.

Classics is an exciting and naturally multi-disciplinary subject area which incorporates all aspects of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds: not just the history and literature, but diverse subjects such as religion, philosophy, mythology, art and architecture, and the reception of the classical world in modern times.

Our enthusiastic team of lecturers share a passion for the lived experience of Graeco-Roman antiquity as evidenced in its literature, religion, philosophy, values, and material culture and our research translates directly into learning opportunities for you.

We offer one of the largest and most exciting ranges of Classical study options in the UK and joining us will allow you to:

- study a range of optional modules in Greek and Roman history, society, literature and values
- take a study abroad or work placement year
- continue or take up the study of ancient Greek or Latin if you wish.

Study abroad

Classics has exclusive exchange links with universities in Italy, Germany and Greece. Alternatively, you can apply to study at one of the 400 universities that Leeds has partnerships with.

BA CLASSICAL CIVILISATION 8G42

This degree is the broadest approach to this interdisciplinary field, incorporating the study of history, literature, language, art, philosophy, archaeology and other areas.

You’ll explore Greek and Roman culture through our core modules, which will introduce key texts such as Homer’s *Iliad* and Virgil’s *Aeneid* and key events in ancient history. But you’ll also shape your degree to suit you, choosing from optional modules on a wide range of different topics.

You could study Greek art and Roman comedy, the ruins of Pompeii, or how classical religion and myth have been used in 21st century texts, video games, film, and fiction. We study texts in translation, but if you want to learn or continue with an ancient language we also offer Ancient Greek and Latin.

Year 1

You’ll be introduced to various aspects of the Greek and Roman worlds, as well as having the opportunity to study classical literature and wider aspects, such as an introduction to classical archaeology. This provides the foundation of knowledge for your entire study of the classical world.

Year 2

You’ll take two out of the following three core modules: Homer’s *Iliad*, Virgil’s *Aeneid* – the two most influential works of literature from the classical period –, and Ancient Empires: Power and Control, encompassing the history of the major classical civilisations and their allies and opponents. You’ll also take Evidence and Enquiry in Classics, a module which looks in more detail at Classics as a discipline, introduces the various sources available to the classicist and provides practical sessions on developing your research skills.

Year 3

You’ll focus your interests with optional modules and apply the research, critical, and analytical skills you have developed to an independent research project.

Examples of optional Classics modules include:

- Greeks and Barbarians
- The Image of Sparta
- Roman Comedy
- Classics in 20th-21st Century Literature
- Plato on Love
- Herodotus and the Beginnings of History
- Understanding Aristotle’s Poetics
- Travelling Time
- The Voyage of the Argo
- Satyrs and Donkeys: the Latin Novel
- Heroines: Representations of Mythological Women from Antiquity to the Present
- The Ancient Greek Novel
- The City in the Roman World
- Pompeii: Past, Present and Future
- Ancient languages – various levels

What other degree courses can I study Classical Civilisation with?

- BA Classical Civilisation and English QQ82
- BA Classical Civilisation and History Q810
- BA Classical Civilisation and Philosophy Q805
- BA Liberal Arts Y000
Classical Literature

Classical Literature gives you the chance to explore some of the most important texts in western literature. You’ll combine modules to appreciate works by writers such as Homer, Virgil, Aeschylus, Apuleius, Aristotle and Ovid, all read in English translation, offering a window onto Ancient Greek and Roman culture and history. You’ll explore poetry, prose, and comedy and tragedy plays in the ancient theatre, and discover how later writers have been inspired by the classics. You’ll also have the chance to begin or continue with Latin or Ancient Greek throughout.

First year core modules will introduce you to ancient Greek and Roman literature, as well as starting to develop the skills required to analyse them. You’ll develop those skills by exploring in-depth Homer’s Iliad and/or Virgil’s Aeneid, and choosing from optional modules e.g. Classics in 20th and 21st century literature, or Roman or Athenian Comedy.

By your final year, you’ll have highly developed research and critical skills and will continue to build your diverse literary portfolio.

What other degree courses can I study Classical Literature with?

- BA Liberal Arts Y000
- BA Classical Literature and English QQ38
- BA Classical Literature and French QR81
- BA Classical Literature and Italian B QR8H
- BA Classical Literature and Philosophy QV8M
- BA Classical Literature and Russian B QRV7

“At school, I never really thought that university was for me. It was only when I started my A Levels at college that I was able to choose more freely what I could read and how I could respond to it. I’d never had the opportunity to study Classics before coming to Leeds and had only really met with it in the footnotes of my English texts. For me, studying Classics was the key to unlocking new readings of my favourite material and that’s what motivated me to take joint honours Classical Literature and English.

The variety of modules on offer allowed me to study literature such as Virgil’s Aeneid and Homer’s Odyssey for the first time, which helped me to identify classical references in my English modules. The best thing about studying Classics is the support that the staff offer. But when it comes to enjoying what you’re studying and getting the most out of your degree, it is the community of staff and students that makes this possible. It was a huge advantage for me as a joint honours student to meet with staff who tried to understand the modules I was taking with English, and knew how they fitted together.”

Maria Haley
BA Classical Literature and English,
MA Classical Studies, PhD Classics
Ancient History offers you the chance to explore the Ancient Greeks and Romans, and the people they envied and emulated, traded with and invaded, through the study of their literature, architecture, art, material culture and a range of other sources.

You’ll gain an understanding of life in these unique societies as they evolved, as well as developing your own interests through investigating the Athenian empire, Sparta and the Peloponnesian League, and Rome from Republic to Empire.

What will I study?

In your first year, our core modules in Ancient History will introduce you to the major events and trends that affected the Ancient Greek and Roman worlds, and you’ll also have the chance to learn or continue with Latin or Ancient Greek.

Over the next two years you’ll deepen your understanding of ancient political systems and broaden your understanding of theoretical approaches to ancient sources. You’ll choose from a range of optional modules, exploring diverse topics from across the classical world, revealing the complex nuances of these fascinating societies.

Example Year 1
Ancient History Modules

- The Greek World: an introduction
- The Roman World: an introduction
- Introduction to Classical Archaeology
- Ancient Languages – various levels
- Ancient Lives
- Language modules

What other degree courses can I study Ancient History with?

- BA Ancient History and English V130
- BA Ancient History and History V110
- BA Ancient History and Philosophy V150
- BA Liberal Arts Y000
Language plays a pivotal role in all human affairs, and as linguists and phoneticians, we want to systematically understand how language works.

Studying linguistics means:
- learning how to analyse the structure of language (for example grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary)
- exploring how language is acquired and processed by different people in different contexts.

Studying phonetics means:
- examining how speech sounds are produced by the vocal tract
- understanding how speech sounds are transmitted through air and processed by the ear and brain.

Studying linguistics and phonetics together means undertaking detailed analytical work on data drawn from languages across the world – including looking for similarities and differences across languages, with the aim of discovering the core characteristics of human language.

We offer research and teaching expertise in major areas within the language sciences, with particular strengths in language acquisition, syntax, discourse analysis and phonetics. You’ll gain a solid grounding in the formal analysis of language and speech and explore the workings of language from multiple theoretical perspectives. Optional modules allow you to tailor the course to your interests.

You’ll have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including a recording studio, a phonetics laboratory for acoustic and articulatory analysis of speech, and a linguistics laboratory with eye-tracking equipment.

Staff and students work closely with specialists in language studies from other centres and schools, including the Centre for Translation Studies, the School of English, the School of Education and the School of Psychology. Many of these collaborations feed into our teaching and learning opportunities, providing you with a wide range of options for specialisation as well as a broad understanding of how human language is structured and acquired, produced and transmitted, and used in various modes of communication.

Core modules introduce you to the main principles of linguistics and phonetics. You’ll also study relevant research methodologies, including linguistic data collection.

Our compulsory modules provide you with core skills in syntactic and phonetic analysis. Optional modules cover three pathways: language structure and sound, language processing and development, and discourse studies.

You’ll take an advanced syntax or phonetics module, and select further optional modules. You’ll also gain advanced writing skills, and carry out an original research project.
What other degree courses can I study Linguistics with?

BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
Choosing from the following languages
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Italian A or B
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian A or B
- Spanish A or B
- Thai

BA English Language and Linguistics Q3Q1
BA Linguistics and Philosophy QV15
BA Liberal Arts Y000
BA ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

This degree combines English literature with different literatures from around the world.

You’ll choose from the whole range of options in the School of English, including writers from Africa, Asia, Australasia, Canada and the Caribbean. You’ll also study texts (from translations) in Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Core modules will introduce you to world literature and issues such as genre, narratology and reception. Then you’ll choose from a wide range of optional modules to pursue topics that interest you. Your tutors provide diverse expertise to help you gain a deeper understanding of literature from around the world – and develop skills that are valuable to employers.

Year 1
You’ll take the core module Foundations of English Studies and choose a further English module on poetry or drama.

You’ll also take the core module Worlds of Literature, introducing you to key areas of comparative literature through the study of novels, plays, poetry and short stories from around the world. You’ll also take an optional module on a topic such as world histories, world politics or audio-visual culture, as well as choosing from a range of discovery modules.

Year 2
You’ll take the core module Reception, Transmission and Translation, which introduces you to the theory and practice of global literary circulation and culminates in producing anthologies of students’ own writing on subjects of their choice. You’ll also choose from a wide range of optional modules from the Schools of English and Languages, Cultures and Societies. Typically these will include subjects such as nineteenth-century Russian literature, gender and sexuality in Japanese fiction, Chinese literature and thought, or Black Europe, as well as modules on authors such as Homer or Virgil.

Year 3
Your final year project will give you the chance to apply the critical and research skills you have developed by undertaking independent research on a topic of interest. You will draw on your knowledge of English and literature from other cultures, such as the myth of Odysseus from Homer to Derek Walcott, global dystopias, comparative postcolonialisms, or the ways in which foreign-language detective fiction has been received in the English-speaking world.

You’ll also study optional modules covering an array of topics, such as different aspects of English literature, Dante, Shakespeare, writing the Holocaust, and contemporary world literature, a module where we investigate why authors such as Elena Ferrante or Haruki Murakami have become so successful.

You’ll also have the choice of an optional study abroad or work placement year between years 2 and 3.

FILM STUDIES

Leeds has excellent resources for studying both literature and film. It’s home to the Leeds International Film Festival and great independent cinemas. We’re close to Bradford – home of the National Science and Media Museum as well as another established film festival. It’s the perfect part of the world in which to explore these exciting subjects.

Typical film modules may include:

• Introduction to Audio-Visual Culture: complement your studies by placing film in its wider cultural context and develop a conceptual framework for thinking about a wide range of audio-visual cultures, such as video games, sculpture and theatre.

• Introduction to Film Studies II: investigate concepts of auteur filmmaking, popular cinema, and industry. Review world cinema movements such as the French nouvelle vague and American independent Cinema European New Waves, Japanese cinema and investigate global blockbusters.

• Hollywood and its Others: explore the ways Hollywood represents minorities and gain a critical insight into notions of gender, sexuality, and race in relation to cinema.
The Final Year Project (FYP) is a distinctive feature of the Leeds Curriculum. It will provide you with a unique opportunity to showcase the capabilities and skills that you have developed throughout your degree, while focusing on your personal and professional development.

You’ll receive one-to-one supervisions by an academic expert in the field, who will guide you through an exciting journey of discovery and learning, where you’ll enjoy the freedom to pursue your own interests and seize the opportunity to cover your preferred topic in depth.

By completing your FYP, you’ll feel a real sense of personal achievement, while developing a range of advanced transferable skills that contribute to your employability.
Most first year joint honours students in our School must take a cornerstone module to connect the two subjects of their degree. Drawing on the range of cultures studied in the School, these modules enable you to explore the connections between your subjects, and to think about some of the key questions for your chosen disciplines from different cultural and intercultural perspectives.

All the cornerstone modules have an intercultural dimension, and draw on the breadth of cultural expertise of tutors across the School and beyond. All modules are taught in English and use materials available in English.

Your cornerstone options will be determined by the course you choose to study. In some cases, you’ll be required to take a specific cornerstone that relates directly to both subjects, in others you will choose from a set of options. A small number of courses do not require you to take a cornerstone module. The latest key information on courses can be found at [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses).

Languages for All gives you the chance to take modules in a foreign language, or additional foreign language, as part of your course. You can choose a language which is completely new to you or continue a language you have studied before.

Studying a language as part of your course develops your cultural knowledge, enhances your employability and helps you to differentiate yourself from other graduates. It can also help prepare you for an international placement.

We offer French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish at a range of levels. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/languages](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/languages).
STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad

Studying abroad is a great opportunity which will allow you to experience education outside of the UK, interact with students from other universities, and gain the experience and confidence of living overseas. Our partner institutions have been carefully selected for their high academic quality and their supportive attitude towards our students. All single honours and joint honours students studying a subject with a non-language subject can apply to spend a year studying abroad. The University has links with more than 400 universities around the world and during your year abroad you’ll keep in touch with your personal tutor at Leeds, as well as having an academic advisor in your host university. A study abroad year is a fantastic way to boost your confidence and broaden your outlook on life.

Year in industry

A year abroad will be compulsory for all language students. You may be able to spend a year in industry instead of studying abroad however this is dependent on the language you study. A year in industry will allow you to work in a graduate-level job and gain valuable experience and important skills, enhancing your employability after graduation.

My secondary school only allowed me to study one language at GCSE, so it never occurred to me that I could study another one from scratch at university. However, once I saw that Leeds offered a beginners’ course in Italian, the decision to take two languages was easy.

I am passionate about my two areas of study as I love speaking, communication and cultures. I was always that little boy who spoke too much in lessons, but here in Leeds that is a good thing. The teaching is fantastic and we are always encouraged to participate in debates and get our opinions across: the more we speak in a foreign language, the more we become confident in it.

Studying two languages has really helped me understand European and global culture as a whole, since I am not only fortunate enough to have lived in two different European countries in the past 18 months but I have also made lifelong friends from numerous different cultures along the way.

The two periods abroad were definitely the reason why I chose Leeds. Not only is the teaching brilliant, but spending two different periods abroad (one spent working and the other studying) is an excellent and practical addition to my CV.

I knew from the outset that I wanted to spend my term abroad in a work placement and my year abroad at a university.

Having a broad spectrum of different experiences has enriched me not just as a student but also as a person. I’ve gained skills in communication, self-motivation and also confidence that will apply to all areas of my adult life.

In the run-up to my time abroad, I had a huge amount of support. You really feel like you matter here: you’re not an anonymous number on a piece of paper. The staff and School are just as invested in your success and happiness as you are.

Coming to Leeds has been the best decision I ever made. The contacts, friends and skills that I’ve gained here have completely changed my life.”

Robert Povall,
BA French and Italian B
Supporting and preparing you for your residence abroad

You’ll be supported by a well-established network of staff and students to prepare you for your residence abroad. Before you leave, you’ll attend a number of meetings with your personal tutor and/or residence abroad tutor and have an informal network of returning students who will have plenty of hints and experiences to share with you from their time abroad. Dedicated study abroad staff, both within the School and the wider University, will support you to apply for work and university placements, talk through your options and help you make a smooth transition.

Throughout your time abroad there will be support and communication available and regular reports on your wellbeing and academic progress. Once you return to Leeds, you’ll be supported back into your studies and you’ll be able to mentor outgoing students.

Work Placements

Depending on your course you can apply to spend a year on a work placement. The opportunity to take a year-long work placement will allow you to work in a graduate-level job and gain valuable experience and important skills, enhancing your employability after graduation.

The School’s dedicated Work Placements Officer works closely with academic placement tutors and the University’s Careers Centre to provide you with a high level of support both during the placement search and whilst you are on placement. You can either apply for a placement that draws on University contacts or identify your own placement. The placement can be in the UK or abroad and can be spent with any suitable organisation that is able to offer you degree-level work experience.

If you are studying a joint honours course where one of the subjects is a language, a period of study or work abroad will be compulsory however you’ll be able to take advantage of the many opportunities available at Leeds to gain valuable work experience.

Courses in French, German, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese

If your year abroad will be in a French, German, Italian or Portuguese-speaking country, your work placement options may include working for the British Council as a Language Assistant teaching English in a local school (with the exception of Portuguese) or an approved work placement. If you are studying a joint honours language course combining French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish, with a second language you also have the option of applying for a work placement for your term abroad.
CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

We are committed to developing your employability and career prospects. As our student you’ll have a wealth of opportunities to develop your skills and make the most out of your time at Leeds.

Studying languages, cultures and societies at Leeds will provide you with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers across the globe. Our courses are praised by students for providing them with the ability and confidence necessary to undertake a variety of roles and tasks in the workplace with great success.

Our graduates are equipped with a wide range of transferable skills that really appeal to employers. You’ll have highly developed communication skills, and the ability to appreciate cultures outside of your own. You’ll be independent and self-motivated, as well as a confident researcher who can think analytically about what you’ll find. You’ll have skills of research, analysis and persuasion; and workplace skills of delegation, time-management and negotiation.

Our aim is for all our students to graduate not only with a deep knowledge of their chosen subject, fluency in their chosen language(s), but also with the skills and experience required for the career of their choice.

Our graduates have gone into a range of careers in business, journalism, publishing, diplomacy, tourism, teaching, broadcasting, finance, marketing, teaching, overseas aid work, PR and language-based roles such as translation and interpreting. Some of our graduates also choose to progress to postgraduate study.

Leeds for Life

Leeds for Life is a University-wide initiative designed to help you make the most of student life and prepare you for your career from day one. As well as regular meetings with a personal tutor, Leeds for Life provides lots of opportunities for academic and personal development – from work experience and career planning to connecting with University alumni and applying for cash grants to fund your own projects. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife

University Careers Centre

Our award-winning Careers Centre is one of the largest in the country, with experienced advisers and strong relationships with graduate recruiters. The Careers Centre will help you right from the start and provide support after you graduate. They organise and execute a wide variety of events from networking afternoons to large scale graduate opportunity fairs, attracting recruiters from all industries. Find out what the Careers Centre has to offer at careerweb.leeds.ac.uk
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The standard A-level entry requirements across our courses range from AAA-ABB. Joint honours entry requirements vary by course.

For more information and details of equivalences see courses.leeds.ac.uk

Degrees with languages may have subject specific requirements:

- Chinese: GCSE 4/C in a foreign language
- French: A-level Grade A in French
- German: A-level Grade A in German
- Italian A (Advanced): A-level Grade B in Italian
- Japanese: GCSE 4/C in a foreign language
- Russian A (Advanced): A-level Grade B in Russian
- Spanish A (Advanced): A-level Grade A in Spanish

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds

Access to Leeds, the University’s widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Eligible applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accessstoleeds

HOW TO APPLY

If you apply to one of the following courses, please fill in the “Further Details” section of your UCAS application to tell us which language(s) you want to study:

- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and English Q3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Film Studies P3R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1

The tables on pages 88 to 89 show the subject combinations available and the code to include in the “Further Details” section of your UCAS application. If you are applying to Italian, Russian or Spanish, please remember to specify either A (Advanced) or B (Beginners).

If you change your mind after you apply about the language(s) you want to study, we would be happy to help. For more information email lcsadmissions@leeds.ac.uk

ACCOMMODATION

All first year undergraduates at the University of Leeds applying before July 1st in their year of entry are guaranteed a place in our accommodation.

Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

STUDENT FUNDING

Student funding has been designed to ensure that you don’t have to pay for your degree up front. There is plenty of help available in the form of government loans and scholarships from the University.

Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

VISITING US

The University organises several open days throughout the year (usually in June, September and October). During your visit you’ll be able to explore our campus, meet our staff and students and attend subject talks and activities.

Open days are very popular and booking is essential. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays

We can also arrange independent visits if you are unable to attend an open day. For more information email lcsadmissions@leeds.ac.uk

If you are made an offer you will also be invited to one of our applicant visit days.
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- BA Languages and Cultures R1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Business N1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Economics L1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and History V1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and International Relations L5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Linguistics Q1R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Philosophy V5R1
- BA Languages, Cultures and Politics L2R1

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