BA(Hons) Modern Languages (Spanish & Russian) with study or work abroad (UHPL-AKB64)

Course and Award Details

Course title	BA(Hons) Modern Languages (Spanish & Russian) with study or work abroad
Route(s)	BA(Hons) Modern Languages (Spanish & ab initio Russian) with year abroad
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
Award name	Bachelor with Honours
Course mode of delivery	Thick sandwich (Full-time on campus)
Course length	4 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Politics, Languages and International Studies

Course Description

Course Summary

Achieve fluency in two languages and prepare for an international career. You'll also learn about the culture, history and politics of different countries.

Course Description

Studying Modern Languages enables you to read, write and speak two foreign languages, and learn about the cultural, social and political evolution of the of the principal countries in which they're spoken.

Language combinations

Our degree offers flexible pathways. You can select two advanced languages you've studied at A-level or combine one with a language at beginners' (_ab initio_) level.

For advanced language pathways, you'll study the cultures, societies and histories of the countries in which your languages are spoken. Beginners' language pathways focus on an integrated approach. This means you'll learn about culture through language.

Study with us

In Year 1, you'll develop your core linguistic skills, while exploring the history, cultures and societies of countries in which your language is spoken.

Year 2 combines the study of languages with acquiring the skills of intercultural communication. This will help you to gain the skills to live and work in a foreign country.

You'll spend Year 3 either studying or working abroad.

Your final year will offer you the freedom to explore topics that interest you and prepare for your future career. You'll be able to do a dissertation or translation project and a range of optional units, or select entirely from optional units. Optional units will cover areas such as contemporary politics, translation studies, film and media studies,

and sociolinguistics.

Learning and teaching

Informed teaching to advance your learning

You'll learn from teaching staff with diverse backgrounds and expertise in modern languages. Their passion, knowledge and research shape their teaching, which ultimately enhances your learning experience. They have expertise in areas such as:

- language teaching
- translation and intercultural communication
- cultural identities
- conflict and security
- memory, history and identity

We believe that your learning will be at its best through immersion in your chosen language. For this reason, you will spend your third year abroad. We also teach many of the final year units in the target language.

Contact hours

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Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of lectures, practical sessions, seminars, tutorials and workshops, vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically between 10 and 12 hours a week in your first year.
Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 23 to 30 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning becomes greater, for example, you may do a final year project in the final year.

Delivery methods

Lectures
Online resources
Practical sessions
Seminars
Tutorials
Workshops

Assessment summary

You will be assessed in a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

25% to 50% of your course will be assessed through examinations. Around 50% to 60% will be assessed through coursework. The remainder will be assessed through practical work.

The balance of assessment methods will vary throughout your degree, and it may depend on the optional units you choose.

The final degree classification is determined by your second, third and final year marks. Each contributes 24%, 8% and 68% respectively.

You will primarily be assessed individually, but may also be assessed as part of a group.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities, take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

Practical work
Examinations
Coursework

Additional Costs

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During Year 3, you will be required to spend time studying or working abroad. During this time, you are responsible for your travel, accommodation and living costs.

Chinese and Russian pathways

If you study in China or Russia (or a suitable country for your Russian pathway, such as Estonia, Kazakhstan or Georgia) with one of our partner institutions, you will be required to pay additional tuition costs.

The exact fees may vary from year-to-year, but you should budget between £1,500 and £2,500-per-semester for this.

Placement/Study Year Abroad details

In Year 3, you'll study or work abroad. During this, you'll spend time in countries that primarily use your chosen languages. You could spend this time:

- studying at one of our partner universities
- as a language assistant in a school
- doing a professional placement

You can even combine two options across countries, spending half of Year 3 on each.

This year will improve your language skills. Many students gain confidence, life experience and independence. It can also increase your professional network.

Your Year Abroad Officers and Tutor will support you during this time. If you choose to do a placement, our placements team will help you to find your role and support you during your time abroad.

Previous students have completed placements with:

- British Council (multiple locations)
- Grupo Avanza (Chile)
- Encarna Márquez School (Spain)

Placements can’t be guaranteed but you will receive support from our dedicated placements team to help you. Study abroad opportunities are limited and are subject to availability at our partner institutions. Some placement and study abroad opportunities (including some within EU countries) might not be available to UK students because of visa restrictions.

Careers and professional development

Professional development

Throughout the course, you will develop skills to prepare you for employment and further study. These include:

- processing complex and specialist information
- critical thinking
- research skills
- adaptability
- communication

You will also develop advanced language skills and gain experience of working and living in a different cultural environment.

Prepare for your future

Our Modern languages graduates have gone on to careers in both the private and public sectors, in the UK and internationally. They've worked in education, global businesses, journalism and charities, for organisations such as:

- British Council
- Institute of Practitioners in Advertising
- Hays
- Volkswagen Group

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations	Undergraduate assessment regulations - https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	N
Weighting of each Study Year	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 24% Stage 3: 8% Final Stage: 68%
Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?	SA

Course Structure

Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	PL12006	Europe in the modern world	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	PL12009	Politics and culture of Spain	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	PL12013	Advanced Spanish 1: language and society	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	15	
AY	PL12018	Russian 1: language and society	Part 1 Stage 1 Designated Essential Unit	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	25	

Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL22035	Politics and Culture of Latin America	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
AY	PL22032	Advanced Spanish 2: Language in context	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	15	
AY	PL22040	Russian 2: Language in context	Part 2 Stage 2 Designated Essential Unit	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	25	
S2	PL22024	Intercultural awareness	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	

Title Year 2 options

Total credits in this study yr 5

Overview of options in this study yr You'll study 5 credits of optional units in Semester 1.

You'll specialise by choosing an option in English. Options may include:

- teaching English as a foreign language
- translation studies
- global cultural studies

Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL22069	Study or work abroad	Part 2 Stage 3 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	60	

Placements and Years Abroad - Title Study or work abroad

Placements and Years Abroad - Total credits 60

Placements and Years Abroad - Overview You will study or work abroad. You can choose to spend this time doing a professional placement, studying at one of our overseas partner institutions, working as an English language assistant, or a combination of two of these options. This is an opportunity to enhance your CV, gain valuable new skills, try out a career option, or experience life in a different cultural environment.

Year 4

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL32050	Advanced Spanish 3	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	15	
AY	PL32053	Advanced Russian	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	15	

Title Final year options

Total credits in this study yr 30

Overview of options in this study yr

In your final year, you will study 30 credits of optional units.

This could consist of:

- a dissertation or translation project worth 15 credits, plus 15 credits selected from either all-year 10 credit options or single semester 5 credit options

- 30 credits of optional units made up of a selection of all-year 10 credit options and single semester 5 credit options

These options will cover a range of linguistic, cultural and politicaltopics, such as environmental politics, translation studies, film and media studies, and sociolinguistics. Many of these will be taught in the target language.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Identify, evaluate, and make use of the structures and registers of two foreign languages	✔	✔			
Communicate in your chosen languages with native speakers in a variety of contexts and through a variety of media	✔	✔	✔		
Translate between the languages you study and English, appraising and selecting the appropriate balance between precision and flow	✔	✔	✔		
Recognise, reflect upon, and respect the complex cultures of the societies in	✔	✔	✔		

cultures of the societies in which your chosen languages are spoken			
Recognise, synthesise, and utilise the language as a gateway to understanding cultures and appreciating diversity	✔		✔
Identify and use basic techniques of cultural and political analysis to critically engage with the changing debates, ideologies, and ideas from the cultures of your chosen language		✔	
Articulate abstract cultural, political, and linguistic concepts, and be able to synthesize and apply them to the discussion of a range of contemporary problems in a variety of cultures	✔	✔	
Recognise, review, and evaluate both your own and the positions of others in relation to different cultural, ideological, and political perspectives in the UK and target languages	✔	✔	✔
Construct reasoned responses and arguments to divergent cultural and political perspectives at home and abroad, articulating them clearly and supporting them with evidence	✔	✔	✔
Locate and evaluate information in a variety of media and use it to identify and solve problems		✔	✔
Plan, undertake and report in-depth research based on sound methodological knowledge in English as well as in the target language		✔	✔
Work independently and as part of a group to undertake research in, appraise, draw conclusions about, and communicate disciplinary challenges		✔	✔

Recognise, reflect upon, and respect the complex cultures of the societies in which your chosen languages are spoken	✔	
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Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards	This course has no designated alternative course (DAC). Department may offer opportunities to transfer to an alternative course. Please consult Director of Studies. Exit awards: Diploma of Higher Education Certificate of Higher Education

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