In a world facing social, political and economic change, language and cultural skills have never been more important. In the UK, which is facing a concerning languages deficit, and across the world as a whole, it is now increasingly vital for people to have the skills to connect beyond one language and one culture.

At the University of Reading we enable our language students to become bilingual and multicultural. We inspire our graduates with the confidence, skills and life experiences to make a difference globally.

Come and join us.

And help connect the world.

“"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”” Nelson Mandela
The University of Reading enjoys a world-class reputation for teaching, research and enterprise in French, German, Italian and Spanish. Our Department’s thriving research culture has earned it 4th place in the latest UK ranking for Research Impact in Modern Languages, and 5th place for Research Intensity. As a student with us, your classes will be enriched by the current research findings of expert staff who are passionate about their subjects and whose work has gained an international reputation.

LONGITUDES AND ATTITUDES
At Reading, we give you the opportunity to not only learn a language but to immerse yourself in the country, culture, and people of that language.

Our research projects include language issues faced by non-governmental organisations and aid agencies operating in crisis zones, challenging media representations of migration, and – from an historical perspective – informing perceptions of intellectual networks and the experience of conflict. This research directly informs teaching.

Whichever core language you are studying, you can choose from a variety of modules connected to the theme of identity and belonging and apply this knowledge to real-world issues such as war and conflict, migration, multilingualism, literacy and intercultural contact, othering and discrimination.

In their first year, languages students have the opportunity to study modules that introduce them to the history and culture of the languages they are studying. These courses are team taught by our experts, who cover their specialist areas.

**LANGUAGE, POWER AND MINORITIES**

Dr Federico Faloppa is one of Italy’s leading experts on hate speech - the language used to attack people based on their ethnic, sexual, social or political orientation. He has spent the past 20 years investigating the relationship between language and power, and the representation of minorities in public and media discourse. He is also a consultant and researcher on hate speech and language and discrimination for Amnesty International Italy, and a member of the “Committee of Experts for Combating Hate Speech” of the Council of Europe.

Federico’s extensive research feeds into several modules, such as his second year module ‘Linguistic Variety and Society in Contemporary Italy’.

On his final year ‘Language and Power’ module, he says, “I take examples of discourse: political discourse, discourse and mental health, discourse and social inclusion, unemployment and employment, to see how it shapes reality and how it shapes public opinion. Text and language don’t just represent reality – they create reality.”

**MIGRATION AND IDENTITY IN FRENCH-LANGUAGE LITERATURE**

Professor Julia Waters is a specialist in twentieth-century and contemporary French and Francophone literature. She is interested in women’s writing in French, especially Marguerite Duras and Ananda Devi, feminist and post-colonial theory. Her most recent book is *The Mauritian Novel: Fictions of Belonging*.

In Julia’s second year module Global French Life Stories, students learn about how modern-day metropolitan France is an increasingly diverse, multicultural space, shaped by waves of migration from across the globe. They explore how diverse experiences of migration and mobility are represented in a series of semi-autobiographical short novels, all of which blur generic, geographic and linguistic boundaries and complicate received notions of “Frenchness”.

What really piqued my interest was the idea and definition of “Frenchness”: who is considered a French person and how has that definition changed? We explored this idea through books such as Azouz Begag’s *Le Gone du Chaâba*, where we see French identity through the eyes of a second-generation Algerian immigrant.

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Dr Melani Schroeter is Associate Professor in German Linguistics. She specialises in analyses of public and political discourse and has investigated public debates about migration and immigrants in Germany, and public debates about language use, including silence and concealment in political discourse. She is currently investigating the anti-political correctness discourse perpetuated by the German New Right.

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**HISTORY, NATIONS AND GLOBALISATION**

Dr Catriona McAllister is an expert on Argentine literature and culture, and she is particularly interested in ideas of nationhood and exploring the relationships between history and literature. Her current research focuses on the representation of historical narratives in Argentine museums and in cultural production for children. Catriona teaches on the Spanish first-year history module Icons of Spain and Latin America. In this module, students learn about the development of Spain and Latin America, and the push for independence in Latin America that characterised the nineteenth century. They discover the Mexican Revolution, the Spanish Civil War, the Cuban Revolution of 1959, immigration and Latino culture, and contemporary debates about globalisation.

In this module we look at the development of the German language throughout history in relation to territory changes, identity, and migration. I found it really interesting to correlate the movement of a mass of people from one nation to another through border changes with language and identity, especially as this relates to many migration issues today, and allows us to better understand the identity struggle that people may face.

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An integral part of your Modern Languages degree is spending a year abroad. During your third year you get the opportunity to immerse yourself in the language and culture of your chosen destination. This is a chance to apply the extensive knowledge and skills you have gained during your first two years either on a work placement, as a student, or as an English language assistant. You can choose to study in a diverse range of locations; in big culturally diverse cities or in more rural locations, depending on your own personal interests and the type of experience you are looking for. All of our students describe their year abroad as life changing and talk about personal and academic growth that sets them up for the future. Here, two such students, James Dowds, French and Italian and Caitlin McClinchy, German and Economics discuss their experiences.

Where did you go?

JD: “I went to Poitiers and then on to Rome. I chose Poitiers because it looked really lovely and when I was there I enjoyed the small town feel to it. In the town square you would bump into somebody that you knew, be it a student or someone from the community which made you feel really at home. I chose Rome because it sounded amazing with loads to see and do. It had a tourist feel to it but you could really experience life in a city.”

CM: “I went to Graz in Austria, it was a small city and not touristy. The accent was slightly regional but I enjoyed the challenge. I studied for the first semester and then worked in the Environmental Office of the local Government, where I produced a brochure, leaflets and presentations. It was a fantastic experience. I could have got halls but I found a flat through Facebook. It was nice living with Austrians and experiencing living independently.”

How did the University prepare you and then support you during your time abroad?

CM: “The staff worked with us to prepare us for our time away and were always available via email for any questions we had. We could contact staff at any time with any questions and my tutor would email regularly to check that we were fine. Lecturers would ask how things were going so I still felt very connected to the University.”

JD: “It was the next best thing to just having their office to walk into…they were so responsive…they were brilliant.”

While you were away, how did you get to build on your learning, your language and cultural skills? And did it help you personally?

JD: “Time abroad opens your eyes to different cultures and ways of life. It improves your language and your confidence with the language. While you’re there you think ‘I’m just going to go for this’ – you force yourselves into situations with the confidence to do things you wouldn’t ordinarily do.”

CM: “The travelling was amazing. Everywhere was accessible by train. While I was away I even travelled to Venice. I noticed big improvements to my German. I was so glad that I did it. After doing that, I think you can do anything.”

Will your time abroad stay with you and help open doors to your future career?

CM: “It opened my eyes completely, I was confident before I left but I’m even more confident now. I feel more politically and culturally aware. Even my lecturers noticed a difference; not just with my language skills but with everything really – job interviews are so much easier having lived abroad.”

JD: “After doing a language and a year abroad, I became so much more confident and independent. Having a language means that there are at least three job markets available to me – the UK, Italy and France plus all the countries in the world that speak those languages. And, as a proven independent learner, companies will know that they can train you and, if necessary, confidently send you to work overseas.”

CM: “My year abroad opened my eyes to the world.”

JD: “My year abroad got the inner me out of me. Inspiring.”

For details of Year Abroad options for each programme please check our website at: www.reading.ac.uk/languages
Depending on your chosen degree and previous level of study, you can start your language studies at Reading at different levels; beginner’s, intermediate or advanced, picking up new or advancing existing GCSE language.

You could combine your degree studies in that language with a further language or subject broadening your skills further. For example you could combine German with Business or if you already have an A-level in French you could broaden your horizons by choosing to combine advanced French with beginner’s Italian.

One of our students, Beatrice, decided to study at Reading because she wanted the combination of International Relations and Spanish and a great Year Abroad Programme. Although not studying a language at A Level, Beatrice decided to take advantage of the University of Reading Beginner’s and Intermediate entry to their Modern Languages degrees.

I’d studied GCSE Spanish but I didn’t take it up in the 6th Form, and then I decided to take it back up at University. You become a massive family. I’ve made so many new friends and you meet different people. The staff are absolutely lovely. They make sure that you know what you are doing every step of the way and they are so helpful – they are more than happy to give their own time.

Please see entry requirements for all our programmes: www.reading.ac.uk/languagesdegrees
COURSES

BA Modern Languages
Our flexible BA Modern Languages gives you the opportunity to either specialise in one core language, or to combine two or three languages, choosing from: French, German, Italian, Spanish.

You can enter these languages as a complete beginner\(^1\) or at intermediate\(^2\) or advanced level\(^3\).

You will reach near-native proficiency by the time you graduate and you will also be able to explore the culture of the countries where the language is spoken through the study of cultural modules and the Year Abroad.

Additional languages
You can also opt to combine one or two core languages with one of our wide range of additional languages, starting it as a beginner and carrying it forward throughout your degree. Additional languages include Arabic, British Sign Language, Mandarin Chinese and Japanese. Please see the full list of additional languages options on our website: www.reading.ac.uk/languages

Studying a language and another subject
You can choose to combine one of the core languages (French, German, Italian or Spanish) with another subject, broadening your skills further. For instance, you could hone your business skills and combine Modern Languages and Business, or expand your horizons through studying Modern Languages and International Relations.

CORE LANGUAGE:
FRENCH
A truly global language, French is spoken across five continents and in countries famous for their rich histories and vibrant cultures. Develop an in-depth knowledge of the language, explore the eventful past and deepen your understanding of the fast-moving contemporary cultures of the francophone world. You can choose to focus on developing your knowledge and understanding of French and the francophone world, or combine French with one or two other languages. See our website for a full list of languages available: www.reading.ac.uk/languages

Joint degrees are also available across a range of subjects, including Economics, International Development, Business and English Literature.

YEAR ONE
Compulsory modules include:
• French language (beginner’s, intermediate or advanced level)
Optional modules include:
• Cultural modules
• Introduction to French culture
• Communication and intercultural competence
• French cinema

YEAR TWO
Compulsory modules include:
• French language (intermediate or advanced level)
Optional modules include:
• French cinema
• French literature
• French society
• French history

YEAR ABROAD (YEAR THREE)
Depending on your degree, you can spend your Year Abroad studying at a university, as a School Assistant or in a Work Placement. You can study with our partner universities in:
• Paris
• Rennes
• Poitiers
• Toulouse
• Grenoble
• Lyon
• Geneva
• La Réunion

You can also study in prestigious business schools such as Paris-Dauphine, Strasbourg and Montpellier, and respected political science institutions such as the Institut d’Etudes Politiques at Lyon and Rennes.

YEAR FOUR
Compulsory modules include:
• French language
Optional modules include:
• French culture
• French history
• French cinema

1 If studying for 3 core languages only one can be entered at beginner level.
2 Please consult the course content overview to check if timetable constraints may make certain three-language combinations unavailable.
3 Changes to the range of languages will be dependent upon availability.

\(^1\) French\(^2\) German\(^3\)
CORE LANGUAGE: GERMAN

Germany is a leading economic and political force internationally, and has historically played a central role in shaping European culture. Our students develop a high level of expertise in the German language, together with an in-depth knowledge of social, cultural and political issues relating to the German-speaking world. Through the study of a wide range of topics in history, film, literature and linguistics, you will gain a deep understanding of the cultural developments that shape contemporary German society and culture.

You can choose to focus on developing your knowledge and understanding of the German language and the German-speaking world, or combine German with one or two other languages. See our website for a full list of languages available: www.reading.ac.uk/languages

Joint degrees are also available across a range of subjects, including Economics, History, Business and English Literature.

YEAR ONE
Compulsory modules include:
- German language (beginner’s, intermediate or advanced level)
- German texts and genres
- What is comparative literature?
- Thinking Translation: History and Theory
- Greats of European cinema
- Introduction to linguistics

Optional modules include:
- German life and culture in modern Europe
- Science, perversion, and dream in global fantastic literature

YEAR TWO
Compulsory modules include:
- German language (advanced level)
- German texts, societies and art in modern Europe
- Science, perversion, and dream in global fantastic literature

Optional modules include:
- A journey in the 20th Century: Italy
- Society, thought, and art in modern Europe
- Crisis, Change, Opportunity: Italy from 1968 to the present
- 16th to the 18th Century Italy
- Venetian art in modern Europe
- The business world of contemporary Italy
- Introduction to linguistics

YEAR ABOROAD (YEAR THREE)
Our students spend their Year Abroad in Germany or Austria, either on a work placement, or studying at university, or working as a British Council Teaching Assistant. It is also possible to undertake a combination of work and study during your Year Abroad for half a year each. You can study with our partner universities in Austria:
- Augsburg
- Regensburg
- Potsdam
- Tubingen
- Graz
- Vienna

YEAR FOUR
Compulsory modules include:
- German language and National identity
- War on Screen – Germany and its films about WWII
- Identity and Conflict in Modern Europe
- Cinema of the world
- Language and power

Optional modules include:
- The Greats of German Literature
- Germany and its neighbours
- The business world of contemporary Italy
- Science, perversion, and dream in global fantastic literature

YEAR ONE
Compulsory modules include:
- Italian language (beginner’s, intermediate or advanced level)
- Italian literature
- Italian cinema
- Introduction to linguistics

Optional modules include:
- Greats of Italian literature
- Italy in Modern Europe
- Italy and National identity
- What is comparative literature?
- Thinking Translation: History and Theory
- Greats of European cinema

YEAR TWO
Compulsory modules include:
- Italian language (intermediate or advanced level)
- Italian literature
- Italian cinema
- Introduction to linguistics

Optional modules include:
- Intellectuals and Society in Twentieth Century Italy
- One country, many languages: Linguistic variety and societ in contemporary Italy
- Society, thought, and art in modern Europe
- Unity, nationalism and regionalism in Europe
- Science, perversion, and dream in global fantastic literature

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The majority of students spend their Year Abroad studying at a university. However, depending on which programme you do, there may also be the opportunity to work as a School Assistant or in a Work Placement. You can study with our partner universities in:
- Bergamo
- Bologna
- Florence
- Genoa
- Naples
- Padua
- Pisa
- Rome
- Siena
- Venice

YEAR FOUR
Compulsory modules include:
- Crisis, Change, Opportunity: Italy from 1968 to the present
- History of the Italian Language
- Italy in National and Conflict
- Modern Europe
- Cinema of the world
- Language and power

Optional modules include:
- The business world of contemporary Italy
- Venetian art in modern Europe
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- Greats of Italian literature
- Italy and National identity
- What is comparative literature?
- Thinking Translation: History and Theory
- Greats of European cinema

In literature and film, history and politics, business and the arts, Italy has long been among the most important and influential countries in Europe. Studying Italian as your core language will allow you to learn more about this country by studying its language in the context of its fascinating culture and history, and will allow you to study or work in Italy. At Reading we provide a focused and intensive approach to language learning and the opportunity to study a wide range of optional culture topics with experts from different disciplines, including economics, film and linguistics, within a friendly, professional environment. You can choose to focus on developing your knowledge and understanding of Italy, or combine Italian with one or two other languages. See our website for a full list of languages available: www.reading.ac.uk/languages

Joint degrees are also available across a range of subjects, including Economics, History, Business and Classics.
CORE LANGUAGE: SPANISH

Spain and the countries of Latin America together form a key economic and political presence on the international scene and are known for their extraordinary cultural diversity and fascinating history.

Studying Spanish at Reading is a life-changing experience that gives you an in-depth knowledge of the Spanish language and more broadly of Hispanic culture in the many countries around the globe where Spanish is spoken.

You can choose to focus on developing your knowledge and understanding of the Spanish language and the Spanish-speaking world, or combine Spanish with one or two other languages. See our website for a full list of languages available: www.reading.ac.uk/languages

Joint degrees are also available across a range of subjects, including Economics, History, Business and English Literature.

YEAR ONE

**Compulsory modules include:**
- Spanish language (beginner’s, intermediate or advanced level)

**Optional modules include:**
- Icons of Spain and Latin America: from revolution to globalisation
- Introduction to Spanish and Latin American culture
- What is comparative literature?
- Thinking Translation: History and Theory
- Greats of European Cinema

YEAR TWO

**Compulsory modules include:**
- Spanish language (intermediate or advanced level)

**Optional modules include:**
- Literature and society in the Modern Hispanic world
- Transatlantic exchanges: Latin America in the Global nineteenth century
- Modern and contemporary Spanish narratives
- Society, thought, and art in modern Europe
- Unity, nationalism and regionalism in Europe
- Science, perversion, and dream in global fantastic literature

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You can study with our partner universities in:
- Spain: Alcalá de Henares, Salamanca, Valladolid, Bilbao (Deusto), Madrid (Autónoma), Sevilla, Oviedo
- Latin America: Havana (Cuba) and UDLAP (Puebla, Mexico)

YEAR FOUR

**Compulsory modules include:**
- Spanish language

**Optional modules include:**
- Narrating the Colombian Conflict
- Memory, dictatorship, and cultural resistance in the Southern Cone
- Writers and Publishers in Spain
- Cinemas of the world
- Identity and Conflict in Modern Europe
- Language and power

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

In addition to one or two ‘core’ languages (French, German, Italian or Spanish), students on our BA Modern Languages can choose to study one additional language from beginner’s level. This language will be studied up to independent-user proficiency level (B1 level) and there will be no requirement to spend time in a country where this additional language is spoken during the year abroad. The study of this additional language will focus on developing students’ linguistic abilities.

The additional languages on offer may include Arabic, British Sign Language, Chinese (Mandarin), Modern Greek, Japanese and Russian (subject to availability).

If you have studied one of these languages before and wish to continue developing your linguistic abilities, please contact us as we may be able to offer your language level.
It is well documented that there is a great shortage of well-qualified linguists in the UK. People fluent in French, German, Italian and Spanish are especially highly sought-after. Our graduates are qualified to work in areas where the ability to communicate effectively – using both the spoken and the written word – is a top priority. They find careers in many different sectors, including education, publishing, translation, EU institutions, finance, fashion, entertainment, the film business and tourism, both in the UK and abroad. They have found employment with companies and organisations such as the Ministry of Defence, Energis Communication, BNP Paribas, the Taylorian Institution Library and Riso Scotti SRL, Christie’s, Prada, Dolce and Gabbana, PGL Travel Ltd, Sony Europe, the Civil Service, Dow Jones and Price Waterhouse Cooper, all of whom clearly value the technical and intellectual training of a degree in modern languages.

For more information on our Careers Advisory Service, visit www.reading.ac.uk/careers

“As firms look to markets around the world, languages are becoming increasingly valuable. Employers are showing a growing interest in those skills.”

Dr Adam Marshall, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce
Through your studies of your chosen foreign language you will become confident and highly skilled in written and spoken language to the point where you will graduate with a near-native command of it. You can further boost your career prospects by combining your modern language studies with English Literature or English Language.

Our joint courses allow you to study both subjects in detail, adding to the breadth of your knowledge base and equipping you with skills from two different disciplines.

**COURSE OPTIONS:**

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Studying English Literature will enable you to examine in greater detail authors and genres from tragedy to Gothic, from Shakespeare and Dickens to Plath and Beckett. We will also introduce you to other areas like children’s literature, publishing studies and the history of the book. The breadth of module options across language, culture and literature is a great way to complement your study of foreign language and culture. English literature can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- The business of books
- Writing America
- Colonial explorations

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

In your English language studies, you will analyse language, its use in different social settings, and how it is acquired and used by children and adults. You will develop your knowledge of grammar and phonetics in order to become a highly skilled user and analyst of the English language. English language can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- English language and society
- Forensic phonetics
- Language and the new media

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Maximise your time at university and boost your career prospects by combining your modern language studies with History or for Italian you could also combine this with Classical Studies. Our joint courses allow you to study both subjects in detail, adding to the breadth of your knowledge base and equipping you with skills from two different disciplines. You will also gain valuable time management skills in balancing your studies.

Through our courses you will become confident and highly skilled in written and spoken language. You will master the fundamental elements of the language, to the point where you will graduate with a near-native command of it and our joint degrees allow you to combine this with valuable knowledge and skills from across a range of other subjects.

COURSE OPTIONS:

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND HISTORY**
You will explore people and politics and we will teach you the skills you need to study and research history. The breadth of module options explore history from across the world which is a great way to complement your study of a linguistic and cultural area. History can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- Rebel girls: the influence of radical women 1795–1919
- Religion, culture and belief: Europe 1450–1600
- The United States and the Cold War

**BA ITALIAN AND CLASSICAL STUDIES**
Combine the study of modern Italian culture and the Italian language with that of Ancient Rome and Greece in this stimulating joint honours degree. Through this course you will become confident and highly skilled in written and spoken Italian and this is complemented by developing an understanding of the most important features of the culture and history of Italy. Example modules include:

- Museum communication and interpretation
- Ancient drama
- Technology in the ancient world

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Maximise your time at university and boost your career prospects by combining your modern language studies with Economics or International Relations. Our joint courses allow you to study both subjects in detail, adding to the breadth of your knowledge base and equipping you with skills from two different disciplines.

Through our courses you will become confident and highly skilled in written and spoken language to the point where you will graduate with a near-native command of it.

**COURSE OPTIONS:**

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND ECONOMICS**

Develop your knowledge of written and spoken language while exploring culture and learning key economic analysis skills that will aid you in your future career. These courses provide you with the opportunity to explore the culture, history, film, literature and politics of your chosen linguistic area, whilst studying practical issues and exploring the relationship between economics and society more widely. This course places less emphasis on mathematical and statistical content than a single honours Economics degree, and instead you will focus on the relevance of these techniques to applied problems. Economics can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- Economics of social policy
- Banking in emerging economies
- International economics

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Develop a deeper understanding of the world in which we live through the study of international relations combined with your chosen language. You will learn the language in the political, social and cultural contexts of the countries in which it is spoken and will acquire a strong grounding in fundamental elements such as political ideas and international relations theory. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of specialist core and optional modules, which cover topical issues such as European political integration, international terrorism and the Middle East crisis. The course also delivers innovative modules in which you can take part in United Nations and Middle East simulations and gain an insight into the political process. International Relations can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- Introduction to contemporary democracy
- The media and politics
- War, peace and international ethics

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Maximise your time at university and boost your career prospects by combining your modern language studies with Business and Management taught by Henley Business School. Our joint courses allow you to study both subjects in detail adding to the breadth of your knowledge base and equipping you with skills from two different disciplines.

COURSE OPTIONS:

**BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS**

These degree programmes can give you a strong foundation in the language and culture of your choice whilst also developing an understanding of business. It will help you learn to apply your linguistic and cultural skills to business. Business can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- People and organisations
- Marketing management
- Social enterprise

**BSC INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT WITH A MODERN LANGUAGE**

These degree programmes can give you a strong grounding in the major areas of business and management while developing your foreign language skills and your understanding of a major European business centre. International Management and Business Administration can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules include:

- People and organisations
- Management skills
- Business strategy

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BA MODERN LANGUAGES
A FLEXIBLE DEGREE ENABLING YOU TO STUDY ONE, TWO OR THREE LANGUAGES

BUILD YOUR OWN DEGREE
A degree in languages enables you to move with confidence across a variety of languages and cultures. BA Modern Languages at the University of Reading allows you to make the most of this opportunity and build your own degree from a range of flexible options.

CHOOSE YOUR CORE LANGUAGE OPTIONS
You will be able to study one, two or three core languages, choosing from French, German, Italian or Spanish, and enter these languages as a complete beginner1 or at intermediate or advanced level2. You will reach near-native proficiency by the time you graduate and you will also be able to explore the culture of the countries where the language is spoken. Our cultural modules include The German Language and National Identity, History of the Italian Language, Global French Life Stories and Narrating the Columbian Conflict.

COMBINE UP TO TWO CORE LANGUAGES WITH AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
You can also opt to combine one or two core languages with one of our wide range of additional languages, starting it as a beginner and carrying it forward throughout your degree. For your additional language you can choose from Arabic, British Sign Language, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Japanese, Italian, Modern Greek, Spanish or Russian3.

EXPERIENCE NEW CULTURES
You will spend a full year abroad expanding your linguistic competence and intercultural understanding in one or two of your core languages. If you choose to study more than one core language, you will have the chance to prioritise the core language that you start at beginner level.

“I shouldn’t ever be afraid to do something by yourself and out of the ordinary as those are the things that define your life. I would be a completely different person if I hadn’t had my year abroad.”

Mollie Pye, BA French and German (2019)

CAREER PROSPECTS
Our graduates have gone on to have a variety of careers, including work in education and publishing, finance, the film business, tourism, and the civil service.

TOP TEN LANGUAGES FOR THE UK’S FUTURE
The British Council identified the following as the top ten languages for the UK’s future in its latest report [https://bit.ly/2lHTT8i].

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1 If studying 2 or 3 core languages only one can be entered at beginner level.
2 Please note that in some cases timetabling constraints may make certain three-language combinations unavailable.
3 Changes in the range of languages will be dependent on availability.

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DISCOVER A UNIQUE COMBINATION

The study of international development has never been more important: complex global problems affect our lives; many parts of the globe are experiencing rapid change; and the richest nations have made commitments to halve world poverty. A joint Honours degree that combines a modern language (French or Spanish) and International Development can give you an insight into fascinating societies, cultures and histories around the world.

This programme provides an interdisciplinary grounding in core development issues, drawing on our century-long reputation in the study of agriculture and rural development, in conjunction with in-depth study of a modern language and the diverse cultures associated with it. The degree programme provides a fantastic starting point for careers in international development, or wider opportunities, where a combination of near-native level language skills, inter-cultural awareness and training in the natural and social sciences gives a competitive advantage.

This 4-year programme includes the opportunity to:

- Spend Year 3 combining studying abroad and work placements relevant to your growing interests and expertise (NGOs, schools, environmental organisations, etc.), supported by staff with country-specific expertise
- Start your language study at Beginner’s, Intermediate or Advanced level. By the end of your degree, you will have achieved near-native fluency in your chosen language of study.
- Achieve a profound understanding of different cultures and their development needs and aspirations

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Small class sizes and a dynamic learning environment
- Opportunities to study extra languages outside your degree subjects (including Arabic, Mandarin and Russian)
- The chance to spend Year 3 studying and/or on work placement
- Excellence in inter-disciplinary teaching underpinned by cutting-edge research

YEAR ABROAD STUDY DESTINATIONS INCLUDE:

- La Réunion
- Cuba
- Madrid
- Mexico
- Paris
- Montpellier

CAREER DESTINATIONS INCLUDE:

- Government
- Civil Service
- The energy sector
- Teaching
- International organisations
- NGOs and humanitarian organisations

“People of different religions and cultures live side by side in almost every part of the world, and most of us have overlapping identities which unite us with very different groups. We can love what we are, without hating what – and who – we are not. We can thrive in our own tradition, even as we learn from others, and come to respect their teachings.”

Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

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### Undergraduate Course Options

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<td>One core language:</td>
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<td>From beginner’s level. Additional Language study focuses on linguistic proficiency.</td>
<td>Year Abroad immersed in core language</td>
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<td>Arabic</td>
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<td>Choose one, two or three core language(s) from:</td>
<td>You may study up to two Additional Languages (1 Core + 1 Additional, or 1 Core + 2 Additional***, or 2 Core + 1 Additional)</td>
<td>8 weeks to be spent in countries or contexts where the core language of study is spoken. Further language opportunities can be experienced with academic placements embedded in culture modules.</td>
<td>Core language from:</td>
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<td>• French</td>
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<td>• Intermediate level: (GCSE in one of the languages offered (grade A)).</td>
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<td>(French, German, Italian, Spanish) with other subjects</td>
<td>Depending on your degree programme, you may be able to take one of the following additional languages:</td>
<td>A full year in countries where the chosen core language is spoken.</td>
<td>The core language (French, German, Italian or Spanish) can be taken from beginner’s level. You may commence one of these languages at intermediate level or advanced level if you have studied it before. The additional language can be taken from beginner’s level only.</td>
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*Languages are equally weighted. ** Please contact the Department for details about BA Modern Languages 3 Year entry requirements. *** One of the two Additional Languages has to be studied on the ‘intensive pathway’.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I learn two languages from beginner’s level?
   Yes, although only one will be a core language. Your second beginner’s language will be one of our additional languages.

2. If I learn two languages from beginner’s level, with what level will I graduate in each language?
   The core language will be C1/C2 Proficient User proficiency; the additional language will be B1 independent user’ (according to the Common European Framework of Reference). Go to CEFR

3. If I studied French, Italian and Spanish as core languages, where would I go on my year abroad?
   You will spend a year abroad in two different countries. Half a year will be spent in a country speaking your beginner’s level language (if you started a language from beginner’s level), and you can choose where to spend the other half of your year abroad.

4. I want to study core French and core German: can I learn both from beginner’s level?
   No, only one core language can be studied from beginner’s level.

5. Can I study French and History with Russian?
   Yes, subject to availability.

6. I’ve not studied Spanish before, so can I study it with Business?
   Yes.
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