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How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.
Modern Languages & Comparative Literature

Studying Modern Languages and/or Comparative Literature teaches you to think and communicate across cultures.

The School of Modern Languages & Cultures offers courses in Catalan, Chinese (Mandarin), Comparative Literature, Czech, English for Academic Study, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Translation Studies.

We are a truly multicultural and international school, with staff and students from all over the world involved in the study of a broad range of languages and cultures.

Our facilities

We are located in the Hetherington Building, where you will have access to:
- computer cluster
- student common room
- language resource library
- film viewing room
- group study room.

The language resource library contains some 10,000 items in 60 languages covering all levels from beginner to advanced. These resources cater for basic language skills such as listening, pronunciation and speaking, languages for specific purposes such as business French, as well as languages for specific professions such as law, commerce, medicine and engineering.

The library also contains an extensive DVD collection and you can borrow films to watch at home or in the film viewing room in the school.

The student common room gives you a space in which you can relax and have a coffee with friends after class.

The greatest asset in the school is our staff, who are on hand to help:
- Each course has a course convenor who will be your contact for questions you might have about the course.
- Each subject has its own administrator who can answer your queries.
- A specific member of staff is responsible for study and placements abroad in each subject area and can help guide you through the options.
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Comparative literature is the study of literature across cultural and national frontiers, time periods, languages and genres, even across the boundaries between literature and the other arts.

MA (Hons): Four years

Comparative Literature can only be taken as a Joint Honours degree. See glasgow.ac.uk/ug/comparativeliterature for details.

Defined most broadly, comparative literature is the study of ‘literature without walls’. The comparative or cross-cultural study of literatures is, in some ways, an idealistic academic discipline: it assumes that people from different cultures, times, places and languages can communicate with each other, understand (if not fully share) each other’s traditions, and benefit from such contacts.

The comparatist needs to have intellectual curiosity, an open mind and the courage to confront unknown cultures and unfamiliar writers and texts. A degree in Comparative Literature at Glasgow also gives you the opportunity to include the study of a foreign language (even as a beginner) as part of your curriculum. Comparative Literature is available as a joint degree, meaning you will study another subject alongside it.

Year 1

The courses on our year 1 programme have heroism as the overarching theme. The courses interrogate the notion of heroism, its absence in our lives and our longing for it as this finds expression in various historical contexts and cultures.

Some of the texts currently studied across the three courses include: Aleksandr Pushkin, The Queen of Spades; The Tain (Táin Bó Cuailnge – The Cattle Raid of Cooley); Nathaniel Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter; Heinrich Böll, The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum and Jean Racine, Phaedra.

You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2

Courses in year 2 focus on the idea of crossing frontiers in geographical, scientific, political, psychological, social, cultural and gender-oriented terms. They examine the human motivations behind and the consequences of various “crossings”, as well as the exploration of identity, otherness, secrets, mysteries and taboos.

Some of the texts currently studied include: Edwidge Danticat, Breath, Eyes, Memory; Nikolai Gogol, The Nose; Franz Kafka, The Metamorphosis; Mohsin Hamid, Exit West; Gianfranco Rosi, Fire at Sea (film); Gracialiano Ramos, Barren Lives; and José Eduardo Aguabella, Cieole.

Entry requirements

Our programme webpages advertise the most up-to-date detail on our entry requirements for 2021-22 entry at glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate. Due to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on grades certified in 2020, we are currently assessing the flexibility that we can offer in the consideration of academic entry requirements. We will publish any changes on our webpages.

A range of subjects can be taken as your third option in years 1 and 2. You can learn another language (Chinese, Czech, Danish, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish are all available at beginners level) or you can also take another course in Comparative Literature. Alternatively, you might choose to take another complementary course from the College of Arts in a subject like English or Scottish Literature.

Years 3 and 4

If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) Comparative Literature may only be taken as a Joint Honours degree, meaning that you will also study another subject.

At Honours level you choose your own optional courses, which reflect the research specialisms of our staff. You will take core courses on literary and cultural theory, and you will read texts from an intercultural perspective. You will also gain an awareness of issues of language and translation as they relate to the reading of texts from different cultures.

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Study abroad

Some students take Comparative Literature as a joint degree programme with a modern language. In this case, the programme lasts five years, with a year abroad after year 2, in the country of the language you are studying. If you study Comparative Literature as Joint honours with a non-language subject (for example English Literature), you may apply to spend your Junior Honours year (year 3 of study) abroad in any of the countries with which the University of Glasgow has an exchange agreement. This includes, for example, the Czech Republic, Canada and the USA.

At Honours level you choose your own optional courses, which reflect the research specialisms of our staff. Some of the courses we offer currently include:

- magical narratives: Imagination, fantasy & the creation of worlds
- postcolonial literature, thought & visual culture
- Holocaust literature & film
- narrating the city: representation of urban spaces in literature & film
- classic European cinema

Career prospects

Our graduates have gone on to pursue rewarding careers in the media, teaching, journalism, tourism, translating and interpreting, and the Civil Service, as well as business, commerce and marketing.

Why choose Glasgow?

You can study Comparative Literature alongside a whole range of other subjects and you may want to consider studying it with a foreign language to further expand your horizons.

glasgow.ac.uk/ug/comparativeliterature arts-languages@glasgow.ac.uk

* Discover Uni (discoveruni.gov.uk), January 2020
French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

The School of Modern Languages & Cultures offers degrees in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

French, German, Italian and Spanish can be studied on their own as a single subject or in combination with many other subjects as a joint degree.

Portuguese and Russian are offered as joint degrees, meaning you study them alongside one other subject.

Catalan, Chinese (Mandarin), Czech and Polish are all available as optional subjects that can be incorporated into your degree.

In your first year, you will usually take a language at either Beginners level (which means you've never studied the language or have studied it at National 5, GCSE or equivalent) or at Non Beginners level (which means you come to Glasgow with a grade B at Higher, A-level or equivalent within the last three years).

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French

French at Glasgow places a strong emphasis on written and spoken communication in the target language, with a view to preparing you to use French confidently in a variety of contexts, and to live and work in a French-speaking country.

ITALIAN

Italian at Glasgow places a strong focus on communicative language skills while also giving you the opportunity to explore a range of aspects of Italian culture and society.

Russian

Studying Russian at Glasgow offers you a chance to dive deep into one of the world’s richest cultures and to learn a language spoken across Eurasia and in high demand from employers.

German

German courses in Glasgow help you develop practical language skills, with a view to preparing you to use German confidently in a variety of contexts, and to live and work in a German-speaking country.

Portuguese

Portuguese is taught by native speakers who specialise in the cultures and societies of the Portuguese-speaking world, including Brazil, Portugal and Lusophone Africa.

Spanish

Spanish at Glasgow captures the global reach of the language and during your degree you’ll work with varieties of the language from across the Spanish-speaking world.

Our degree gives you the opportunity to study translation skills, Latin American film, Iberian history and art, Brazilian politics and Mozambican literature, among others.

We have partner universities in Portugal and Brazil, and our language year abroad offers you the opportunity to work anywhere in those countries. Portuguese at Glasgow is endorsed by the Instituto Câmoes.

Studying Portuguese at Glasgow also allows you to interact with the vibrant Portuguese-speaking international student community we have in the city.

Our current partner universities are located in Granada, Salamanca, Santiago (Chile), Buenos Aires (Argentina), the Canary Islands, Madrid (Alcalá), Barcelona, Asturias, Malaga, Seville, and various cities in Mexico (including Mexico City, Monterrey, and Querétaro).

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Degree structure for Non Beginners Languages

The language courses in years 1 and 2 have been designed to allow you to consolidate and advance your knowledge of the language through the study of authentic texts. You will work on enhancing your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and will begin to undertake tasks which may be new to you, such as summarising and translating. The courses are assessed by online tests, oral exams and written exams.

The culture courses in years 1 and 2 will introduce you to a broad range of ideas and texts and will encourage you to think about the vast number of cultures that have been shaped by the languages you are learning. You’ll think about a variety of topics including cities, popular culture, gender and nationalism. These broad courses showcase our research specialisms and will allow you to make an informed choice when you come to decide which courses to take at Honours level.

In years 4 and 5, you will study language in greater depth and will focus on the finer nuances of language usage. You will also choose courses in areas that interest you and we have a range of specialist courses relating to history, literature, cinema and society as well as courses that focus on applied language skills (such as translation and interpreting).

Year abroad

The year abroad is an exciting part of every degree in languages and allows you time to immerse yourself in the language and culture you are studying. The year abroad is also highly valued by employers as it shows them you are a resourceful and adaptable person who embraces new challenges.

For students taking degrees involving languages, you will spend your third year abroad gaining credit either by:
• studying at a partner university
• working as an English Language Assistant in a school within Europe (British Council scheme)
• a work placement arranged independently, approved by the School of Modern Languages & Cultures.

Students doing the year abroad in Russia will be placed on a study abroad programme with which the University has longstanding links.

If you study two languages, you will spend your year abroad in a country where one of the two languages you are studying is spoken and you’ll spend another three months abroad in your fourth year, which will allow you to go to a country where your second language is spoken.

Members of staff in each subject and in the University’s international office are on hand to support students with residence abroad.

Careers

Language graduates go into a whole host of careers including:
• media
• arts organisations
• education / teaching
• fast stream civil service
• banking
• management
• public relations
• diplomatic service.

Employers really value the transferable skills you gain during a degree in languages. A degree from the School of Modern Languages & Cultures will enable you to look at the world in a different way.

Degree structure for Beginners Languages

The beginners language courses in year 1 are intensive language courses specially designed to allow you to take an Honours degree in the language you are studying. In year 2, you will join with the non-beginners students and will continue to develop your language skills before going abroad. You will work on enhancing your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and will begin to undertake new tasks, such as summarising and translating. The courses are assessed by online tests, oral exams and written exams.

The culture courses that you take in year 2 will introduce you to a broad range of ideas and texts and will encourage you to think about the vast number of cultures that have been shaped by the languages you are learning. You’ll think about a variety of topics including cities, popular culture, gender and nationalism. These broad courses showcase our research specialisms and will allow you to make an informed choice when you come to decide which courses to take at Honours level.

If you take a beginners language in year 1 and wish to take the subject to Hons, students of French, German, Italian and Spanish will take Language 2 and both Culture 1 and 2 in year 2. Students of Russian and Portuguese will only take Russian or Portuguese Culture 2 alongside Russian or Portuguese Language 2. For students of Russian, there is a cultural component included in the level 2 language course, so you won’t take a separate culture course in your second year.

If you are a student taking two languages, we recommend that you spend your year abroad in a country where the language you have taken as a beginner is spoken.

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