Modern Languages
The School of Language, Literature, Music & Visual Culture

9 disciplines across the Arts and Humanities
Hosting a range of Single and Joint Honours degree programmes
With around 1,000 students taking our courses each year
As part of a thriving, interdisciplinary research culture
Which Languages?
A range of options and pathways

**Single and Joint Honours**
French and Francophone Studies
Gaelic Studies
German Studies
Spanish and Latin American Studies

*Beginners’ pathway available for all languages*

*Choice of 4-year and 5-year degrees available for most programmes*

**Sustained Studies (Years 1 and 2)**
Arabic
French
Gaelic
German
Mandarin
Spanish
Swedish
Levels 1 & 2 (sub-Honours)
• Intensive language courses (grammar, oral, listening) – 4 hours/week for beginners, 3 hours/week for proficient, and structured self-study
• Introductory courses on literature and culture – 2-3 hours/week of class time

Levels 3 & 4 (Honours)
• Intensive language study – 3 hours/week of class time
• Wide range of specialized courses (with topics in history, society, film and literature) – 2 hours/week of class time
• Types of assessments include oral presentations, essays, visual & creative responses
• Dissertation options to pursue supervised research on your favourite topic

Throughout your degree, you will benefit from courses being taught in small groups, with oral classes led by native speakers.
Degree in Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting

- Follows the structure described previously
- One extra hour of translation practice (Specialised Translation) in both semesters
- Introduction to Liaison Interpreting in second year
- Possibility to combine either two languages at Advanced level or one at Advanced and one at Beginners’ level
The Year Abroad
(French, German, Spanish)
Where can I go?

- **Teach** in France, Spain, Germany, Austria
- **Study** in Seville, Granada, Alicante, Santiago, Mexico City, Guadalajara, Cologne, Freiburg, Leipzig, Graz, Vienna, Zurich, Angers, Brussels, Bordeaux, Chambéry, Grenoble, Lyon, Mulhouse, Rennes, La Réunion (photo!)
Gaelic

• Gaelic, Scotland’s oldest living language, is a minority language which is enjoying a resurgence in interest and funding: there are plenty of employment opportunities after graduation even for people who begin their learning journey at first year.

• Gaelic does not currently support language residencies but does have lots of additional and innovative learning opportunities: staff in Aberdeen are at the forefront of creating new teaching methods and it is the best place to begin to learn Gaelic.
Why Languages?
Born Global

Languages degrees provide you with:

• The technical ability to speak, understand and write in a foreign language
• Intercultural understanding: specific knowledge of at least one other culture, allied to the ability to navigate and mediate between more than one culture
• Other skills: analytical rigour; resilience; general communication skills; maturity and independence (as developed in time spent studying or on work placements overseas)
Language Skills and Employability

• 70% of firms believe that future executives will need foreign language skills and international experience
• 71% of respondents said that having more than one language had given them a competitive edge in applying for jobs
• 67% said that language skills enabled them to apply for a wider range of jobs
• One in three respondents strongly recommended studying a joint degree that included a language or languages

Read the report: search Born Global British Academy, visit http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/Born_Global.cfm
Our Modern Language Graduates

Recent destinations include:
- NHS Management Trainee
- Commissioning Editor
- Risk Analyst
- Management consultant
- HR Manager
- Marketing coordinator
- Accountant
- Airline cabin crew
- TEFL Teacher
- PGDE Secondary Education
- Further study (MLitt, MSc, PhD)
Which graduates earn the most?
Median annual earnings (£) by subject, five years after graduating

- Arts & Design
- Agriculture
- Psychology
- Communications
- Education
- English
- Biological sciences
- Social Studies
- History & Philosophy
- Combined Nursing
- Other Med
- Physical Sciences
- Business
- Law
- Languages
- Computer Science
- Architecture
- Engineering & Technology
- Veterinary Science
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Medicine & Dentistry

Source: Institute for Fiscal Studies

BBC News, 19 February 2018
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-43106736]
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