



**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

# **BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH LITERATURE**

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Through your studies of your chosen foreign language you will become confident and skilled in written and spoken language, graduating with a high level of proficiency. 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
- British Black and Asian Voices.

### **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
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and New Media.

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# **BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND HISTORY**

# **BA ITALIAN AND CLASSICAL STUDIES**

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, graduating with a high level of proficiency, 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 the last thousand years and from a broad geographic scope 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 1792–1919
- Kingship and Crisis in England, c. 1154–1330
- 'The Brightest Jewel in the British Crown':  
The Making of Modern South Asia, 1757–1947

### **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:

- Roman History: the Rise and Fall of the Republic
- Ancient Drama.

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# **BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND ECONOMICS**

# **BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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 skilled in written and spoken language, graduating with a high level of proficiency.

## **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 economic issues and exploring the relationship between economics and society more widely. You will focus on how economic tools can be applied to different markets and situations. Your degree will help you to understand the levers of policy and provide policy advice in response to Economics problems. Economics can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules\* include:

- Economics of Social Policy
- Development Economics
- 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 alongside 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 international relations, the global order and war and warfare. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of specialist core and optional modules, which cover topical issues such as Climate Change, International Terrorism, US Foreign Policy and Feminism and Political Theory. The course also offers innovative modules in which you can take part in simulations of the United Nations and Middle East and gain an insight into the political process. International Relations can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules\* include:

- The Media and Politics
- Dynamics of Civil Wars
- War, Peace and International Ethics.

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# BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS

# BSC INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT WITH A MODERN LANGUAGE

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:

- Business in Practice: Markets, Marketing and Management
- Marketing Essentials
- 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 Business and Management can be combined with any of our core languages. Example modules\* include:

- Business in Practice: Markets, Marketing and Management
- Management Skills
- Building Competitive Advantage: Business Strategy and Operations.

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# MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BA FRENCH AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
BA SPANISH AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## 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 high proficiency in 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 a high level of proficiency 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, subject to availability)
- 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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