

## Programme Specification

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### German and Ancient History (2018-19)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

Awarding Institution	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton
Mode of Study	Full-time
Duration in years	4
Accreditation details	None
Final award	Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA (Hons))
Name of award	German and Ancient History
Interim Exit awards	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
FHEQ level of final award	Level 6
UCAS code	V106
Programme code	6247
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	Classics And Ancient History (Including Byzantine Studies And Modern Greek) 2007, History 2007
Programme Lead	Anthony Campbell (agc1)

### Programme Overview

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#### Brief outline of the programme

This BA programme enables you to combine the acquisition and consolidation of a high level of proficiency in German with the pursuit of your interests in Ancient History and the ancient world. In Modern Languages you will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge, skills and competencies in a wide range of content areas and disciplinary strands which are at the core of languages cultures and societies. It will equip you with a solid understanding of your chosen language and its context of production, history and society and will enable you to critically engage with its cultures. In History you will have the opportunity to study and research to a high level, equipping yourself with specialist knowledge in your chosen areas of study.

Studying the ancient world at Southampton offers you the opportunity to learn in an engaging, supportive and highly successful research environment. Southampton's Faculty of Arts and Humanities contains leading experts in a wide range of fields related to the ancient world and its reception (History, Archaeology, ancient and modern languages and literatures, philosophy and film). From ancient Egypt to Minoan civilisation, from the conquests of Alexander the Great to the Roman empire, from Roman Britain to the ancient Americas and the Middle East, from

ancient philosophy and the biblical world to the rise of Islam, studying Ancient History at Southampton affords you the chance to study topics about which you are already passionate, or to try something entirely new. Whatever you choose, Ancient History at Southampton will enable you to gain invaluable skills and study topics about which both you and staff are passionate.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

### **Learning and teaching**

Students at Southampton learn in a variety of ways. Lectures introduce students to the outline of a topic and the debates within it. Small-group seminars offer students the chance to interact with academics and other students in collaborative discussions. Such discussions can help inform and shape the ways in which students then go about writing their essays. Feedback on performance is given through formal and informal one-to-one discussions and through oral and written feedback after submission of a piece of work.

Students also get the opportunity to work together collaboratively, such as in Part Two when undertaking their Ancient History Group Project, and to undertake substantial pieces of individual research, most notably with the Year Abroad Research Project.

Language classes are conducted in the target language to encourage familiarity with the language in the classroom. The four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking are integrated with the study of key grammatical structures. A wide range of sources is used to encourage you to operate with different linguistic registers and acquire new vocabulary.

During the year abroad you will complete a research project in the target language and acquire more unfamiliar and unpredictable knowledge of the target language culture and society.

### **Assessment**

The multidisciplinary team offering Ancient History uses a range of assessment methods to ensure that students are able to demonstrate they have achieved intended learning outcomes. The most common means of assessment is an essay. Essays offer students the opportunity to demonstrate their use of skills in research and analysis to make their own arguments. Longer pieces of writing, allowing for a greater development of argument, become more common as an undergraduate progresses through his or her studies, and these allow students to formulate their own lines of historical enquiry, using archival material to create significant contributions to historical knowledge. Because source analysis (textual and material) is so fundamental to the understanding of the ancient world, we put a strong emphasis on developing skills in analysing primary sources through a variety of commentary exercises and take-away gobbet examinations (e.g. in Part One compulsory modules). Although they account for less than 50% of the overall degree mark, exams are also taken, in order to assess students' ability to formulate clear, focused and engaging pieces of writing in test conditions. Individual and group oral presentations feature in some modules, including the compulsory Part One Introduction to the Ancient World module.

## **Special Features of the programme**

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Studying a language is an opportunity to open your mind to different peoples and cultures. The year abroad represents a key opportunity in this respect. As a Modern Languages student you will spend the third Part of the programme abroad in either a work placement, a British Council placement or at one of Southampton's partner universities. Whilst a degree combination that includes a language already enhances your employment prospects, our programme builds a broader range of study and communication skills that are vital for succeeding in the world of work. You will learn to absorb, analyse and assess a wide variety of viewpoints, express arguments in oral and written form, and to think and work independently and in cooperation with others. You will learn how to do primary research yourself, applying a range of concepts and methods.

The interdisciplinary nature of Ancient History means that a range of further special features are available to you. Depending on the optional modules you choose, you can gain experience of archaeological fieldwork, fieldtrips and take part in study tours.

**Please note:** As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the

educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's [programme validation process](#) which is described in the University's [Quality handbook](#).

## Educational Aims of the Programme

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The aims of the programme are to:

- provide you with an understanding of the central theoretical and methodological issues involved in the study of Ancient History and the ancient world;
- develop your knowledge and understanding of selected periods and geographies of the ancient world, and of themes within these periods and areas;
- enhance your ability to reflect on the nature of Ancient History and the study of the ancient world: how it has developed over time and in a range of different contexts, and its place in modern culture;
- develop your capacity to undertake independent research into aspects of the study of the ancient world, using appropriate sources and methodologies;
- enable you to develop your skills in written and oral communication, the use of primary source material, teamwork, and problem-solving in both English and the target language;
- develop your understanding of the culture and society of a particular country where you have spent your year abroad
- help you develop the skills and training to enable you to undertake substantial pieces of independent research, particularly the dissertations produced in your final part;
- provide training that would pave the way for any future specialist research;
- provide opportunities for you to develop linguistic excellence in German and enable you to apply it to your studies of the contexts in which the language is spoken

## Programme Learning Outcomes

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### Knowledge and Understanding

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On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. the different ways in which the human past can be approached and constructed by scholars of the ancient world;
- A2. the different ways in which images and interpretations of the human past are produced and consumed within our own and other societies;
- A3. the relationship between historical sources, evidence, argument and interpretation;
- A4. patterns of diversity in selected areas of Ancient History;
- A5. a number of chronological periods and geographical areas of the ancient world;
- A6. research design, evaluation and application.

### Teaching and Learning Methods

- Lectures, and lecture elements, will be used in the first and second part where required to provide you with a broad orientation to periods, debates and themes;
- Tutor-led seminars will be used through the programme to facilitate in-depth discussion of key

developments, themes and debates;

- Student-led seminars will feature progressively in the programme, and particularly in your final part, as students develop greater knowledge and authority and the mutual confidence that allows you to learn from one another;
- Group activities - most notably the second-part group project - will allow you to develop and share knowledge and understanding with your peers outside a seminar room setting;
- Study visits and field-trips take place on many modules throughout the programme, in order to deepen your understanding of the past and its representation through engagements with landscapes, buildings, exhibits and other material forms of evidence;
- Office hours and individual tutorials offer you the opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of the ancient world through one-to-one discussions with module tutors;
- Independent study is embedded in all stages of the programme, culminating in the final-part dissertation, encouraging you to develop your own specialized expertise in particular events, debates and themes.

### **Assessment Methods**

- Short commentary exercises are used in first-part modules to assess and provide early feedback on your comprehension of primary sources and/or key conceptual terms;
- Individual essays are used throughout the programme to assess your knowledge and understanding of key events, approaches, themes and debates;
- On the second-part Group Project you will also be assessed on presentation and public communication skills, and on jointly authored essays;
- A documentary commentary ('gobbet') section of the exam for Ancient History second-part 15 credit options assesses your ability to evaluate primary sources and helps prepare you for the longer gobbet exam at Part 3;
- A documentary commentary ('gobbet') exam in the Ancient History third-part 'special subject' assesses your comprehension of historical context, particularly the circumstances in which such documents were produced and read or consumed;
- The final-part Ancient History dissertation assesses your attainment of an authoritative grasp of a research topic, including an understanding of the relevant historiographical and theoretical literature, historical context, key developments and chronology;
- Unseen examinations are used throughout the three part of your programme to test your understanding of key historical questions and debates and your grasp of the evidence required to resolve them

### **Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills**

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- B1. articulate and reflect on a body of knowledge about the ancient world;
- B2. interrogate and contextualise a variety of forms of evidence about the ancient world;
- B3. grasp and apply terminology and method used in the study of the ancient world;
- B4. evaluate scholarly controversies and formulate your own independent views with respect to them;
- B5. structure a historical or archaeological argument with appropriate evidential support;
- B6. develop a major research project in the target language, drawing upon appropriate primary source materials and the relevant subject specific and theoretical literature.

## Teaching and Learning Methods

- Lectures during the three parts of your programme will provide you with instructive examples of how to engage with a body of historical and material knowledge, structure scholarly arguments about the ancient world, interrogate and contextualise historical and material evidence, deploy key terms, and evaluate scholarly controversies about the ancient world;
- Individual study – for class preparation, assessed work and exam revision – will foster an understanding of how scholars from different disciplines think and write about the ancient world: how they engage with a controversy about the ancient world, identify a source base, deploy theory where relevant and structure an argument in sympathy with the evidence;
- Tutor-led seminars will provide you with an environment in which to discuss and debate your ideas and those of others;
- The second-part group project will offer you the opportunity to develop a significant research project in collaboration with your peers, under tutorial supervision;
- You will have the opportunity through work on field trips or more practical sessions to investigate ancient spaces and landscapes, as well as to handle relevant artefacts;
- You will have the opportunity to take part in study and fieldtrips to sites in Britain and/or the Mediterranean world.
- Office hours and individual tutorials offer an occasion to discuss questions of methods, resources, structure and argument one-to-one with your tutors.

## Assessment Methods

- Short commentaries are used in first part modules, and again in the Ancient History second-part 15 credit option module exam and the final-part 'gobbets' exercise, to assess your ability to interrogate and contextualize evidence about the ancient world;
- Essays are used throughout the curriculum to assess your ability to identify relevant source materials, engage with a body of knowledge, negotiate controversy, deploy terminology and structure an argument from evidence, all relating to the study of the ancient world;
- The group and individual essays, along with the presentation and public outcome, for the group project assess your ability to develop a significant and coherent research project, drawing upon primary source materials where appropriate, related to a topic of substantial scholarly and popular interest;
- The final-part dissertation tests your ability to develop and deliver a major project of individual research, informed by historiographical and, where relevant, theoretical debates, rooted in sound methodology and argued from the primary evidence;
- Unseen examinations are used throughout the curriculum to assess your ability to articulate and reflect upon a body of historical knowledge, critically discuss historiographical debates and structure a historical argument in sympathy with the evidence.

## Transferable and Generic Skills

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- C1. communicate ideas and arguments in both English and the target language in a variety of written formats;
- C2. communicate ideas and arguments orally and in the context of formal presentations;
- C3. identify, select and draw upon a wide variety of useful and relevant materials in the development of a research project;
- C4. manage individual and group research projects to timely completion;
- C5. demonstrate interpersonal skills and intercultural competence whilst working with others in the investigation of problems, and in the presentation of arguments and evidence;
- C6. demonstrate self-confidence and self-awareness both in collaborative activities and independent study;

C7. identify and constructively reflect upon your own intellectual strengths and weaknesses.

### Teaching and Learning Methods

- At all stages of the curriculum, your skills in written communication will be enhanced through formal and informal feedback on written assessments, with specific lectures on essay writing built into the first-part 'Introduction to the Ancient World' and 'Ancient History: Sources and Controversies' modules;
- Your skills in oral communication will be developed through seminar discussions and non-assessed individual and group presentations throughout the curriculum, and in assessed group presentations, such as during the second-part group project;
- In tutorial meetings and office-hours, and through feedback, tutors will provide guidance about methods of research and project management;
- Seminar discussions throughout the curriculum, and the second-part group project, will provide an opportunity for you to enhance your interpersonal skills
- Through reflective exercises in the group project and more generally through one-to-one meetings with tutors and personal academic tutors, you will be encouraged to reflect upon your intellectual strengths and weaknesses.

### Assessment Methods

- All forms of written assessment – commentaries, essays, exams and dissertations – will test your skills in written communication;
- Your skills in oral communication will be assessed in group and individual presentations;
- Your ability to design and investigate a discrete research project, and manage it to completion, will be tested in 2,000 word first- and second-part essays (with some variation of assessment and word-length in some modules, appropriate to the topic), in the group project, in 3,000 and 4,000 word final-part essays, and the final-part dissertation;
- Your interpersonal skills and your ability to reflect upon your own intellectual strengths and weaknesses will be tested in the assessments for the group project.

## Programme Structure

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The programme structure table is below:

Information about pre and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

### Part I

Typical course content

Ancient History at Southampton affords you the opportunity to study a range of modules, covering a broad chronological and geographical spread, from ancient Egypt to the rise of Islam, western Europe and the Mediterranean world, the Middle East and the ancient Americas. From the first semester of the first part onwards, you will research and learn in modules led by academics who are internationally recognised scholars in their fields. Students also have a remarkable amount of flexibility to study modules outside Ancient History, including specially-developed Curriculum Innovation modules, interdisciplinary modules that expose you to a range of ways of approaching a topic, or a minor in Ancient World studies.

Programme details

The programme is normally studied over three years full-time, but may also be taken on a part-time basis for a period of not less than four and not more than eight academic years. Study is undertaken at three parts (each corresponding to one year of full-time study). There are 30 study weeks in each year.

The programme is divided into modules.

During the three years of full-time study, students take modules worth 60 ECTS (120 CATS) credits at each part, normally 30 ECTS (60 CATS) in each semester; part-time students take modules worth 30 ECTS (60 CATS) at each part, normally 15 ECTS (30 CATS) in each semester. Single modules have a credit value of 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS), while double modules have a value of 15 ECTS (30 CATS). Each part has a total credit value of 60 ECTS (120 CATS).

Modules offered in Ancient History are listed below. In addition to these, and subject to the approval of their personal academic tutor, students may take up to 15 ECTS (30 CATS) of modules offered in other disciplines in each part. Compulsory modules for the programme are shown below; all other modules are optional. Details are altered from time to time, so for current information consult the Faculty student handbooks, which can be downloaded from: [http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/faculty\\_handbooks/](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/faculty_handbooks/).

#### Availability of Modules

The information contained in programme specification is correct at the time it was published. Typically, around a quarter of optional modules do not run due to low interest or unanticipated changes in staff availability. If we do have insufficient numbers of students interested in an optional module, this may not be offered. If an optional module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module.

Exit Award: Certificate of Higher Education

#### Part I Compulsory

In your first part you will follow a total of eight modules (four in each semester). These are divided equally between the two parts of your degree. In Modern Languages one module in each semester (two over the part) will be your German language course while the second module in each semester will be a Modern Languages content module. LANG1017 is an additional non-credit bearing compulsory module.

Exit Award: Certificate of Higher Education

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG1017	Academic Skills for ML students	0	Compulsory
GERM9011	German Language Stage 4	15	Compulsory
HIST1155	Introduction to the Ancient World	15	Compulsory

#### Part I Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HIST1153	Alexander the Great and His Legacy	7.5	Optional
HIST1154	Ancient History: Sources and Controversies	7.5	Optional
LING1003	Applications of Linguistics	7.5	Optional
HIST1164	Consuls, Dictators & Emperors	7.5	Optional

LING1001	Elements of Linguistics - Sound, Structure and Meaning	7.5	Optional
GERM1003	German History, Politics and Society	7.5	Optional
GERM1002	Introduction to German Linguistic Studies	7.5	Optional
ARCH1028	Landscapes and Seascapes of Britain's Past	7.5	Optional
ENGL1080	Literary Transformations	7.5	Optional
GERM1001	Modern German Culture	7.5	Optional
LANG1004	Reading Culture	7.5	Optional
LANG1013	Reading the City	7.5	Optional
HIST1102	The End of the World: Apocalyptic Visions of History	7.5	Optional
ARCH1062	Wonderful things: World history in 40 objects	7.5	Optional

## Part II

Modern Languages: In each semester you should choose one optional Modern Languages module from the list below (two modules in total). In order to meet the requirements of your programme you must choose at least one GERM module in the part.

LANG2010 is an additional compulsory module designed to prepare you for the year abroad.

Exit Award: Diploma of Higher Education

## Part II Compulsory

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GERM9012	German Language Stage 5	15	Compulsory
LANG2010	Managing Research and Learning	0	Compulsory



**Part II Optional**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Type</b>
GREE9012	Ancient Greek Language Stage 1A	7.5	Optional
GREE9013	Ancient Greek Language Stage 1B	7.5	Optional
PHIL1003	Ancient Greek Philosophy	7.5	Optional
HIST2109	Ancient Greeks at War	7.5	Optional
HIST2055	Ancient Rome: the First Metropolis	7.5	Optional
HUMA2016	Arabian Nights and Days: The World of the 1001 Nights	7.5	Optional
HIST2075	Creating an Imperial Image: Augustus	7.5	Optional
LING2004	Discourse Analysis	7.5	Optional
HUMA1038	Introduction to Ethnography: Food and Culture	7.5	Optional
HUMA2018	Landscapes of Conflict	7.5	Optional
LING2010	Language, Ideologies and Attitudes	7.5	Optional
LAT19005	Latin Language Stage 1A	7.5	Optional
LAT19006	Latin Language Stage 1B	7.5	Optional
LAT19008	Latin Language Stage 2B	7.5	Optional
LING2009	Multilingualism	7.5	Optional
HIST2223	Myth and the Ancient World	7.5	Optional
LING2002	Psycholinguistics	7.5	Optional
HIST2085	Rebels with a Cause: The Historical Origins of Christianity	15	Optional
HIST2111	Roman Emperors and Imperial Lives	15	Optional

HIST2103	Self-inflicted - Extreme Violence, Politics and Power	7.5	Optional
LING2008	Sound and Voice	7.5	Optional
LING2003	Syntax: Studying Language Structure	7.5	Optional
LING2007	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	7.5	Optional
LING2011	Variation and Change in English	7.5	Optional
GREE9014	Ancient Greek Language Stage 2A	7.5	Optional
GREE9015	Ancient Greek Language Stage 2B	7.5	Optional
UOSM2030	Body and Society	7.5	Optional
HIST2045	Cleopatra's Egypt	15	Optional
LANG2002	Globalisation: Culture, Language and The Nation State	7.5	Optional
GERM2004	Language and Society in German-Speaking World	7.5	Optional
LAT19007	Latin Language Stage 2A	7.5	Optional
LANG2005	Learning about Culture: Introduction to Ethnography	7.5	Optional
ARCH2017	Maritime Archaeology	7.5	Optional
GERM2003	Media Perspectives on Post-68 Germany	7.5	Optional
LANG2009	The EU and European Identity	7.5	Optional
HUMA2008	The Life and Afterlife of the Vikings	7.5	Optional
ARCH2003	The power of Rome: Europe's first empire	7.5	Optional
GERM2006	Vienna and Berlin: Society, Politics and Culture from 1890 to the Present	7.5	Optional

### Part III

Students will spend the year abroad in a country where the chosen language is spoken, either as :

- an English language assistant (British Council)
- studying on a University course (Erasmus)
- on an approved work placement

During the year abroad students are required to complete an Investigative Project (LANG3005). This is an independent study project (6000 words) supervised by a member of staff and written in the target language.

### Part III Core

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG3005	Year Abroad Research Project YARP	15	Core

### Part IV

#### Exit Award: Conferment of award/graduation

Modern Languages: In each semester you should choose one optional module from the list below (two modules in total). In order to meet the requirements of your programme you must choose at least one GERM module in the part.

Please note that this is an indicative list of modules for part 3. Part 3 will run for the first time in and the modules will be updated accordingly.

#### Part IV Compulsory

GERM9XXX-German Language-30 CATS (15 ECTS)

OR

HIST3210-Ancient History Dissertation-30 CATS (15 ECTS)

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HIST3210	Ancient History Dissertation	15	Compulsory

### Part IV Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GREE9013	Ancient Greek Language Stage 1B	7.5	Optional
GREE9016	Ancient Greek Language Stage 3A	7.5	Optional
ARCH3034	Archaeology of Seafaring	7.5	Optional
LANG3008	Audiovisual Translation	7.5	Optional
FILM3018	Framing the Past: Stardom, History and Heritage in the	7.5	Optional

	Cinema		
ARCH3011	Iron Age Societies	7.5	Optional
GERM3016	Language and the City	7.5	Optional
LAT19009	Latin Language Stage 3A	7.5	Optional
LAT19010	Latin Language Stage 3B	7.5	Optional
GERM3006	Minorities and Migrants: Exploring Multicultural Germany	7.5	Optional
LANG3003	Modern Languages Dissertation	15	Optional
ARCH3038	Pottery under the microscope: ceramic and lithic petrology	7.5	Optional
ARCH3017	Presenting the past: Museums and Heritage	7.5	Optional
LANG3006	Public Service Interpreting	7.5	Optional
ARCH3008	Stonehenge to Skara Brae: the Neolithic of Britain	7.5	Optional
LANG3007	Translation: Theory and Practice	7.5	Optional

## Progression Requirements

The programme will follow the University's regulations for [\*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes\*](#) or the University's regulations for [\*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Standalone Masters Programmes\*](#) as set out in the General Academic Regulations in the University Calendar: <http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/sectIV-index.html>

## Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your particular Faculty or discipline area.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices; laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.
- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)

- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.

The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- personal academic tutors, made up from amongst the staff in History, who are able to offer advice on work, careers and other important matters, or connect you with trained professionals who can do likewise;
- open office hours, whereby all staff make themselves available for those seeking advice about their course, essays, and so on;
- talks and training on topics such as essay writing, preparing for your dissertation, and so on.

## Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

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You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff: Student Liaison Committees, Faculty Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feed back on your behalf.
- Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group

The ways in which the quality of your programme is checked, both inside and outside the University, are:

- Regular module and programme reports which are monitored by the Faculty
- Programme validation, normally every five years.
- External examiners, who produce an annual report
- A national Research Assessment Exercise (our research activity contributes directly to the quality of your learning experience)
- Institutional Review by the Quality Assurance Agency

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

## Career Opportunities

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Studying Ancient History at Southampton will help you to acquire the critical thinking and communication skills that are vital as you embark on your career, opening up an extremely wide variety of career options. Such invaluable transferable skills include the ability to weigh up evidence and arguments, to express your opinions coherently and concisely, to work independently, and to manage your time and workload effectively. These skills will demonstrate to employers that you are uniquely equipped to respond positively to the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow's workplace. Our graduates specialising in ancient history and ancient world studies have succeeded in careers as diverse as law; the media; IT; the Civil Service; the armed services; advertising, film and television; business and finance; teaching; politics; numerous roles in the public sector and NGOs; publishing; teaching; museums, galleries and libraries – to name but a few.

Graduates of Modern Languages have a wide variety of employment options to choose from, some specifically using their language skills, others that draw on the range of employability skills developed during their programme. Graduates from the University of Southampton have progressed to careers ranging from teaching and translating to marketing and accountancy. Events and hospitality, retail and sales and the media are other popular choices. Our destinations survey shows that most of our graduates work in London or the South East, with many working for global organisations. Some graduates move overseas to pursue careers in countries where the languages they have studied are spoken.

For those choosing further study, subjects pursued by Southampton graduates include interpreting and translating, PGCE, Law, Accountancy, Management and International Relations. Modern Languages students develop vital skills in addition to a high level of language competence that facilitate this varied choice of employment and study options, including the ability to gather and interpret information, to lead and work within teams and to develop opinions and communicate ideas and intercultural competence. The year abroad promotes a global mind set highly attractive to employers as well as resilience and independence.

## External Examiner(s) for the programme

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Name: Dr Joanne Sayner - University of Newcastle

Name: Dr James Corke-Webster - University of Durham

Name: Dr Doris Dippold - University of Surrey

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

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full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information can be found in the programme handbook.

# Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

## Additional Costs

Type	Details
Software Licenses	All software is provided
Hardware	It is advisable that students provide their own laptop or personal computer, although shared facilities are available across the University campus.
Computer discs or USB drives	Students are expected to provide their own portable data storage device.
ML Residence Abroad - Cost implications	As you know, the ML third part includes a period of study or work abroad as a compulsory element of a four part degree, and as a result, all students pay reduced home tuition fees to Southampton their third part (currently 15% for home and EU students, 40% for International Students) irrespective of what placement they take up. However, as happens whilst you are in Southampton, students are expected to pay their own travel expenses, accommodation and other living expenses. So that you can assess the viability of the different options available to you, the following outlines their general cost implications, but please do bear in mind that these may vary enormously from student to student depending on what placement is selected and where it is located. Should you need further information, please contact the relevant RA language coordinator:
Students studying or working in Europe	Students are eligible for a small grant through the British Council, which is means tested against their salary (if relevant) and which varies every year (as a guide, students this year receive around 350-400 Euros per month). The only exceptions to this are students who currently live full-time with their parents and for whom household income is above the threshold. British Council students also receive a monthly salary (this varies country to country) and are expected to pay for their International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) checks, which are mandatory and currently cost £45. University students tend to receive a slightly higher grant than those who working for the British Council since they are not in receipt of a salary. They pay no tuition fees to their host university. Work placement students may or may not be paid, and their grant is calculated accordingly.
Students studying or working outside Europe	These students are not eligible for the British Council grant but may be able to apply for funding to support their travel etc. through the International Office. All students are expected to pay for their own student visas; costs vary from country to country. Students studying in Latin America or China will generally have to pay host university fees, although typically these are no more than £100 for the academic year. Students working in Latin America are not generally paid a stipend. Some receive free accommodation, travel or meals as a work benefit, others (generally in voluntary work) often also have to pay to join the scheme and be eligible to work do not receive this. Students taking place in the Mexico link receive a bursary.
Stationery	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationary items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.). Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.
Textbooks	Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to



	<p>buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source.</p> <p>Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies.</p> <p>Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.</p>
Laboratory Equipment and Materials	All laboratory equipment and materials are provided.
Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes)	<p>Students on placement programmes can expect to cover costs for health and travel insurance, accommodation and living expenses; travel costs; visa costs. This will vary depending on which country you are travelling to. Specific details on what additional costs there will be are detailed in the individual module profiles which can be found under the modules tab of the programmes details of your programme.</p>
Printing and Photocopying Costs	<p>Where possible, coursework such as essays; projects; dissertations is likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and students will be asked to provide a printed copy. The University printing costs are currently:</p> <p>A4 - 5p per side (black and white) or 25p per side (colour) A3 - 10p per side (black and white) or 50p per side (colour)</p> <p>Please Note: Paper sizes not recognised by the printing devices will prompt you to select the size and then charge a minimum of 50p per black and white copy and a maximum of £1 per colour copy.</p> <p>You can pay for your printing by using the money loaders or by using print copy payment service by going to <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing-for-students.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing-for-students.page</a></p> <p>The University Print Centre also offers a printing and copying service as well as a dissertation/binding service. Current printing and copying costs can be found in <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/copyrooms/service.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/copyrooms/service.page</a>. They also provide a large format printing service, e.g. Academic posters. Details of current costs can be found in <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/exhibition/academicposters.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/exhibition/academicposters.page</a> ?.</p>

In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module Profile. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at [www.calendar.soton.ac.uk](http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk).