Programme Specification

Modern Languages (2019-20)

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	Modern Languages
Interim Exit awards	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
	Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
FHEQ level of final award	Level 6
UCAS code	R990
Programme code	4227
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	Languages And Related Studies 2007
Programme Lead	Irina Nelson (in)

Programme Overview

Brief outline of the programme

This programme combines the acquisition and consolidation of a high level of proficiency in three languages from a range which currently includes French, German, Spanish Portuguese, Italian, Russian, Chinese and Arabic with the opportunity to develop your knowledge, skills and competencies in a wide range of content areas and disciplinary strands. You will complement your language learning with modules on history and contemporary society literature and film, or linguistic studies. You can choose to combine these areas of study for a broad-based curriculum, or focus on the area that interests you most. The programme will provide you with an overarching learning environment solidly rooted in key disciplinary contexts such as linguistics, socio-historical studies, ethnography and cultural studies which are all central to the understanding of other societies and culture. You will become familiar with the scholarly discourse and debates about languages and cultures in a comparative context and be able to engage in expression, discussion and research in these subjects.

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

Your knowledge and understanding will be developed through lectures and other tutor-led teaching. Lecturers will also give you extensive guidance, especially through reading lists and recommended reference and source material, the latter in the target languages wherever possible. Your learning will develop in the more student-led context of seminars, presentations, guided independent study and the preparation of written assignments. Your knowledge and understanding will be developed through lectures, tutorials, seminar presentations and discussions. 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. Classes for content courses are conducted mainly in English, partly because of the level of sophistication required of you at university level in your engagement with academic debates and essay writing and partly to inculcate excellent oral and written communication skills in English in addition to those which you are simultaneously developing in other languages.

All courses use on-line material and some make use of discussion boards, where students and staff exchange knowledge and commentary. You will receive written, in-class and tutorial feedback, depending on the assignment type and this will enable you to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your knowledge and to continue to develop it effectively. You will take progressively more responsibility for your own learning and for the conduct of classes, as you move through the programme. You will spend your third year abroad either studying in a partner university , undertaking a relevant work placement or working for the British Council .

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. This particular feature of our programmes will test your ability to work independently on a clearly focused task designed to increase and demonstrate your understanding of your place of residence abroad. The period abroad makes a particular important contribution to your growing intellectual independence.

Throughout the programme you will be encouraged to plan and manage your own learning building on the foundation established through your active participation in lectures and seminars. Essays and other short assignments ensure that the critical skills are developed and evaluated throughout the learning process. The strong disciplinary framework allows you to develop a wide range of skills and to specialise through their application during the year abroad. The foundation of the intellectual and transferable skills is laid progressively throughout the various stages of the programme with an increasing reliance on your personal research and self-direction.

Assessment

Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed in a variety of ways including examinations and coursework. Examinations test your ability to apply your knowledge and understanding, often asking you to present an argument within a very limited period of time. Coursework may include tasks such as critical literature reviews, case studies, essays, written reports, class presentations, portfolios and group projects. These tasks test your ability to apply your knowledge and understanding of a subject, normally with full access to reference sources, and to construct an in-depth argument over a much longer period of time. You will be able to track your progress from the introductory broadly contextualising modules in Part 1 to more specialised and disciplinary focused modules in Part 2, to a research project in Part 3 and to research-based modules and the optional double-module dissertation in Part 4.

Special Features of the programme

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.

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

The aims of the programme are to:

· To develop specific and advanced knowledge and understanding of key aspects of the culture and society you study and to enable you to 'read' and interpret different cultural traditions.
· To enable you to become a highly proficient linguist in at least one foreign language.
· To enable you to develop analytical, research and personal skills relevant to a range of careers and professions, including those for which languages are a key requirement
· To enable you to include different disciplinary pathways in your Modern Languages degree and to provide you with distinctive, stimulating and coherent patterns of learning.
· To provide you with a programme of study which is responsive to changes in the potential of Modern Languages studies and the needs of students and employers.
· To provide experience and opportunity for developing a range of transferable skills.
· To achieve an appropriate balance between supporting your learning and ensuring that you develop the range of skills needed to become an independent learner.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

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

A1. the structures, registers and varieties of the target languages, and of the structures required to analyse them

A2. at least one culture and society, other than your own, and the similarities and dissimilarities between this culture and society in comparison with your own

A3. one or more aspects of the culture, linguistic contexts, history, politics, geography, social and economic structures of this country

A4. significant, and sometime competing, methodologies, theories and issues relating to Linguistic Studies, Literary and Cultural Studies, and Social and Political Studies within the context of the Modern Languages curriculum

A5. the interaction of language, text, image and socio-cultural context

A6. social, political and/or gender aspects of the chosen culture(s) and field(s) of study

A7. the culture and society of the particular country where you have spent your year abroad

Teaching and Learning Methods

· Coherent and progressive combination of field and section (language-specific) modules across all years of the programme.
· Progression from introductory, broadly contextualising modules in Part1 to more specialised modules in Part2, to an Investigative Project in Part3 and to research-based modules and the optional double-module dissertation in the final year.
· Enhancement of your knowledge and understanding through lectures and other tutor-led teaching. Lecturers also give extensive guidance, especially through reading lists and recommended reference and source material, the latter in the target language wherever possible.
· Developing your learning in the more student-led context of seminars, presentations, guided independent study and the preparation of written assignments. All courses use on-line material and some make use of discussion boards, where students and staff exchange knowledge and commentary. Depending on the assignment type, written, in-class and tutorial feedback is given to enable you to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your knowledge and to continue to develop it effectively.
· Taking progressively more responsibility for your own learning and for the conduct of classes, as you move through the Programme.
· You will be expected to acquire more unfamiliar and unpredictable knowledge of the target language culture and society during the year abroad in Part3, and to complete the Investigative Project, requiring sustained independent study, in this year. For students of English as a foreign language this progression will be ensured by your developing familiarity with English language and British culture and society.
· Studying in a European partner university, or undertaking a work placement, which could include teaching, during the year abroad.

Assessment Methods

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A particular feature of our programmes is the Investigative Project in Part3. This tests your ability to work independently on a clearly focused task designed to increase and demonstrate your understanding of your place of residence abroad. You are assessed on both the written text and on your performance in an oral presentation. Some students also opt to do a double-module Dissertation in the final year. The dissertation tests your in-depth and critical understanding of a topic which you have been able to investigate at length. If in final Partyou opt to take a portfolio of modules appropriate to your pathway, rather than the dissertation, you will be tested on your critical knowledge and understanding at final-year level in a way which is structured around several smaller but equally demanding in-depth tasks.

Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

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

B1. define, present and exemplify concepts

B2. identify concepts and data relevant to the task in hand

B3. select, synthesise and focus information from a range of sources in both English and your target language

B4. analyse and discuss theoretical questions

B5. apply knowledge, understanding and analysis critically to different topics

B6. formulate and defend personal judgements clearly and persuasively on the basis of evidence

B7. engage with subject matter and opinion in both breadth and depth

B8. understand, apply and evaluate different methodologies

B9. formulate and clarify critical questions

B10. collect, analyse and present empirical data (where appropriate)

B11. analyse and question assumptions and received opinion and propose alternatives

Teaching and Learning Methods

· The ability to work in breadth and depth and to develop a range of cognitive skills is ensured by coherently structured pathways through a broad programme.
· Lectures will develop the skills of summarising and processing information, mentally and through note-taking.
· Cognitive skills are developed in student-led classes—seminars, presentations, discussions, group projects—from the outset of the programme. As you move into the later years, you will be required to take more responsibility for your classes and thus to develop and demonstrate the full range of cognitive skills in a public setting.
· You will develop cognitive skills through researching and writing essays throughout the programme. As you move into the third and fourth years of the programme, you will experience more challenging learning tasks—involving personal research, in-depth study and analysis and the production of long complex texts—in the form of the year abroad Investigative Project in Part3 and the option of a double-module dissertation in the final year.
· Depending on the assignment type, written, in-class and tutorial feedback is given to help you identify the strengths and weaknesses of your cognitive skills and to continue to develop them effectively through content, style and presentation.

Assessment Methods

· Examinations and coursework. Examinations, whether written or oral, test your overall thinking skills in conditions where time and support for reflection are limited, as often in real life. Coursework assessment provides formative and summative testing against the intended learning outcomes of the module concerned.
· Assessment tasks are directly related to learning outcomes of modules and usually integrate thinking skills with language knowledge outcomes. For example, a class presentation and discussion on a specialist topic tests your ability to think through and organise your material in preparation, and to think on your feet in discussion, as well as testing your topic knowledge, interactive skills, strategic competence, and in some cases your linguistic accuracy and fluency.

Transferable and Generic Skills

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

C1. communicate effectively and confidently in English and in your target language, both orally and in writing, including being able to engage an audience in discussion and sustaining a long and complex piece of writing

C2. demonstrate intercultural competence

C3. plan and organise your learning through self-management

C4. exercise independence and initiative, particularly during the Year Abroad

C5. adhere to guidelines and deadlines

C6. work effectively alone and in collaboration with others to solve problems and/or carry out a task

C7. set and monitor goals, reflect on your own learning, and learn from feedback

C8. take notes and keep records;

C9. use libraries, archives, learning resources and ICT to access relevant information

C10. produce writing in appropriate genres and to required conventions, including referencing and identification

C11. use ICT to produce documents and other

C12. use ICT to communicate with staff and other students and to take part in on-line classes

Teaching and Learning Methods

- The Part1 induction programme introduces you to learning strategies and methods, and also ensures that you sign up for training sessions in the use of ICT and for an introduction to the University Library. Your experience of all these induction activities is monitored during personal tutorials. Study skills and writing workshops are available throughout the Part on request.
- Broadly speaking in the fields, the emphasis in Part 1 is on developing basic bibliographical and referencing skills, producing written work according to academic conventions, on making individual and group presentations and developing an independent approach to learning. We also encourage you to develop good computer skills.
- In Part2 the stress is on developing the kind of research skills and independent learning strategies which will prepare you to make the most of the social and cultural experiences of your upcoming Year Abroad and for producing the Investigative Project. This includes working with others on group tasks.
- You will normally spend Part3 abroad, when the emphasis is on enhancing independence and initiative in studying a foreign language and culture, developing empirical research skills and producing a long project. The Modern Languages Year Abroad website successfully offers students who are abroad the opportunity to communicate with both staff at home and other students abroad.
- In the final Part we stress advanced research skills, including the evaluation of the roles of primary and secondary sources, and developing the ability to develop a sustained argument in writing and to give academic oral presentations.
- Written, in-class and tutorial feedback is given to help you to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your key skills and as the School implements student profiling, you will be required to monitor and evaluate your own progress in key skills with your personal tutor.

Assessment Methods

- The effectiveness of your communication, learning and research skills is tested through both assessed coursework and examinations, which variously involve writing of different kinds, group and individual projects, and oral presentation and other interactive tasks.
- Your use of ICT implicitly contributes to your assessment since it is a necessary condition for presenting much of your work and for communicating with your tutors about your Investigative Project while you are abroad.
- The specialist skills of language learning are explicitly assessed through a wide range of tasks and activities

Subject Specific Practical Skills

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

D1. Plan and manage an extended period of residence abroad

D2. Communicate effectively in the target language during that period of residence

Programme Structure

The programme structure table is below:

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

Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note in some instances modules have limited spaces available.

Part I

The BA Modern Languages programme is offered only as a full-time programme. It requires 4 years, with Part 3 spent in a country where one of the 3 languages studied is spoken.

The year abroad is seen as a particularly important feature of the programme. During the year abroad you have the opportunity to get to know a foreign culture at first hand, either as a student or in a work placement. As well as the daily opportunities you will have to practise using the foreign language, you are also ideally placed to get to know the people, and many lifelong friendships are made during this period. We aim to support you, mainly by frequent email contact, during the year abroad, and you will also be required to undertake an independent study, known as an Investigative Project.

Requirements

In each semester you will be required to follow four modules (a total of eight modules over the year). Three modules in each semester (four over the year) will be the language courses. These are core components of the programme. You will take one optional module per semester.

In Part2 you will take an additional module “Managing Research and Learning” (LANG2010), designed to prepare you for residence abroad and undertaking an extended research project. While you are abroad you will complete an Investigative Project (which counts as an additional final Part unit). The year abroad project counts for 30 credit points (LANG3005). Students will normally be expected to pass LANG 2010 before undertaking residence abroad.

· Part-time students take a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 modules per year.

In each year of your programme of studies, you are expected to take 2 optional content modules that are closely related to your languages of study (FREN, GERM, PORT, SPAN, LANG, LING)

The programme is divided into modules. Credit is awarded for achievement of the learning outcomes of each module studied. Full-time students take eight modules in each year, four in each semester, except in the year abroad. Single modules have a credit value of 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS), while double modules have a value of 15 ECTS (30 CATS). Each level has a total credit value of 60 ECTS (120 CATS), apart from the year abroad, which counts as 15 ECTS (30 CATS).

First Part modules contribute to the qualifying examination, which must be passed at honours level before a student may proceed to Part 2. A pass in this examination provides the possibility of exit with a Certificate of Higher Education.

Second Part modules contribute to the Part 2 examination, a pass in this examination providing the possibility of exit with a Diploma of Higher Education. Second Part modules are single-weighted in the calculation of the final degree result.

The year abroad (Part 3) counts as one final Part module in the calculation of the final degree result, i.e. 15 ECTS (30 CATS).

Final Part modules contribute to the result of the final examination, as do those awarded in years 2 and 3, but they are double-weighted in the calculation of the final degree result.

Three modules in each semester (six over the year) will be the three different language courses. Students will follow one optional module in each semester, including alternative subjects / free electives.

Exit award: Certificate of Higher Education

Part I Compulsory

Also included in Compulsory modules:
_____9XXX Language 1 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 2 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 3 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

Exit Point: Certificate of Higher Education

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG1017	Academic Skills for ML students	0	Compulsory

Part I Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING1003	Applications of Linguistics	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
SPAN1002	Introduction to the Languages of the Spanish-Speaking World	7.5	Optional
PORT1001	Introduction to The Portuguese-Speaking World	7.5	Optional

FREN1017	Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité	7.5	Optional
FREN1001	Modern French Culture	7.5	Optional
GERM1001	Modern German Culture	7.5	Optional
SPAN1003	Narrative and Cultural Identity in the Hispanic World	7.5	Optional
LANG1004	Reading Culture	7.5	Optional
LANG1013	Reading the City	7.5	Optional
SPAN1001	The History and Politics of the Hispanic World	7.5	Optional
FREN1016	The Making of Modern French	7.5	Optional

Part II

LANG2010 is an additional compulsory unit designed to help prepare you for the Residence Abroad. In each semester students should choose one optional module from the list below (two units in total).

Exit Point: Diploma of Higher Education

Part II Compulsory

Also included in Compulsory modules:
_____9XXX Language 1 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 2 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 3 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG2010	Managing Research and Learning	0	Compulsory

Part II Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
FREN2021	Conflicts, Crisis and Identities in the Francophone Context	7.5	Optional
PORT2001	Culture, Power and Resistance in the Portuguese-Speaking World	7.5	Optional
LING2004	Discourse Analysis	7.5	Optional
SPAN2014	Ethnography of Latin America	7.5	Optional
FREN2018	Exploring French Linguistics	7.5	Optional
SPAN2010	Exploring Spanish Linguistics	7.5	Optional
SPAN2005	Gender, Race and Nation in Modern Latin America	7.5	Optional
LANG2002	Globalisation: Culture, Language and The Nation State	7.5	Optional
SPAN2006	High, Popular and Mass Culture in Modern Spain	7.5	Optional
HUMA2007	Humanities University Ambassadors Scheme (Modern Languages)	7.5	Optional
FREN2007	Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in France	7.5	Optional

GERM2004	Language and Society in German-Speaking World	7.5	Optional
LING2010	Language, Ideologies and Attitudes	7.5	Optional
LANG2005	Learning about Culture: Introduction to Ethnography	7.5	Optional
GERM2003	Media Perspectives on Post-68 Germany	7.5	Optional
LING2009	Multilingualism	7.5	Optional
SPAN2011	Myths and Realities of Contemporary Spain	7.5	Optional
FREN2008	Post-War French Thought	7.5	Optional
SPAN2012	Power and Discourse in Spanish-speaking societies	7.5	Optional
LING2002	Psycholinguistics	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
LANG2009	The EU and European Identity	7.5	Optional
LING2011	Variation and Change in English	7.5	Optional
GERM2006	Vienna and Berlin: Society, Politics and Culture from 1890 to the Present	7.5	Optional

Part III

Part Three (Year Abroad)

Students will spend the year abroad in a country where the chosen language is spoken, either as:
- an English language assistant
- studying on a University course
- on an approved work placement

Students will also be required to complete an Investigative Project (LANG3005 – 30 credits). This is an independent study project (6,000 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

In each semester students should choose one optional module from the list below (two modules in total).

Exit Point: Graduation/Conferment of Award

Part IV Compulsory

Also compulsory modules:
_____9XXX Language 1 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 2 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)
_____9XXX Language 3 - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG3011	Seeing and being seen: Study Abroad re-entry	0	Optional

Part IV Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING3003	Advanced Syntax	7.5	Optional
LANG3008	Audiovisual Translation	7.5	Optional
SPAN3004	Barrios and Borders: Language and Identity amongst US Latinos	7.5	Optional
PORT3006	Encounters with Bodies in Lusophone Cultural Narrative	7.5	Optional
LING3013	English as a Global Language	7.5	Optional
SPAN3011	Exiles, Migrants and Citizens: Narrating and documenting displacement in contemporary Spain	7.5	Optional
FREN3029	Fragmented France: Cultures and Identities in Transition	7.5	Optional
FREN3030	French Sociolinguistics: Challenges to Francophonie	7.5	Optional
SPAN3001	Historical Memory in Modern Latin America	7.5	Optional
GERM3016	Language and the City	7.5	Optional
LING3005	Language Teaching Theory and Practice	7.5	Optional
LING3014	Language Testing and Assessment in Society	7.5	Optional
GERM3006	Minorities and Migrants: Exploring Multicultural Germany	7.5	Optional
LANG3003	Modern Languages Dissertation	15	Optional
LANG3006	Public Service Interpreting	7.5	Optional
GERM3017	Renaissance of German-Jewish Literature after the Holocaust	7.5	Optional
LING3001	Second Language Acquisition	7.5	Optional
FREN3028	Sex, Gender and Desire in French Literature and Culture	7.5	Optional
SPAN3012	Sex, Soap Operas and Female Dissidents: Representations of Women in the Hispanic World	7.5	Optional
LING3015	Sociophonetic Project Module	7.5	Optional
SPAN3013	Transatlantic Crossings: Linguistic Variation in the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America	7.5	Optional
LANG3007	Translation: Theory and Practice	7.5	Optional
FREN3034	Travel Writing, Cultural Encounter, Identity in Post-War France	7.5	Optional
LING3006	Writing in a Second Language	7.5	Optional

Progression Requirements

The programme follows the University's regulations for ***Progression, Determination and Classification of Results : Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes*** and ***Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes*** as set out 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.

Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

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)
- Higher Education Review by the Quality Assurance Agency

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the *Quality Handbook.*

Career Opportunities

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 internationally recognised 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

Name:	Dr Joanne Sayner - University of Newcastle
Name:	Dr Damien Gaucher - University of Exeter
Name:	Dr Federico Faloppa - University of Reading
Name:	Dr Irene Macias - University of Bath
Name:	Mr James Michael Lambert - University of Leicester
Name:	Dr Doris Dippold - University of Surrey
Name:	Professor Janice Windebank - University of Sheffield
Name:	Dr Deborah Shaw - University of Portsmouth

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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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 year includes a period of study or work abroad as a compulsory element of a four year degree, and as a result, all students pay reduced home tuition fees to Southampton their third year (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 stationery 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

	buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. 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. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.
Laboratory Equipment and Materials	All laboratory equipment and materials are provided.
Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes)	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.
Printing and Photocopying Costs	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. A list of the University printing costs can be found here: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing/

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.