MODERN LANGUAGES
BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY LANGUAGES?

At Stirling, we approach French and Spanish as both European and global languages. There are around 250 million French speakers and in excess of 400 million Spanish speakers worldwide, and our courses give students a broad understanding of language, society and thought across historical and geographical contexts. You’ll explore cultural diversity in modern-day France and/or Spain, through contemporary and classic films, literature, graphic novels and up-to-date media, as well as studying the wider French and Spanish-speaking worlds.

COURSE DETAILS

As Languages students you will be taught by tutors and lecturers who specialise in the complexities of cultures in places as diverse as Quebec, Central and Latin America, the Maghreb and sub-Saharan Africa, as well as Spain and France. And our Language Coordinators, who are highly experienced in the teaching of French and Spanish as foreign languages, work in close collaboration with our team of Language Assistants to provide in-depth language study throughout your degree.

You will develop high-level written and spoken linguistic skills in French and Spanish, as well as building an understanding of the histories, societies, literature, cinema and visual cultures of these language areas. You’ll be taught through a combination of lectures and small tutorial groups, with access to our language learning resources through our virtual learning environment and our specialist language labs.

As a Languages student at Stirling you will have a number of opportunities to spend time living, studying and working abroad as part of your degree.

You will spend Semester 6 studying abroad at one of our many partner universities. We are constantly renewing and expanding our network of partnerships and they currently include universities in Argentina, France, Spain, Chile, Quebec, Switzerland, Mexico and Morocco.

You may also decide to apply for an English Language Assistantship which would allow you to undertake paid teaching in schools across the French and Spanish-speaking worlds.

Students of both French and Spanish will be required to fulfil our minimum residence requirement for their second language in order to graduate. This can occur via a competitive Language Assistants scheme or via a four-week residence at a language school (at the student’s own expense).

Students who take up these opportunities consistently comment on the positive aspects of the experience which helps develop language skills, cultural awareness and employability.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 SPECIALISE IN THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD
We specialise in the language and culture of the French and Spanish-speaking world today, equipping our students with inter-cultural understanding and skills.

2 A RANGE OF STUDY ACROSS THE WORLD
Our students study abroad at our partner institutions across France, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Morocco, Switzerland and Quebec.
WHY CHOOSE STIRLING?

While English may be an international language, it is far from the only one. With long-established relationships across the globe, French and Spanish are languages spoken all over the world.

This is why we study them from a global prospective at Stirling, exploring wide-ranging perspectives and opportunities on offer to study, live, and work in other countries.

“The opportunities to go abroad were both highlights of the programme. Both to go on Erasmus in Spain for a semester and to work in France as part of the British Council programme.”

Colm Harvey, 
BA (Hons) French and Spanish Graduate, 2017.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A language degree is highly valued by employers across a range of sectors. Language graduates develop excellent oral and written skills, independence and self-reliance, and confidence in dealing with a variety of people, situations and cultures.

The University of Stirling is 3rd in Scotland and top-20 in the UK for graduate employability with almost 97% of our graduates in employment or further study within six months of graduating (HESA 2017).

Our recent graduates have gone on to a wide variety of jobs in the UK and abroad including: Advertising, Banking, Librarianship, Management, Marketing, Public Relations, Publishing, Teaching and Translating.
**TYPICAL TIMETABLE** This is illustrative of a typical timetable.

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**SEMESTERS 1–4 OPTIONAL MODULES** (subject to change)

Semesters 1-4: Optional modules include topics from: Politics, Philosophy, Social Science, Aquaculture, Sports Studies, Film & Media, History, Law, French, Spanish, Education, Computer Science, Study Skills, Business Studies

**SEMESTERS 5–8 OPTIONAL MODULES** (subject to change)

French and Francophone Cultures of Travel, French Popular Culture of the 20th Century: French and Francophone Detective Fictions, Queering Latin America: Sexuality and Gender in Film, The Representation of Space in Spanish Cinema, Children’s Literature and Cinema

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