MODERN LANGUAGERS
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 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.

Eligible applicants may also decide to apply for a British Council 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. Students who fulfil the British Council’s criteria, may opt to apply for a competitive Language Assistantship but all students can also complete this requirement via the competitive British Council Language Assistants scheme or via a four-week residence, usually 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.
WHY CHOOSE STIRLING?
While English may be one international language, it is far from the only one. French and Spanish are spoken across the world. This is why we study them from a global perspective at Stirling, offering wide-ranging opportunities for you 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

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.

96% of our undergraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating. (DLHE 2015/16)

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.

Students should note that we advise strongly against taking both languages from Beginners’ level. Any student wishing to go down that route will need the written permission of both the French and Spanish Course Directors or their appointed representative before being allowed to do so.

FRENCH – 3RD IN SCOTLAND, TOP 20 IN THE UK
IBERIAN LANGUAGES – TOP 5 IN SCOTLAND, TOP 20 IN THE UK

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COMBINED DEGREE ONLY
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Highers:
ABBB – one sitting
AABB – two sittings
GCE A-levels:
BBB
IB Diploma:
32
BTEC (Level 3):
DDM

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry: Bs in graded units.

ESSENTIAL SUBJECTS
To apply for a combined degree with French and Spanish you will require one of these languages at A-level (or equivalent).

STUDY ABROAD IS AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF THIS DEGREE.
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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 and 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, Chanson française

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