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Welcome to the School of Modern Languages and its constituent departments of French, Germanic Studies, Hispanic Studies, Russian and Slavonic Studies and the Modern Languages Teaching Centre. We are internationally recognised for the quality of both our teaching and research, having achieved ratings of 'excellent' across the board at the last Teaching Quality Assessment, and with most of our units returning excellent scores in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. This is a testament to the innovative and exciting work taking place in the School.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information given in this brochure, the University can accept no responsibility for any errors or omissions. The University reserves the right to amend or discontinue courses or amend entry requirements as part of continual improvement.

Why choose Sheffield?

Award Winning Students' Union

Virgin Guide 2010

5* Rating for entertainment

Virgin Guide 2010

Top – The Quality Assurance Agency places us in the highest category for academic quality

3rd – In the UK for teaching.

29 subjects gaining an 'Excellent' rating for teaching

No1 – Rated the UK's safest university city

Home Office figures

Studying – outstanding record in teaching and research; a degree with real and varied career prospects; ongoing investment in a quality learning environment, including a £23m state-of-the-art learning resources centre, open 24/7.

Living – campus just minutes from the city centre; excellent accommodation in attractive suburbs; safe, friendly environment and a low cost of living.

Lifestyle – the best students' union in the country, top student sports and fitness complex; vibrant nightlife plus spectacular countryside.



“I chose Sheffield because it offered everything I wanted; it is a great city to live in and a reputable university with a particularly good reputation in both my relevant departments. With Sheffield I was able to explore and feel part of the city, and not just the pampered uni community.”
Peter Staniland, BA Law with Spanish, recently graduated

“I am really enjoying being a student at Sheffield. I was surprised how quickly I felt at home and I have found the tutors and lecturers in Modern Languages really friendly and approachable. I really feel part of the Departments. I chose Sheffield because I was impressed with their flexibility, not only in my First Year, when I was able to study three languages (German, French and Dutch), but also when it comes to the Year Abroad, which I am planning at the moment. I think that at Sheffield they genuinely care about the students.”
Anna Hartley, German and French, 2nd year

School of Modern Languages



“What I like about Sheffield is the independence with your degree, the ability to be able to take up a new language. To be able to study three languages at once seems like a great opportunity, especially when it comes to finding a job. You gain not only linguistic knowledge, but also an in depth understanding of other cultures.”
Colette White,
BA in Modern Languages,
1st year



Why languages at Sheffield?

Sheffield University is an internationally recognised centre for teaching and research. Our modern language departments are rated 'excellent' for teaching and of 'international' standing in research.

Each of our five departments has a lively student community with their own student society to provide the social network so crucial for language study.

We offer a wide range of languages from French, German, Russian, and Spanish to the less widely taught languages of Catalan, Portuguese, Czech, Polish, Dutch, Italian, Arabic, Luxembourgish, Chinese, and Japanese (the latter two are in conjunction with the School of East Asian studies). Many of these may be taken as beginners' courses.

Our exciting and innovative dual degree programmes include combinations with non-language subjects such as Law, Management Studies, Politics and Philosophy.

The Modern Languages Teaching Centre includes a self-access learning unit with up-to-date language learning facilities.

All modern language students spend their third year of study abroad. You can opt for a Teaching Assistantship, university study or a work placement. The School has many ERASMUS and other partnerships in Europe and worldwide

Whatever combination of languages you choose to study within the School, you will gain expertise not only in the written and spoken languages of your choice, but also a thorough grounding in the history, society and culture connected to those languages.

You will have the opportunity to pursue in-depth studies of major areas of your subject according to your developing taste and interest. Depending on the language, these areas could include amongst others, politics, history, modern and pre-modern literature, film studies, contemporary visual arts and visual cultures, philosophy, linguistics and the history of the languages.



A Languages degree from Sheffield will give you the edge in a competitive job market.



The Jessop West building, home to the School of Modern Languages.



Location: Jessop West

In January 2009, the School of Modern Languages moved into a new building located on the site of the former Jessop hospital. This location places the School at the heart of the University, adjacent to the Humanities Research Institute and the Information Commons. The Information Commons is the UK's first university centre for learning resources that combines an undergraduate library of 100,000 volumes with an integrated learning environment of 1,300 fully networked study places, housed over seven floors and open 24/7.

Modern Languages Teaching Centre

At Sheffield we want to provide a setting where you can pursue your own study alongside your lectures and seminars. The Languages Centre is part of the School but located a short distance away from Jessop West in the Portobello Centre. It contains a suite of language laboratories, audio-visual facilities and a language

learning library. Satellite TV facilities mean that it can receive live TV programmes for all the major languages. It also provides a number of CALL (computer-assisted language-learning) software packages for use at most times of day; some of these are accessible via the University internal network.

Student support and representation

The School provides a working environment that is intellectually challenging, supportive and flexible. As well as academic supervision, each student is allocated a Personal Tutor, and mature students have their own specialist contact. Your views on all aspects of our teaching programme are taken into account via end-of-semester module questionnaires and regular meetings of the Staff-Student Consultative Committee. This feedback has a significant impact on course modifications.

What can I do with a Modern Languages degree?

A language degree will make you a real all-rounder. At graduation, you will have excellent language skills, but in addition you will have developed presentation skills and social skills such as working in groups and delivering projects together, as well as the academic skills needed to write a well-argued essay. The Year Abroad will give you the international experience employers are keen to see. Apart from jobs in language-related services, our recent graduates have found employment in business, the media, government, education, other public services, and research. Some of our programmes (for example, the dual degrees with Journalism or Management Studies) develop skills with a particular vocational orientation.

Department of French

“I studied for a BA in French Studies at Sheffield. The course was really varied and interesting - I studied literature, history, film, comics and contemporary French art and I had a fantastic Erasmus year in Aix-en-Provence. The department is really friendly and the tutors go out of their way to help and encourage you and it is because of this that I am still in Sheffield studying for my Masters in French Studies.”

**Jemma Grew,
recently graduated**



“I chose French because I thought it would be fun and I’ve found that it’s more than fun. Everyone gets on well in class (we even have a laugh!) and the social life in Sheffield is second to none.”

**Joe Hepworth,
1st year French**

French at Sheffield

is a rich and varied academic discipline which offers an integrated course in the language, society, culture and thought of France from the medieval period to the present day. At the core of our work is the French language, conceived as a skill to be mastered, an object of study in its own right, and as a gateway to the rich culture of France and francophone countries.

Our programme provides an opportunity to gain valuable intellectual training within the context of a closely focussed study of the culture and history of a nation whose influence has played, and continues to play, a defining role in European and world affairs.

Our aim is to equip our graduates with the qualities for which employers in all sectors are expressing increasing need: namely, transcultural awareness, critical thinking, a high level of linguistic proficiency together with a professional, flexible expertise and broadly based knowledge and understanding. All of these skills enable our graduates to operate and feel at home in the interconnected cultures of today’s Europe.

Departmental culture

The Cercle Français, an active and enthusiastic student society, arranges a regular and exciting programme of social events, including films, wine-tastings and a very enjoyable Annual Ball.

In addition to staging its annual theatre production in the University Drama Studio, the society organises excursions to see plays produced by French departments in other universities and by professional companies in and around Sheffield. Plays put on recently in the Department include *Les Amants du Métro* by Jean Tardieu, *Les Justes* by Albert Camus and the hugely entertaining *Barbier de Séville* by Beaumarchais. The Department also took this last play on tour to Oxford. Students also help staff to put on Open Days for UCAS candidates, and participate in our outreach activities such as languages days in local schools.



Course Overview:

Level 1 (First Year)

All students:

- French Language and Communication Skills
- French Studies I & II

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Single Honours and Dual Honours

Optional modules:

- Classic French Narrative in English
- French Film Classics

Level 2 (Second Year)

All students

- French Language and Communication Skills III & IV
- Actualités Françaises I & II

PLUS

Single Honours:

- 4 further approved modules from below
OR 3 approved modules from below and 20 unrestricted credits from elsewhere.

Dual Honours:

1 module from choices below.

- Medieval Short Stories
- Writing the Revolution
- Narratives of Confinement
- Twentieth-Century Literature and Thought
- Le français des affaires
- History of the Language
- L'Exclusion en France: faits, théories et politique
- Teaching Modern Languages
- French Documentary Film
- La Bande dessinée
- La Francophonie

Year Abroad (Third Year)

Foreign language assistant in school/work placement in France or another francophone country (e.g. Québec, Sénégal, Martinique, Nouvelle Calédonie, and other francophone countries in Europe)

OR at one of following universities where Sheffield has an established exchange agreement: Aix-en-Provence; Bordeaux; Le Mans; Montpellier; Pau; Perpignan; Réunion; Valenciennes; Versailles

Level 3 (Final Year, following Year Abroad)

All students

- French Language and Communication Skills V & VI

PLUS

Single Honours:

- 5 approved modules from the list below
or 4 approved modules from below and 20 credits from elsewhere.

Dual Honours:

2 approved modules from below.

- Le Siècle des Lumières
- La Politique et la fiction
- Film studies I & II
- Transcription, Translation, Subtitling I and II
- Literature and Society of French Canada
- Feminism in French Culture and Thought
- Gender, Society and Economy in France
- Le Rire gaulois
- Literature and Politics of the Post-Colonial
- Contemporary theatres in France
- France in the 1950s
- Contemporary Visual Arts in France

“The option to specialise in French sociological and political studies from the second year was a great opportunity that is not available at many universities. The highlight of my degree was my year abroad. I did a work placement at the Chamber of Commerce in Lille. Not only did my French improve immensely but I learnt all about the regeneration of Lille, how organisations operate and the culture of Northern France!”

Abi Taylor,
recently graduated

Department of Germanic Studies

“As well as Sheffield being a great place to study, it’s also a really good place to be on a social level... We have two Departmental societies, the Deutscher Verein and the Nederlandse Vereniging... These are both great for the studiers in the German department at all levels to get to know each other, but they help us all, too, with our German and the confidence we have in our ability in our languages... We have two 6-a-side football teams and are the main organisers of The Sauerkraut Cup, our yearly football tournament between Germanic departments from universities across the country. There’s so much to do here, it’s never dull. I’ve come here and really landed on my feet.”
Lucas Tomlinson,
German with Dutch,
2nd year



Germanic Studies

is a friendly, lively and well-staffed department, with nine academics and two full-time lecturers, one from Germany and one from Austria. In addition, we have several part-time language and tutorial assistants, and our postgraduate students are also a firm part of our community.

We share and encourage a broad view of German and Germanic Studies as a university subject. We offer a comprehensive range of options in German - in literature, culture, politics, history, linguistics, philosophy and film. You can take a traditional Single Honours German degree with us, including literature and linguistics, or you can combine German with a range of other subjects in a Dual Honours Degree: French, Spanish, Russian, English, History, Politics, Journalism, Management and several others.

Our ‘with’ degrees, German with Dutch and German with Luxembourgish, are also very popular among our students, as is the multi-language BA Modern Languages course. Our principle is that after your First Year - which provides a detailed overview of the possible areas of study open to you - you can shape your degree according to your interests.

Departmental culture

We believe that a positive and sociable atmosphere makes for successful students. We have a flourishing student society, the Deutscher Verein, which organises social evenings, a weekly German-speaking coffee morning, trips to Germany, and a range of other events. Many exchange students from Germany join in the activities of the Deutscher Verein.

We also have a Nederlandse Vereniging (Dutch Society), which likewise organizes social and cultural events. The German student drama group performs a play most years: not long ago, Sheffield won the German Embassy’s Best Ensemble and Best Spoken German prizes at the National German Student Drama week. We also have a German film society, the Caligari Film Club. Weekends away in the Peak District enable students to practice their spoken German while enjoying beautiful scenery, country pubs and a variety of quizzes and games. Our First Year Dutch groups take part in a sponsored trip to Amsterdam each spring.



Course Overview:

Level 1 (First Year)

All students:

40 compulsory credits in German:

- German Language
- Deutschland 1789 bis heute (development of German society, 1789 to present day) – taught & assessed in German
- Texts and Contexts – taught & assessed in English
- Voluntary conversation group

PLUS

Single Honours:

80 further credits of optional courses in Germanic Studies and/or other subjects

Dual Honours:

40 or more credits in your second major subject, plus 40 optional credits in Germanic Studies and/or other subjects

Level 2 (Second Year)

All students

Language course (20 credits):

- Sprachpraxis
- Translation & Grammar
- Voluntary conversation group

PLUS

Single Honours:

option courses totalling 100 credits (20 of these may be taken outside Germanic Studies)

Dual Honours:

40 credits of option courses

'With German' degrees: 20 credits of option courses

Option courses taught mainly in the target language (German/Dutch):

- Medien und Öffentlichkeit
- Politik und Gesellschaft in Deutschland
- Österreich heute
- Dutch beginners
- Dutch Intermediate

Option courses taught mainly in English:

- History of the German Language
- Modern German Drama
- German Film and Society
- Introduction to German Linguistics
- Maternalism and Militarism 1871-1918
- German Culture and Ideas from the Enlightenment to the Present Day
- Freud
- Beginners' Luxembourgish
- Introduction to Dutch Linguistics
- Contemporary Literature and Culture in Dutch (I)

Year Abroad (Third Year)

Single Honours or **Dual Honours** with **non-language subject:**

2-semester placement (university exchange place, teaching assistantship or commercial internship) in a German-speaking country (or 1 semester in Germany/Austria, 1 semester in Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg)

Dual Honours with French/Spanish/Russian:

1-semester placement in Germany/Austria PLUS 1 semester in country of your other major language

'With-German' degrees: various arrangements

Level 3 (Final Year, following Year Abroad)

All students

Language course (20 credits) –

Two required units:

- German Grammar
- Essay Writing

Two optional units chosen from (currently):

- Public Speaking
- Comprehension
- German-English Translation
- English-German Translation
- German Interpreting

AND

- Voluntary conversation group

PLUS

Single Honours:

5 major 20-credit option courses

(1 of these may be taken outside Germanic Studies)

Dual Honours: 2 major options

'With German' degrees: 1 major option

Option courses chosen from:

- Die DDR: Geschichte und Gesellschaft
- Deutsche Literatur und Gesellschaft im 19. Jahrhundert
- Twentieth Century Fiction and Drama
- Modern German Political Culture
- Soziolinguistik
- Struktur und Funktion im gesprochenen Deutsch
- Modern German Thought
- Advanced Dutch
- Dutch for specialists
- Language and Society of Luxembourg
- Contemporary Literature and Culture in Dutch (II)
- Dutch sociolinguistics

"I recently started on a graduate scheme with the German insurance company Allianz with a 2:1 in German and Politics. The unique thing about the Germanic Studies department is the sense of community, something often lost in the larger university departments. This enabled me to enjoy my studies while also gaining the skills that have become so vital in my day-to-day role at Allianz. Learning a language can do this, especially one as business-centric as German."

Chris Murphy, German and Politics, graduated 2009

Department of Hispanic Studies

“All the members at the Department have been wonderful to me, and a real help both academically and when I’ve had personal problems. They all are excellent lecturers and great friends and I will always thank them for the support and encouragement they have shown me (and I know I’m not the only one who thinks these things). The modules have made me see the world in an entirely different manner, and perhaps I’ll be back as a postgraduate student to pursue my newly found interest in some of the areas I studied.”

**James Higgins,
BA in Hispanic Studies,
recently graduated**



The Department of Hispanic Studies

has subject specialists and a team of lecturers covering various aspects of Castilian and Latin American Spanish studies, as well as Catalan and Portuguese. Our teaching and research reflect the range and vitality of Hispanic Studies in Europe and across the World, exposing students to new thinking and approaches to the subject.

A thriving community of some 500 students follow the undergraduate Hispanic Studies programme. Around 150 of these are first years, two thirds of whom have Spanish A or AS level. The remainder follow our highly successful Beginner's course.

Departmental culture

The student-run Hispanic Society arranges a full programme of social and cultural events. These include the annual Spanish play, which is organised entirely by undergraduate and postgraduate students. There are also weekly showings of Spanish and Latin American films, the annual Portuguese dinner, Catalan 'pa amb tomaquet' and the football match between Catalan Studies and Portuguese Studies.

Visits by contemporary Spanish and Latin American writers, film directors and scholars play their part in maintaining a lively intellectual environment. In addition, we also have regular Departmental research seminars that are open to all, and in which both members of the Department and invited speakers present the areas in which they research. There are official student exchanges between Sheffield and the Universities of Alicante, Granada, Málaga, Oviedo, Salamanca, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the UIB (Palma, Mallorca), the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the University of Santiago de Compostela, the Universities of Sevilla, Cádiz, País Vasco, Zaragoza, and Valencia. This ensures a constant presence of native Spanish speakers in the Departmental social activities, as well as in formal languages classes.



Course Overview:

Level 1 (First Year)

All students:

Post A level course, Spanish Advanced Language & Culture (40 credits)

OR

Beginners' Course in Spanish (40 credits)

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Either

Single Honours:

Beginner's Course in Catalan or Portuguese (40 credits) and 40 further credits of optional courses in other subjects

Or

Language Dual Hons.:

Beginner's Course in Catalan or Portuguese (40 credits) and 40 credits in your other major language,

Or

Non-Language Dual Hons.:

60 credits or more in second major subject.

Level 2 (Second Year):

All students

- Spanish Language (20 credits)
- Tradition, Transition and Modernity in the Hispanic World (20 credits)

PLUS

Single honours

- EITHER Catalan language *and* Promised Lands (Balearic Literature and Culture) (each 20 credits)
- OR Portuguese language *and* Nation and Identity in the Lusophone World (each 20 credits)
- PLUS 2 optional modules from the choices below

Dual Honours

1 optional module from the following choices (all 20 credits) or others offered by other Departments

- Conformity and Consensus in Spain
- Hispanic Film
- Representations of the Hispanic World
- Hispanic Fiction
- Nation and Identities in Latin America
- Promised Lands (Balearic Literature and Culture)
- Nation and Identity in the Lusophone world
- Catalan Language
- Portuguese Language

Year Abroad (Third Year)

Foreign language assistant in school/work placement in Spain or Spanish-speaking Latin American country, e.g. Mexico, Argentina, Chile or Peru.

OR a course at one of the following Universities where Sheffield has an established exchange agreement: Alicante, Granada, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Barcelona, Málaga, Oviedo, Palma, Porto, Salamanca, Santiago de Compostela, Seville, Valencia and Vitoria.

Alternatively the student can propose an alternative arrangement (e.g. voluntary work in Latin America) subject to Departmental approval.

Students of Portuguese can spend a semester or a vacation course in Portugal or Brazil; students of Catalan can opt to spend the year in a Catalan-speaking area or attend a summer school in Catalonia.

Level 3 (Final Year, following Year Abroad):

All students

- Spanish Language (20 credits)

PLUS

Single honours

Continuing from Level 2:

- EITHER Catalan language (20 credits) *and* Barcelona: Culture of the City (20 credits)
- OR Portuguese language (20 credits) *and* Cultural Crosscurrents in the Lusophone World (20 credits)
- PLUS 3 optional modules from the choices below

Dual Honours

2 optional modules from the following choices (all 20 credits) or others offered by other Departments

- Adaptations and Transformations in the Hispanic World
- Civilisation and Barbarism
- The Idea of the Modern in Latin American Fiction
- Gender and Sexuality in the Hispanic World
- Political Culture in the Hispanic World
- Questioning Spain
- The Media in Spain and Latin America
- Translation Studies
- Dissertation in Hispanic Studies
- Barcelona: Culture of the City
- Cultural Crosscurrents in the Lusophone world
- Catalan Language
- Portuguese Language

“The Hispanic Department is a very friendly one, where the constant message is ‘if you need any help, let us know’, which to me speaks volumes and helps reassure you that if you have any problems or worries they’ll be sorted out. The staff engage you intellectually and enthusiastically in their chosen area to teach, and the passion they have is clear to see, which makes lectures so much more enjoyable, and in turn motivates you to work.”
Adam Lamb,
BA Hispanic & Russian Studies, 2nd year

Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies



"I had the great opportunity of spending four years in the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies at Sheffield. Just like everyone else in my cohort, I loved it from day one. We were all looked after in every manner possible, from fantastic teaching in the language and Russian history, culture and linguistics, to the care shown to us by the most supportive staff. Not to forget the particularly active social side of the Department, run by the students."

**Gareth Cadman,
French and Russian,
recently graduated**

If you have always wanted to become proficient in Russian, Polish or Czech you have come to the right place.

Our Department is officially recognised as one of the best in the country. For research it ranks in the top 3 in the UK, and it consistently receives high teaching quality ratings from external and internal monitors. No wonder, as there are quite a few things that make the Sheffield learning experience different.

As a medium-sized department, we are large enough to offer a wide and varied range of courses but small enough to be friendly and informal. At Sheffield, you will study Russian on one of our intensive language programmes, on which beginners and post A-level students are taught separately until they return from their year abroad. In addition, there are plenty of optional modules to choose from, including two other Slavonic languages, Polish and Czech, that you can study to degree level.

Sheffield offers what you need to become a competent, culturally aware speaker of Russian, Polish or Czech. But there is a lot of flexibility in our degrees at Level 1. Our seven lecturing staff and four native-speaker tutors offer a wide range of expertly taught courses from which you can choose to put together a programme that is tailored to your interests and needs.

Departmental culture

The student-run society VodSoc organises social and sporting activities, including outings, Russian plays and the departmental football team. When Russian-related events occur in Sheffield, our students are at the heart of them, assisting, guiding and translating for visiting delegations. Sheffield hosts one of the largest Polish communities in the country, and students of Polish can practise their language skills on the corner of every street. In addition, there is a Polish club run by students, and putting on a Polish play is becoming a tradition. The Sheffield Czech and Slovak Society, for native speakers and students of Czech, meets regularly at a local pub and organises outings and film screenings.

On the more academic side there are regular departmental seminars and visits from outside the university. The department runs a series of guest lectures by distinguished scholars who come and present the results of their research. We also have a programme of Russian, Polish and Czech films to keep you up to date with what is happening in the Slavonic world. Erasmus exchange programmes ensure a constant presence of Polish and Czech students with whom tandem learning teams can be set up.

“Since leaving university, I have found that a degree in Russian from Sheffield is a huge asset. Russian is an interesting and unusual language to study, which makes you stand out to friends and employers alike, who appreciate the discipline and commitment that studying a language at university level demands. My proficiency in Russian, and my experiences during my year abroad, are things which came up often in job interviews, and certainly helped me find work after graduation.”

Alun Thomas, recently graduated from Russian and Politics

Course Overview:

Level 1 (First Year)

Single/Dual Honours Russian students:

40 credits in Beginners' Russian or 20 credits in Post A Level Russian, plus 20 credits in Russian culture

- Beginners' Russian Language (development of fundamental skills in written and spoken Russian)
- OR
- Post A level Russian Language (grammar, translation, oral practice)
- Introduction to Russian Culture (20 credits)

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Single Honours Russian:

60 or 80 further credits of optional modules in Russian Studies, including Czech or Polish, and/or other subjects

Dual Honours Russian/Czech/Polish:

40 or more credits in your second major subject, plus up to 40 unrestricted credits. Students on courses including Czech take 40 credits' worth of Beginners' Czech language and history while students on courses including Polish take 40 credits' worth of Beginners' Polish language and history.

'With Russian' programmes:

a variety of arrangements

Level 2 (Second Year)

Single and Dual Honours Russian students:

40 credits of language in the post Beginners or post A level stream

- Spoken and written Russian language skills
- Russian Translation

Both programmes include **Movements in Russian Culture**.

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Single Honours:

- 20 credits in Russian literature or culture
- optional modules totalling 60 credits (up to 20 credits may be taken outside Russian Studies)

Dual Honours:

20 credits of optional modules in the department

For courses including Czech/Polish:

- Intermediate Czech/Polish (20 credits)
- Readings in Czech/Polish culture (20 credits)

'With Russian' programmes:

a variety of arrangements

Year Abroad (Third Year)

Single Honours or Dual Honours Russian with non-language subject: 2-semester placement.

You will spend a minimum of 30 weeks in Russia, in one or two cities of your choice. The programmes co-ordinated by the RLUS consortium (www.rlus.co.uk) take you to St Petersburg, Moscow, Volgograd, Petrozavodsk or Yaroslavl. You can also propose an alternative arrangement, e.g. volunteer work or work placements.

Dual Honours Russian with Czech/French/Polish/Spanish/German, and BA Modern Languages: 1-semester placement in Russia PLUS 1 semester in the country of your other major language. Students on programmes including Czech spend a semester studying Czech as a foreign language at Charles University, Prague or Masaryk University, Brno.

Students on programmes including Polish spend a semester studying Polish as a foreign language at Jagellonian University, Cracow.

Level 3 (Final Year, following the Year Abroad)

Single and Dual Honours Russian students: 40 compulsory credits of language in the post Beginners or post A level stream

- Spoken and written Russian language skills
- Russian Translation

Both programmes include Aspects of Post-Soviet Russian Culture.

PLUS

Single Honours:

- optional modules totalling 60 credits (up to 20 credits may be taken outside Russian Studies)
- a 20-credit project or dissertation on a topic of your choice.

Dual Honours:

20 credits of optional modules in the department

For courses including Czech/Polish:

- Varieties of Czech/Polish (20 credits)
- Czech/Polish project (20 credits)

'With Russian' programmes:

a variety of arrangements

Optional modules for students of Russian (N.B.: Not all modules will be available in any given year)

Language

- Beginners' Czech (available at Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- Beginners' Polish (available at Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- Intermediate Czech (available at Levels 2 & 3)
- Intermediate Polish (available at Levels 2 & 3)

Linguistics

- The Structures of Russian
- The Russian Language and Russian Society (offered at Levels 2 & 3)

Literature, Culture, History and Civilisation

Available at Level 1:

- Russian Society in the 20th Century
- Introduction to European Cinema
- History of East-Central Europe

Available at Levels 2 & 3:

- Russian History and Society through Film
- Studies in Czech/Polish Culture
- Soviet Culture in the Era of the Great Terror
- East European Cinema
- Visual Culture and Society in the Soviet Union, 1917-1991
- Politics and Culture in the USSR
- Russian History and Society through Film
- The Russian Novel in the 19th Century
- Cold War Visual Culture
- Modern Russian Art from Emancipation to the Bolshevik Revolution
- Russian Literature and Thought from the Great Reforms to the Revolution
- Russian Approaches to Culture; Russian Art 1867-1917
- Socialist Realism, Totalitarian Kitsch and Russian Postmodernism
- The Enlightenment and Romanticism in Russian Literary Culture



Cross-Departmental Degree Programme: B.A. in Modern Languages



"I decided to study at Sheffield because it was one of the only universities I came across which offered the opportunity to begin learning Spanish (as well as lots of other languages) from scratch. The other students and the members of staff are really supportive. For example, if there is something you don't understand, people are not going to roll their eyes if you ask the tutor to explain it again. This atmosphere means that you are not embarrassed to make mistakes, and you are more likely to try to give answers in lessons and develop your language skills."
Alison Reid
BA in Modern Languages,
2nd year

The BA Honours in Modern Languages provides intensive study of three modern languages in addition to the study of societies in which those languages are spoken.

Level 1

Two Major subjects, each worth 40 credits, chosen from French, German (both post-A Level), Russian, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Catalan (either post-A Level or Beginners), Czech and Polish (Beginners only).

A third Minor subject. This can be: (a) one of the above 40-credits courses; or (b) a 20-credit course in Italian or Linguistics plus another approved 20-credit module.

Level 2

Two Major subjects (60/40 credits) of those studied at Level 1.

One Minor subject (20 credits). This is normally further study of your third language taken at Level 1.

Year Abroad

The third year of the course is your year abroad, which will be spent in countries appropriate to the Major subjects you have chosen to study (one semester in each country concerned).

Level 3 (Final Year, following Year Abroad)

You will continue your study of the two Major (40/60-credit) subjects and one Minor subject (20 credits) chosen at Level 2.

Admissions

All candidates must apply through UCAS, who need to receive your application between September 1 and January 15 of the academic year before your course starts. If you are planning to take a year out before you start your course, that's fine. Deferred entry applications are treated exactly the same as standard applications. The University of Sheffield UCAS code is SHEFD S18. To apply online, visit: www.ucas.com

The School welcomes applications from candidates with a mixture of A levels and AS levels or alternative qualifications such as the Advanced Scottish Highers or the International Baccalaureate. For current standard offers, please consult the University's Online Prospectus: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate

List of courses and UCAS codes

| Course | UCAS code | | |
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| Archaeology & French | VR41 | German Studies | R220 |
| Archaeology & German | VR42 | German & Business Management | RN22 |
| Archaeology & Hispanic Studies | VR44 | German & Economics | RL21 |
| Archaeology & Slavonic Studies | VR47 | German & Hispanic Studies | RR24 |
| Biblical Studies & French | VR61 | German & History | RV21 |
| Biblical Studies & German | RV26 | German & Linguistics | QR12 |
| Chinese Studies with French | T1R1 | German & Music | RW23 |
| Chinese Studies with German | T1R2 | German & Philosophy | RV25 |
| Chinese Studies with Russian | T1R7 | German & Politics | RL22 |
| Chinese Studies with Spanish | T1R4 | German & Russian | RR27 |
| Computer Science & French | GR41 | German with Czech | R2R7 |
| Computer Science & German | GR42 | German with Dutch | R2R9 |
| English and French | QR31 | German with Polish | R2RR |
| English & German | QR32 | German with Japanese | T2R2 |
| English & Hispanic | QR34 | Hispanic Studies | R410 |
| English & Russian | QR37 | Hispanic studies & Business Mngment | RN42 |
| French Studies | R120 | Hispanic Studies & Economics | RL41 |
| French & Business Management | RN12 | Hispanic Studies & Politics | RL42 |
| French & Economics | RL11 | Hispanic Studies with Czech | R4R7 |
| French & German | RR12 | Hispanic Studies with Japanese | R4T2 |
| French & Hispanic Studies | RR14 | Hispanic Studies with Polish | R4RR |
| French & History | RV11 | History & Hispanic Studies | RV41 |
| French & Linguistics | QR11 | History & Russian | RV71 |
| French & Music | RW13 | History with Dutch | V1R9 |
| French & Philosophy | RV15 | Japanese Studies with German | T2R2 |
| French & Politics | RL12 | Japanese studies with Russian | T2R7 |
| French & Russian | RR17 | Japanese Studies with Spanish | T2R4 |
| French with Czech | R1R7 | Journalism & French | PR51 |
| French with Dutch | R1R9 | Journalism & Germanic Studies | PR52 |
| French with Japanese | R1T2 | Journalism & Hispanic Studies | PR54 |
| French with Polish | R1RR | Journalism & Russian | PR57 |
| | | Law with French | M1R1 |
| | | Law with German | M1R2 |
| | | Law with Spanish | M1R4 |
| | | Linguistics & Hispanic Studies | QR14 |
| | | Linguistics & Russian | QR17 |
| | | Modern Languages | T900 |
| | | Music & Hispanic Studies | RW43 |
| | | Philosophy & Hispanic studies | RV45 |
| | | Russian Studies | R710 |
| | | Russian & Business Management | RN72 |
| | | Russian & Economics | RL71 |
| | | Russian & Hispanic Studies | RR47 |
| | | Russian & Music | RW73 |
| | | Russian & Philosophy | RV75 |
| | | Russian & Politics | RL72 |
| | | Russian with Czech | R7R7 |
| | | Russian with Japanese | R7T2 |
| | | Russian with Polish | R7RR |

N.B. If you want to apply for French, German or English Language but will not have an A level in the subject, please contact somlal-admissions@sheffield.ac.uk for advice.

N.B. Degrees in Business Management require GCSE Maths grade B.



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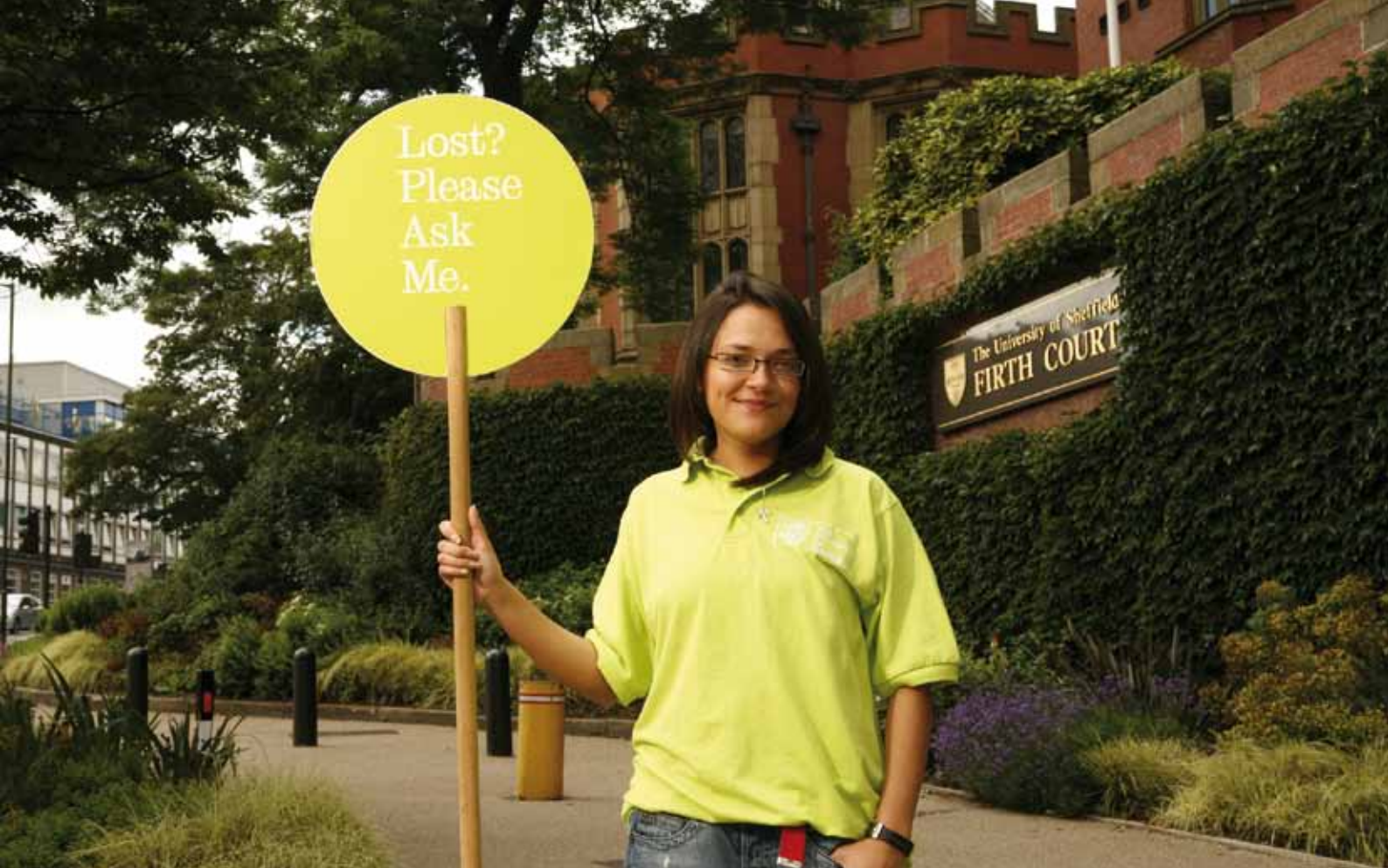


"The Department allowed me to further my interest in languages and different cultures, to the extent that in my second year I opted to take Czech and was able to study at a summer school in the Czech Republic. The tutors and lecturers are excellent and patient. There is a variety of interesting modules - from linguistics to cinema. The Russian Department itself is like a small family, where all students help each other out. My degree in Modern Languages led me to teach English abroad, and more recently to the Merchant Navy - where I work alongside Russian and Croatian officers. Being able to speak Russian is a great advantage, both on a working level and socially. Understanding a language doesn't just mean understanding words - but rather people, stories, lives and histories!"

**Catrina Morley,
BA in Modern
Languages (Russian,
Spanish, Czech),
graduated 2007**

"I decided to study Hispanic Studies at Sheffield because the department was awarded a top rating for teaching and research, and the city itself has the lowest crime rate and cost of living of any English city. I feel I have gained many general, transferable skills that could be applied to any career path along with a wealth of linguistic and cultural knowledge to give me a lifelong edge in what is currently a challenging job market. My lasting memories of the university will comprise the friendly city, challenging course, modern facilities, approachable staff and the many friends I have made here."

**David Barker,
BA Hispanic Studies,
2nd year**



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