

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES (WITH YEAR ABROAD) (R002) (for students entering the programme from October 2020)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full-time and part-time modes of study.
2. Candidates studying the programme on a part-time basis must take at least one *core* module during their first year of study at each Level.
3. Provision of modules in Catalan is subject to continued external funding.
4. No more than three languages (including Catalan and Persian) may be studied in any one year.

Level 1 (Certificate)

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed where available in either:
 - a. Modules to the value of 80 credits taken from one of **Lists A-F** and modules to the value of 40 credits from another of **Lists A-G**.
OR
 - b. Modules to the value of 60 credits taken from one of **Lists A-F** and modules to the value of 60 credits from another of **Lists A-F**.
OR
 - c. Candidates qualified for the advanced route in three of the Languages listed under core modules below may take: Modules to the value of 40 credits taken from one of **Lists A-F**, modules to the value of 40 credits from another of **Lists A-F**, and modules to the value of 40 credits from another of **Lists A-F**. *Only full-time students may choose this option.*
6. Candidates must study at least one of their post-A level (or equivalent) languages and may also select from no more than one Beginners' Route (**Lists A1, B1, C1, D1, E1 or F1**) at Level 1.

List A: Arabic (Beginner Route)

Candidates must take ARAB 1012 and up to 40 credits from **List A1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Arabic Language 1 #	ARAB1012	40

List A1: Optional Modules

Introduction to Middle Eastern Cultures	ARAB1021	20
Islam Observed: Ethnographic Accounts of Muslim Practice	THEO1951	20

List B: French

- a. Candidates choosing [FREN1012](#) must take 20 credits from **List B1**
- b. Candidates choosing [FREN1011](#) must take between 20 and 60 credits from **List B1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
French Language 1B # (Beginner Route)	FREN1012	40
OR		
French Language 1A # (Advanced Route)	FREN1011	20

List B1: Optional Modules

Reading French Literature (post-A-level)	FREN1031	20
Society and its Outsiders in Modern France	FREN1041	20
The Invention of France	FREN1061	20

List C: German

Candidates choosing [GERM1011](#) may also take 20 credits from **List C1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Literature, Image and Film in the German-Speaking World.	GERM1132	40
AND Either		
German Language 1B # (Beginner Route)	GERM1112	40
OR		
German Language 1A # (Advanced Route)	GERM1011	20
 List C1: Optional Modules		
Exploring German Culture	GERM1121	20

List D: Hispanic Studies

- a. Candidates choosing [SPAN1072](#) may take 20 Credits from **List D1**.
 b. Candidates choosing [SPAN1011](#) must take between 20 and 60 Credits from **List D2**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Spanish Language 1B # (Beginner Route)	SPAN1072	40
OR		
Spanish Language 1A # (Advanced Route)	SPAN1011	20
 List D1: Optional Modules		
Introduction to Hispanic Literature and Culture (ab initio)	SPAN1171	20
 List D2: Optional Modules		
Introduction to Hispanic Literature and Culture (post-A level)	SPAN1161	20
Conflict and Violence in the Spanish Speaking World	SPAN1131	20
Identity in the Spanish Speaking World	SPAN1141	20

List E: Italian

- a. Candidates choosing [ITAL1102](#) may take 20 credits from **List E1**.
 b. Candidates choosing [ITAL1071](#) must take between 20 and 40 credits from **List E1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Italian Language 1B # (Beginner Route)	ITAL1102	40
OR		
Italian Language 1A # (Advanced Route)	ITAL1071	20
 List E1: Optional Modules		
Italy and the Arts	ITAL1081	20
Languages and Literatures of Italy	ITAL1091	20

List F: Russian

- a. Candidates choosing [RUSS1042](#) may take between 20 and 40 Credits from **List F1**.
 b. Candidates choosing [RUSS1161](#) must take between 20 and 40 credits from **List F1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Russian Language 1B # (Beginner Route)	RUSS1042	40
OR		
Russian Language 1A # (Advanced Route)	RUSS1161	20
 List F1: Optional Modules		
Introduction to Russian History and Culture	RUSS1151	20
Understanding Russian: Arts and Ideologies	RUSS1171	20

List G:

Open modules to the value of 40 credits taken from other Boards of Studies subject to availability and meeting pre and/or co-requisites 40

Level 2 (Diploma)

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in either:
- Where available, modules to the value of 80 credits taken from one of **Lists H-M** and modules to the value of 40 credits from one of **Lists H-N**.
- OR
- Modules to the value of 60 credits taken from one of **Lists H-M** and modules to the value of 60 credits from another of **Lists H-M**.
8. Part-time candidates must select at least one core module during their first year of study at Level 2.

List H: Arabic (Beginner Route)

Candidates must take [ARAB2002](#) and up to 40 credits from **List H1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Arabic Language 2 #	ARAB2002	40
List H1: Optional Modules		
Introduction to Arabic Literature	ARAB2011	20
Persian I @	ARAB2041	20
Middle Eastern Cinema	ARAB2051	20

List I French

All candidates must take either [FREN2111](#) OR [FREN2051](#) and between 20 and 60 Credits from Lists I1 and I2.

Core Modules		Credit value
French Language 2B (Beginner Route)	FREN2111	20
OR		
French Language 2# (Advanced Route)	FREN2051	20
List I1: Optional Modules		
Modernity and Disenchantment: 19 th and 20 th Century French Literature and Culture	FREN2011	20
Sex, Gender and Identity in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance	FREN2031	20
The Francophone Imaginary: Legacies of Colonialism in Literature and Culture	FREN2061	20
List I2: Optional Intensive Modules (Term 2)		
Revolutionary Works in French Politics	FREN2091	20

List J: German

- Candidates choosing [GERM2152](#) must choose between 20 and 40 credits from **List J1**.
- Candidates choosing [GERM2021](#) must take between 20 and 60 credits from **List J1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
German Language 2B # (Beginner Route)	GERM2152	40
OR		
German Language 2A # (Advanced Route)	GERM2021	20
List J1: Optional Modules		
Sex and Identity in Germanic Cultures	GERM2121	20
Negotiating the Past in the German-speaking Countries	GERM2131	20
Violence in German Literature, Film and Visual Art	GERM2141	20

List K: Hispanic Studies

- a. Candidates choosing [SPAN2111](#) must take between 20 and 60 Credits from **List K3**.
 b. Candidates choosing [SPAN2011](#) must take between 20 and 60 Credits from **Lists K3 or K4**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Spanish Language 2B # (Beginner Route)	SPAN2111	20
OR		
Spanish Language 2A # (Advanced Route)	SPAN2011	20
 List K3: Optional Modules		
Catalan (Beginners) @	SPAN2061	20
Hispanic Texts	SPAN2201	20
Icons and Myths of the Hispanic World	SPAN2151	20
Race and Gender in Latin American Cinema	SPAN2161	20
 List K4: Optional Intensive Modules (Term 2)		
Transnational Spanish	SPAN2191	20

List L: Italian

All candidates must take either [ITAL2031](#) OR [ITAL2111](#) and between 20 and 60 Credits from **List L1**

Core Modules		Credit value
Italian Language 2B # (Beginner Route)	ITAL2031	20
OR		
Italian Language 2A # (Advanced Route)	ITAL2111	20
 List L1: Optional Modules		
The World of Dante	ITAL2041	20
Narratives of Fascist and Post War Italy	ITAL2061	20
Renaissance and Baroque in Image and Word	ITAL2131	20

List M: Russian

- a. Candidates choosing [RUSS2012](#) must take between 20 and 40 Credits from **List M1**.
 b. Candidates choosing [RUSS2191](#) must take between 20 and 60 Credits from **List M1**.

Core Modules		Credit value
Russian Language 2B # (Beginner Route)	RUSS2012	40
OR		
Russian Language 2A # (Advanced Route)	RUSS2191	20
 List M1: Optional Modules		
Reading Russian Literature	RUSS2231	20
Russian and Soviet Cinema (<i>Term 2</i>)	RUSS2241	20
Russia's Linguistic Journey Through Texts and Patterns	RUSS2271	20
St. Petersburg – Petrograd – Leningrad: Culture, Memory, Mythology	RUSS2261	20

List N:

Open modules to the value of 40 credits taken from another Board of Studies subject to availability 40

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

9. Students wishing to study EITHER [RUSS3031](#) (Russian Language 4) OR [ARAB3012](#) (Arabic Language 3) AND another language will undertake [MLAC3996](#) Year Abroad Project (Single Language).
 10. Students wishing to study [RUSS3031](#) (Russian Language 4) AND [ARAB3012](#) (Arabic Language 3) will undertake [MLAC3976](#) Year Abroad Project (Two Languages).

11. Students who do not wish to study [RUSS3031](#) (Russian Language 4) or [ARAB3012](#) (Arabic Language 4) will undertake [MLAC3986](#) Year Abroad.
12. Subject to the residency requirements in pt 13, students whom the Board of Examiners deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Modern Languages and Cultures. Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on R002 Modern Languages and Cultures but must instead transfer to R004 Modern Languages and Cultures.
13. During their year abroad, full-time candidates intending to study only one language in their final year are required to spend a period of residence of no less than 7 months in a country/countries speaking this language; students intending to study two languages in their final year are required to spend a period of residence of no less than 7 months in total, spending at least 4 months in one country and at least 90 days in the other country whose language they are studying. Part-time candidates are required to spend at least 4 weeks in each country whose language they wish to study at Level 3. These 4 weeks may be spread over the duration of the programme. Students who do not fulfil the residency requirement will be transferred to R004 Modern Languages and Cultures.

Level 3 (Degree)

14. Candidates shall study and be assessed in either:
 - a. Modules to the value of 120 credits taken from one of **Lists O-T**;

OR

 - b. Modules to the value of 100 credits taken from one of **Lists O-T** and one 20-credit *optional* module taken from **List U**

OR

 - c. Modules to the value of 80 credits taken from one of **Lists O-T**, and modules to the value of 40 credits from another of **Lists O-T**.

OR

 - d. Modules to the value of 60 credits taken from one of **Lists O-T** and modules to the value of 60 credits from another of **Lists O-T**.
15. Candidates must select, in any given list, at least one *core* module, unless it is stated otherwise.
16. Part-time candidates must select at least one core module during their first year of study at Level 3.
17. All candidates must take a Dissertation module related to a language (or languages) studied at Level 3; no candidate may do more than one dissertation. Candidates may not take any modules marked with the @ symbol at Level 3.
18. Candidates may take up to a total of two translation/interpreting modules, and only one of French or German Interpreting.

List O: Arabic

Candidates must take [ARAB3012](#) and up to a further 80 credits from **List O1**.

Core Modules	Credit value
Arabic Language 4 ~	ARAB3012 40
List O1: Optional Modules	
Trends in Modern Arabic Literature and Film	ARAB3071 20
Popular Culture in the Modern Arab World	ARAB3111 20
Short Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures	MLAC3001 20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures	MLAC3012 40

List P: French

Candidates must take [FREN3041](#) and between 20 and 100 credits from **List P1**.

Core Modules	Credit value
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French Language 4 ~ [FREN3041](#) 20

List P1: Optional Modules

Contemporary French Writers: Autobiography and Fiction [FREN3221](#) 20
French Interpreting [FREN3331](#) 20
French Cinema 1930s to 1990s [FREN3271](#) 20
Anthropocene Animals: Technology, 'Nature' and the End of the World [FREN3401](#) 20
The F-Word: Feminism and Intersectionality in Contemporary Francophone Writing [FREN3461](#) 20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures [MLAC3012](#) 40

List Q: German

Candidates must take [GERM3071](#) and between 20 and 100 credits from **List Q1**

Core Modules

German Language 4 ~ [GERM3071](#) **Credit value** 20

List Q1: Optional Modules

German Interpreting [GERM3041](#) 20
In Search of Happiness [GERM3281](#) 20
Berlin: City of Diverse Cultures [GERM3311](#) 20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures [MLAC3012](#) 40

List R: Hispanic Studies

Candidates must take [SPAN3011](#) and between 20 and 100 credits from **Lists R1 – R2**.

Core Modules

Spanish Language 4 ~ [SPAN3011](#) **Credit Value** 20

List R1: Optional Modules

Catalan [Advanced] [SPAN3211](#) 20
Modern Latin American Literature [SPAN3341](#) 20
Latin American Environmental Politics: Cinema and Visual Culture [SPAN3351](#) 20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures [MLAC3012](#) 40

List R2: Optional Intensive Modules (Term 1)

Sex and Society in Spanish Literature to 1700 [SPAN3151](#) 20
Spanish Translation [SPAN3131](#) 20
Popular Culture and Colonialism: Latin America Past and Present [SPAN3371](#) 20

List S: Italian

Candidates must take [ITAL3021](#) and between 20 and 100 credits from **List S1**.

Core Modules

Italian Language 4 ~ [ITAL3021](#) **Credit value** 20

List S1: Optional Modules

Roads to Rome: From Ruins to Reels [ITAL3221](#) 20
Mediterranean Crossroads in Italian Medieval Italy [ITAL3211](#) 20
Renaissance Relevance: Italian Culture in Translation [ITAL3191](#) 20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures [MLAC3012](#) 40

List T: Russian

Candidates must take [RUSS3031](#) and between 20 and 100 credits from **Lists T1**

Core Modules

Russian Language 4 ~ [RUSS3031](#) **Credit Value** 20

List T1: Optional Modules

Russian for Professional Communication	RUSS3381	20
The Poet and the State	RUSS3371	20
Short Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures (only available to students studying Russian for Professional Communication).	MLAC3001	20
Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures	MLAC3012	40
Literature and Society in the Age of Pushkin	RUSS3421	20

List U:

Open modules to the value of 20 credits taken from another Board of Studies subject to availability		20
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Progression, attainment and award

19. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13: "where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term."
20. Modules marked with a @: no more than three languages (including Catalan and Persian) may be studied in any one year.
21. Modules marked with the # symbol must be passed at 40% or above to proceed to the next level of study.
22. Modules marked with the ~ symbol must be passed at 40% or above. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.