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BA MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES (WITH YEAR ABROAD) (R002)

Level 1 (Certificate)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

2. At Level 1, each candidate must follow one of six pathways, as listed below:

Pathway 1	One language at advanced level
Pathway 2	Two languages at advanced level.
Pathway 3	Two languages at advanced level and one language at beginners' level
Pathway 4	Two languages at advanced level and Catalan
Pathway 5	One language at advanced level and one language at beginners' level
Pathway 6	Three languages at advanced level

Within each of these pathways, candidates will take modules from Lists A (Advanced Language), B (Beginners' Language), C (Context modules) and/or D (Foundation modules), according to the rules for each pathway as defined in paragraphs 6–11, below.

3. Language modules offered by the School of Modern Languages and Cultures generally have a code that begins with one of the following prefixes

ARAB	Arabic
FREN	French
GERM	German
SPAN	Hispanic Studies
ITAL	Italian
RUSS	Russian

4. At L1, each of the modules on List D (Foundation modules) is available only to students who are taking at least one language module (from either List A or List B) that has the same prefix (for example 'FREN') as this Foundation module.

5. Each of the modules on List C (Context modules) is available only to students who are taking at least one Advanced language module (List A) that has the same prefix as this Context module.

List A*: Advanced Language (Level 1):*		**Credit value**
French Language 1	FREN1011	20
German Language 1	GERM1011	20
Italian Language 1	ITAL1071	20
Russian Language 1	RUSS1161	20
Spanish Language 1	SPAN1011	20
List B*: Beginner's Language (Level 1):*		
Arabic Language 1B	ARAB1012	40
French Language 1B	FREN1012	40
German Language 1B	GERM1112	40
Italian Language 1B	ITAL1102	40
Russian Language 1B	RUSS1042	40
Spanish Language 1B	SPAN1072	40
List C*: Context Modules (Level 1):*		
French Cultures in Context	FREN1081	20
German Cultures in Context	GERM1151	20

Hispanic Cultures in Context	SPAN1191	20
Italian Cultures in Context	ITAL1111	20
Russian Cultures in Context	RUSS1181	20

List D*: Foundation modules (Level 1):*

Foundations: Arabic	ARAB1031	20
Foundations: French	FREN1091	20
Foundations: German	GERM1161	20
Foundations: Italian	ITAL1121	20
Foundations: Spanish	SPAN1201	20
Foundations: Russian	RUSS1191	20

6. Candidates on Pathway 1 must study and be assessed in **one** module from List A (Advanced Language to the value of 20 credits; **one** module from List C (Context modules) to the value of 20 credits; and **one** module from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 20 credits. In addition, they must study and be assessed in the following **two** modules, to the value of 60 credits:

		Credit value
Languages in the World	MLAC1002	40
The Art of the Moving Image	VISU1021	20

7. Candidates on **Pathway 2** must study and be assessed in **two** modules from List A (Advanced Language) to the value of 40 credits; **two** modules from List C (Context modules) to the value of 40 credits; and **two** modules from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 40 credits.
8. Candidates on **Pathway 3** must study and be assessed in **two** modules from List A (Advanced Language) to the value of 40 credits; **one** module from List B (Beginners' modules) to the value of 40 credits; and **two** modules from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 40 credits.
9. Candidates on **Pathway 4** must study and be assessed in **two** modules from List A (Advanced Language) to the value of 40 credits; **one** module from List C (Context modules) to the value of 20 credits; and **two** modules from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 40 credits. In addition, they must study and be assessed in the following module, to the value of 20 credits.

		Credit value
Introduction to Catalan Language and Culture	SPAN1181	20

10. Candidates on **Pathway 5** must study and be assessed in **one** module from List A (Advanced Language) to the value of 20 credits; **one** module from List B (Beginners' modules) to the value of 40 credits; one module from List C (Context modules) to the value of 20 credits; and **two** modules from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 40 credits.
11. Candidates on **Pathway 6** must study and be assessed in **three** modules from List A (Advanced Language) to the value of 60 credits; and **three** modules from List D (Foundation modules) to the value of 60 credits.
12. Candidates studying the programme on a part-time basis must take at least one Advanced or Beginners' language module during their first year of study at each Level.
13. Advanced language modules (List A) are only open to candidates with an A-Level or equivalent qualification in the relevant language at Grade B or above, and to candidates with an equivalent level of language ability. Candidates who do not have these qualifications in a particular language may be required to undergo a diagnostic test.
14. Candidates should note that Level 2 and Level 3 modules with any of the above prefixes are only available to students who have passed an advanced or beginners' language with the same prefix at the **previous** level.

Level 2 (Diploma)

15. At L2, each candidate must follow one of four pathways, as below:

Pathway 1	One language at advanced level
Pathway 2	Two languages at advanced level
Pathway 3	One language at advanced level and one 20-credit language-module at beginners' level

Pathway 4	One language at advanced level and one 40-credit language-module at beginners' level

16. Within each of these pathways, candidates will take modules from Lists E (20-credit Advanced Language), F1 (20-credit Beginners' Language modules), F2 (40-credit Beginners' Language modules), G1, G2, G3, G4 or G5 (20-credit Culture modules), according to the rules for each pathway as defined in paragraphs 20-24, below.

List E*: Advanced Language (Level 2):*		**Credit value**
French Language 2	FREN2051	20
German Language 2	GERM2021	20
Italian Language 2	ITAL2111	20
Russian Language 2	RUSS2191	20
Spanish Language 2	SPAN2011	20
List F1*: Beginner's Language (Level 2 20 credit Modules):*		
French Language 2B	FREN2111	20
Italian Language 2B	ITAL2031	20
Spanish Language 2B	SPAN2111	20
List F2*: Beginner's Language (Level 2 40 credit Modules):*		
Arabic Language 2B	ARAB2002	40
German Language 2B	GERM2152	40
Russian Language 2B	RUSS2012	40
List G1*: Culture Modules (Level 2):*		
Modernity and Disenchantment: 19th and 20th Century French Literature and Culture	FREN2011	20
Fluid Identities	GERM2121	20
Hispanic Texts	SPAN2201	20
Russia's Linguistic Journeys	RUSS2271	20
List G2*: Culture modules (Level 2):*		
The Francophone Imaginary	FREN2061	20
Transnational Spanish	SPAN2191	20
Narratives Of Fascist And Post-War Italy	ITAL2061	20
St Petersburg-Petrograd-Leningrad: Culture, Memory, Mythology	RUSS2261	20
List G3*: Culture modules (Level 2):*		
Arabic Literature	ARAB2011	20
Revolutionary Works in French Politics	FREN2091	20
Negotiating The Past In The German-Speaking Countries	GERM2131	20
Race and Gender in Latin American Cinema	SPAN2161	20
The World of Dante	ITAL2041	20
Reading Russian Literature	RUSS2231	20
List G4*: Culture modules (Level 2):*		
Middle Eastern Cinema	ARAB2051	20
Sex, Gender And Identity In The Middle Ages And The Renaissance	FREN2031	20
Culture and Violence	GERM2141	20
Icons And Myths Of The Hispanic World	SPAN2151	20
Renaissance And Baroque In Image And Word	ITAL2131	20
List G5*: Culture Modules (other Languages) (Level 2):*		
Persian I	ARAB2041	20
Catalan (Beginners)	SPAN2061	20

17. L2 modules with any of the prefixes listed above in paragraph 3 are only available to students who have passed an Advanced or Beginners' language with the same prefix at L1.

18. Culture modules in lists G1 - G5 are available only to students studying a module with the same prefix from Lists E, F1 or F2.

19. Candidates **on all** pathways must study at least one Culture module (Lists G1 - G5) with the same prefix as each of their chosen language modules in Lists E, F1 or F2).

20. Candidates on **Pathway 1** must study and be assessed in **one** module from List E (L2 Advanced Language modules) to the value of 20 credits; and **three** Culture modules to the value of 60 credits in total from Lists G1 – G5), **with no more than one 20 credit module selected from any single list.** All Culture modules should have the same prefix as the module chosen from List E.

21. In addition, candidates for **Pathway 1** must study and be assessed in **two** of the Exploration modules offered by the School of Modern Languages and Cultures and/or by other departments in the Faculty of Arts of Humanities. One of these must be taken from List H (Michaelmas Term Exploration modules), and the other one from List I (Epiphany Term Exploration modules), to the value of 40 credits in total:

List H: Michaelmas Exploration Modules		**Credit value**
Ancient Political Thought and Action	CLAS2761	20
Lives of the Ancient Poets	CLAS2A11	20
Art and Archaeology of the Greek Islands	CLAS20C1	20
The Super-Conducting Super Collider: The Politics of Science in Twentieth-Century America	HIST20K1	20
The Beat Goes On: Drum Magazine, Urban Life and Print Culture	HIST21Q1	20
Modern China's Transformations	HIST2201	20
Elders, Despots, Modernisers: Reimagining the State in Northeast Africa	HIST2541	20
World Literatures	MLAC2021	20
Designing for Digital Culture	VISU2061	20
Studies in the History of Opera	MUSI2651	20
The Music of India	MUSI2771	20
Music and Science	MUSI2731	20
Early Modern Mavericks	PHIL2031	20
Epistemology	PHIL2211	20
Themes and Theories in the Study of Religion	THEO2931	20
Reading Biblical Texts	THEO2921	20
The Holy Spirit in Christian Theology and the Life of the Church	THEO2711	20

List I: Epiphany Exploration Modules		
Digital Humanities and the Ancient World	CLAS20E1	20
Religion in the Greek World	CLAS2991	20
The History of Modern Ukraine from Borderland to Bloodland, 1850s to 2000s	HIST21M1	20
Photographic Histories	HIST20R1	20
Rice, Race, Religion and Revolt in Colonial Myanmar	HIST20T1	20
China, the West and the Rest: Exchanges, Ideology and Practice in Late Imperial China	HIST2641	20
The #MeToo Movement in Global Contexts	MLAC2031	20
Global Cinematic Constellations	VISU2071	20
Defining Music in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	MUSI2691	20
Studies in Popular Music	MUSI2671	20
Music and Place	MUSI2791	20
Language, Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
World Philosophies	PHIL2221	20
Religion in the Modern World	THEO2911	20
Theology and Comedy	THEO2681	20
Themes in the History of Modern Christianity	THEO2901	20

22. Candidates on **Pathway 2** must study and be assessed in **two** modules from List E (L2 Advanced Language modules) to the value of 40 credits in total, and **four** modules from Lists G1, G2, G3, G4 or G5 (Culture modules) to the value of 80 credits in total. At least one Culture module must have the same

prefix as the first language module chosen from List E and at least one Culture module must have the same prefix as the second language module chosen from List E.

23. Candidates on **Pathway 3** must study and be assessed in **one** 20 credit module from List E (L2 Advanced Language modules); **one** 20 credit module from List F1 (20-credit Beginner's Language modules); and **four** 20 credit modules from Lists G1, G2, G3, G4 or G5 (Culture modules), with no more than one module selected from any single list, to a total value of 80 credits from Lists G1 - G5. At least one Culture module must have the same prefix as the Advanced language module chosen from list E; at least one Culture module must have the same prefix as the Beginner language module chosen from list F1.

24. Candidates on **Pathway 4** must study and be assessed in **one** 20 credit module from List E (L2 Advanced Language modules); **one** 40 credit module from List F2 (40-credit Beginner's Language modules); and **three** 20 credit modules from Lists G1, G2, G3, G4 or G5 (Culture modules), with no more than one module from any single list, to the total value of 60 credits from Lists G1 - G5. At least one Culture module must have the same prefix as the Advanced language module chosen from List E; at least one Culture module must have the same prefix as the Beginner language module chosen from List F2.

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

25. 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.

26. Candidates 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.

27. 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.

28. Candidates who do not fulfil the residency requirement will be transferred to R004 Modern Languages and Cultures, at the end of the academic year.

Level 3: Degree

29. At L3, each candidate must follow one of four pathways, as listed below:

Pathway 1	Any one language, except Arabic
Pathway 2	Any two languages, except Arabic
Pathway 3	One language, which is Arabic
Pathway 4	Two languages, including Arabic

30. Within each of these pathways, candidates will take modules from Lists J (20-credit Language modules), K (20-credit Applied Language modules), L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, or L6 (20-credit Culture modules), according to the rules for each pathway as defined in paragraphs 31-36.

List J*: Language Modules (Level 3):*		**Credit value**
French Language 4	FREN3041	20
German Language 4	GERM3071	20
Italian Language 4	ITAL3021	20
Russian Language 4	RUSS3031	20
Spanish Language 4	SPAN3011	20
List K*: Applied Language Modules (Level 3):*		
French Interpreting	FREN3331	20
German Interpreting	GERM3041	20
Russian for Professional Communication	RUSS3381	20
List L1*: Culture Modules (Level 3):*		
Translation and Transformations of French Culture.	FREN3511	20
'Race', Colonialism and Gender	GERM3301	20
Mediterranean Crossroads	ITAL3211	20

List L2*: Culture Modules (Level 3):*		
Humans in French and Francophone Contexts	FREN3581	20
In Search of Happiness	GERM3281	20
Environmental Politics in Latin American Literature and Film	SPAN3351	20
Writing the Modern Self	ITAL3171	20
List L3: *Culture Modules (Level 3):*		
Arabic Trends in Modern Literature and Film	ARAB3071	20
Women in French and Francophone Contexts	FREN3561	20
Renaissance Relevance: Italian Culture in Translation	ITAL3191	20
List L4*: Culture Modules (Level 3):*		
Catalan [Advanced]	SPAN3211	20
List L5*: Culture Modules, Michaelmas Term only (Level 3):*		
Popular Culture and Colonialism: Latin America Past and Present	SPAN3371	20
Modern Latin-American Literature	SPAN3341	20
The Making of the Russian Intelligentsia	RUSS3391	20
List L6*: Culture Modules, Epiphany Term Only (Level 3):*		
Specialised Arabic-English Translation	ARAB3041	20
The Cultures of the Hispanic Caribbean: Texts and Theoretical Frameworks	SPAN3301A	20
Spanish Translation	SPAN3131	20
Literature and Society in the Age of Pushkin	RUSS3421	20

31. Candidates on **Pathway 1, Pathway 2 or Pathway 3** must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Extended Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures ~	MLAC3012	40

32. In addition to the dissertation, candidates on **Pathway 1** must study and be assessed in **one** 20 credit module from List J (L3 Language modules); **three** 20 credit modules from Lists K, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, or L6 to the total value of 60 credits. All Applied Language (List K) and Culture modules (Lists L1 - L6) must have the same prefix as the Language module chosen from List J. Candidates must never choose more than one Culture module from any single list.

33. In addition to the dissertation, candidates on **Pathway 2** must study and be assessed in **two** modules from List J (L3 Language modules) to the total value of 40 credits and **two** modules from Lists K, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, or L6 to the value of 40 credits. **One Culture** module must have the same prefix as their first Language and one Culture module must have the same prefix as their second Language module. Candidates should never study **more than one Culture module from any single list.**

34. In addition to the dissertation, candidates on **Pathway 3** must study and be assessed in ARAB 3012 to the value of 40 credits. Candidates must also study **two** modules from Lists K, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, or L6 to the value of 40 credits. All Culture modules must have the prefix ARAB. Candidates must never study more than one Culture module from any single list.

		Credit value
Arabic Language 4	ARAB3012	40

35. Candidates on **Pathway 4** must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

		Credit value
Short Dissertation in Modern Languages and Cultures ~	MLAC3001	20
Arabic Language 4	ARAB3012	40

36. Candidates on **Pathway 4** must also study and be assessed in **one** module from List J (L3 Language modules) to the value of 20 credits; and **two** modules from Lists K, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, or L6 to the value of 40 credits. One Culture module must have the same prefix as their first Language and one Culture

module must have the same prefix as their second Language module. Candidates should never study more than one Culture module from any single list.

37. L3 modules with any of the prefixes listed above in paragraph 3 are only available to students who have passed an advanced or beginners' language with the same prefix at L2.

Assessment, progression and award

38. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

39. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.