School Of Languages & Cultures.
Welcome to the School of Languages and Cultures at Sheffield 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.

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Why choose Sheffield?

**University of the Year 2011**
*Times Higher Education Supplement*

**No.1 Students’ Union in the UK**

**5* Rating for entertainment**
*Virgin Guide*

**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
*National Student Survey 2012 shows 90% student satisfaction score for the second year running*

**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 top 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 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 by their flexibility. I was able to study three languages (French, German and Dutch) from first year onwards, and I also had plenty of choice for my Year Abroad. I think that at Sheffield they genuinely care about the students.”

Anna Hartley, German and French

“I chose Sheffield not only because it was a highly-rated course at a respected University but also because of the sense of community in the city, the University as a whole and especially the language departments. You are really encouraged to get involved in University and city life which means you quickly feel at home here.”

Claire Ward, just graduated with BA Modern Languages (French, German, Russian)
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 Modern Languages, Final 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, 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 Business Management, Politics and Philosophy.

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 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 languages.
packages. But, in addition, you can continue your language learning down the line to France, Germany, Spain, Russia and all the other countries we study from anywhere you like on or off campus. This is via the University’s comprehensive, high-speed wired and Wi-Fi networking systems and either your own laptop or smartphone or the innumerable open-access student PCs that you can find in all the campus buildings and student residences.

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.

Locations and facilities
In January 2009, the School of Languages and Cultures moved into an attractive, purpose-built new Humanities building, Jessop West, on the site of the former Jessop Hospital. This places our School at the heart of the University, adjacent to the Humanities Research Institute and the Information Commons, 5 minutes from the Students’ Union and the main University Library (Western Bank), and 10 minutes’ walk from Sheffield City Centre.

The Information Commons (IC) 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. It is just one of many sites in the University where you can pursue your own independent study of languages alongside your lectures and seminars. The nearby 301 Centre and Hicks Building both offer up-to-date language laboratories and dedicated access to a range of computer-assisted language learning (CALL) software.

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 presentational and social abilities, such as working in groups and delivering projects together, as well as the academic proficiency and fluency 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 Business Management) 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

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 Le Malade Imaginaire by Molière and Marivaux’s La Fausse Suivante, which were performed in Sheffield as well as at theatre festivals in Beaumes de Venise and Montpellier. 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.

“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, French Studies, Final Year
Course Overview:

**Level 1 (First Year)**
All students:
• French Language and Communication Skills
• French Studies I & II
PLUS
Single Honours and Dual Honours
Optional modules:
• The World of French Words
• Des Gaulois à de Gaulle: histoire pratique du français
• French Critical Contexts

**Level 2 (Second Year)**
All students
• French Language and Communication Skills III & IV
• Comment peut-on être français?
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.
• Writing the Revolution
• Narratives of Confinement
• Twentieth-Century Literature and Thought
• L’Exclusion en France: faits, théories et politique
• French Documentary Film
• La Bande Dessinée
• La Francophonie
• Nineteenth-Century Voices

**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 the 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
• Film studies
• Transcription, Translation, Subtitling
• 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
• Constructions identitaires dans la France du XXe siècle
• Poetry and Performance
• Études de cas sociolinguistiques du français
• Dissertation module

“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
“The great thing about the German department at Sheffield is the quality of teaching. The staff are so supportive and you are always invited to ask questions and really expand your knowledge. The range of modules is also brilliant. I’ve studied literature, film and philosophy to name just a few so there really is something for everyone. Sheffield is a fantastic city to live in. It’s large enough to have what you need from a University city like a great nightlife and good shopping but it is also small enough to really get to know during your time here. Most students live within a 15 minute walk from uni which is a real luxury and as it’s one of the safest cities in the UK I have always felt comfortable and at home here.”

Janine Baybutt, BA German Studies

German Studies

is a friendly, lively and well-staffed department, with eight academics and two full-time lectors, 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 – all expertly taught by subject specialists. You can take a traditional Single Honours German degree with us, including literature and linguistics, or you can combine German with a large range of other subjects in a Dual Honours degree: French, Spanish, Russian, English, History, Politics, Management and several others.

Our ‘with’ degrees, German with Dutch and German with Luxembourgish, are also very popular among our students (our Dutch cohort is the biggest in the UK), 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
• 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
  • 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:
• German Film and Society
• Introduction to German Linguistics
• Materialism and Militarism 1871-1918
• German Culture and Ideas from the Enlightenment to the Present Day
• Freud
• Introduction to Dutch Linguistics
• Contemporary Literature and Culture in Dutch (I)
• Germany since 2000
• Two Revolutions: German Literature of the 1960s and 1970s
• Introduction to Luxembourgish Language and Culture

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 Core Language
  • German Conversation
• One optional unit chosen from (currently):
  • Presenting and Debating
  • Translation
  • Language for Enterprise
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
• Modern German Thought
• Advanced Dutch
• Dutch for specialists
• Contemporary Literature and Culture in Dutch (II)
• Dutch Project
• Social Approaches to Multilingualism
• Cold War Culture
• Luxembourgish Language and Culture

“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 professional role. Learning a language can do this, especially one as business-centric as German.”

Chris Murphy, German and Politics, 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, Càdiz, País Vasco, Zaragoza, Coimbra and Valencia. This ensures a constant presence of native Spanish speakers in the Departmental social activities, as well as in formal language classes.

“I chose to study my degree at Sheffield because it was a much more welcoming department than other universities I had visited and yet was a respected course and University. I could do the ideal combination of languages to suit my interests and to further my study of Hispanic Studies. In my time here I’ve built up a huge feeling of community both in my residence and in the School of Languages and Cultures. The Hispanic Society has really made an effort to get everyone involved and my coursemates have become like family.”

Zoe Longbottom, BA Modern Languages (Spanish, French and Portugese), Final Year
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)
PLUS
- 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, Óviedo, Palma, Porto, Salamanca, Santiago de Compostela, Seville, Valencia, Coimbra, Cadiz, Zaragoza 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
  - 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
- History of the Spanish Language
- Translation Studies
- Dissertation in Hispanic Studies
- Barcelona: Culture of the City
- Cultural Crosscurrents in the Lusophone world
- Catalan Language
- Portuguese Language

For more information about our modules please visit our website:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/hispanic/undergraduates/modules

“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, Final Year
To put it simply: if you like languages, you’ll love ours!
When you study Russian, Czech and/or Polish at Sheffield, you embark on a linguistic and intellectual adventure that will make your CV stand out above the rest.

Just as rewarding is the lifelong affinity that you will develop and nurture with these fascinating cultures while you’re with us.

We’re a medium-sized department that offers maximum flexibility when it comes to your chosen degree programme: we’re large enough to offer an impressive range of courses but small enough to enjoy an environment that is informal and truly supportive of our students. Our tutors are nothing if not enthusiastic and dedicated.

With us, you’ll study Russian for your first two years on one of two intensive language programme that cater separately for beginners and post A-Level students. When you return from your year abroad, your Russian language tuition will be based around options (you choose two modules) taught in Russian - so you have the freedom to choose what appeals to you most in both language and non-language classes. The optional courses available to you include two other Slavonic languages – Czech and Polish – which you can study to degree level or take up as a beginners’ language at any stage of your degree. In addition to the year abroad, summer courses (lasting three to four weeks) in Poland and the Czech Republic are usually available to students of Czech and Polish at all levels, depending on your degree programme.

Our graduate linguists leave Sheffield as proficient, inter-culturally aware, poised individuals who have experienced living in a culture very different from their own and whose enthusiasm for new challenges has rewarded them with the highly prized skills that are increasingly in demand in the employment market.

Departmental culture
The student-run VodSoc society is where a lot of people find their feet in their first weeks at Sheffield. Film viewings, coffee mornings, trips to Derbyshire and frequent samplings of Sheffield night life give you the opportunity to be with people whose interests coincide with your own and who will give you plenty of information (unedited!) and advice about milestones such as the year abroad. The VodSoc team is friendly, welcoming and will infect you with its enthusiasm for all things Slavic!

For many decades Sheffield has had a large Polish community, so there are always opportunities to practise your Polish, both inside and outside the University. And the Sheffield Czech and Slovak Society has been a regular meeting point not only for students but for all fans of Czech and Slovak culture for the last fifteen years. It organises frequent visits by representatives of Czech and Slovak culture, lectures, film screenings, parties and, of course, pub visits.

The department also runs a series of guest lectures by visiting scholars who present the results of their research, and there are regular departmental showings of films in all three languages. Erasmus exchanges ensure a constant presence of Polish and Czech students at Sheffield and in the department – it’s easy to set up a tandem language learning arrangement and improve your Czech or Polish in an enjoyable way outside seminars.

“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
Course Overview:

Level 1 (First Year)
Single/Dual Honours Russian Students: 40 compulsory credits Beginners’ Russian and 20 credits Introduction to Russian Culture
OR
20 compulsory credits Post A Level Russian Language (grammar, translation, comprehension, oral) and 20 credits Introduction to Russian Culture

PLUS
Single Honours Russian: 80 further credits of optional courses in Russian Studies, including Czech or Polish, and/or other subjects taken outside the department.

Dual Honours Russian/Czech/Polish: 40 or more credits in your second major subject, plus up to 40 optional credits. Students on courses including Czech take 40 credits of Beginners’ Czech language and history, while those taking Polish study 40 credits’ worth of Beginners’ Polish language and history.

Level 2 (Second Year)
All students: 20 credits of Russian language in Beginners’ and post A Level stream.

PLUS

Single Honours: 100 credits of optional modules, see below (20 credits of which may be taken outside Russian Studies).

Dual Honours: 40 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:
Two 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/German/Polish/Spanish, and BA in Modern Languages:
One semester placement in Russia. PLUS one semester in the country of your other major language. Students on programmes including Czech study for a semester at Charles University in Prague or Masaryk University in Brno. Students on Polish programmes spend a semester at Jagellonian University, Cracow.

‘With Russian’ degrees:
A variety of arrangements.

Level 3 (Final Year – following Year Abroad)
All students:
Two language modules, taught in Russian, from the following 10-credit options:
• Advanced Russian Language and Russian Today
• Russian Language Through Film
• Advanced Russian Through Literary Texts
• Applied Russian Language Skills

PLUS

Single Honours: Optional modules totaling 100 credits (up to 20 credits may be taken outside the Department)

Dual Honours: 40 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 (Please note that not all modules are available in any one year.)

Language:
• Beginners’ Czech
• Beginners’ Polish
• Intermediate Czech
• Intermediate Polish
• Intermediate Russian Translation

Level 2 only:
• Advanced Translation from Russian into English

Linguistics:
• The Structures of Russian
• The Russian Language and Russian Society

Literature, Culture and History:
Level 1:
• The Soviet Union 1917-1991
• History of East-Central Europe
• Introduction to European Cinema

Levels 2 and 3:
• Politics and Culture in the USSR 1917-1938
• Cold War Visual Culture
• Russian History and Society Through Film
• The Russian Novel in the 19th Century
• Soviet Visual Culture
• Modern Russian Art
• Soviet Culture in the Era of the Great Terror
• Reforms and Revolutions in Russian Literature and Thought
• Contemporary Russian Society
• Socialist Realism, Totalitarian Kitsch and Russian Postmodernism
• Project in Russian, Czech or Polish Studies

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“I chose Sheffield because it had the three things I was looking for – it seemed like a great city, the course was taught by enthusiastic and friendly people and it had a really good reputation. Four years on and I am still just as convinced as I was then that I made the right decision. I chose to study Russian and Czech from scratch because I wanted a challenge, and Sheffield allowed me the flexibility to do that - but with the option to change after First Year if I had second thoughts. As it happened, the best part by far was being given a scholarship to study over the summer in the Czech Republic, where I probably spent the most memorable part of my degree. Now I am happily doing what I always wanted to do with a lot of fond memories from my time at Sheffield.”

John Greenwood, BA Modern Languages – Russian, German, Czech. Recently graduated; now doing a PGCE with Russian and German
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

“Cross-Departmental Degree Programme: B.A. 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-credit courses; or (b) a 20-credit course in Italian plus another approved 20-credit module.

Level 2
Two Major subjects (60/40 credits) from 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 (60/40 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 alternative qualifications such as Scottish Highers or the International Baccalaureate. For current standard offers, please consult the University’s Online Prospectus: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate or www.ucas.com

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

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

N.B. We are hoping to introduce French/German/Hispanic Studies/Russian & Sociology soon.
Our city is your city

Make yourself at home
Sheffield is England’s fifth largest city. It is located at the heart of England, on the edge of the Peak District National Park, and 2 hours by train from London. Those are the facts.

Then there’s the way we feel about the place. We’re just as proud of our city as we are of our campus. We love the fact that, although Sheffield is a major city, it has kept its sense of community, as our students past and present will testify. This is a friendly city, a place where you can make yourself at home.

Five star social life
Sheffield is famously laid back, but you’re not likely to find yourself at a loose end. Our city was awarded five stars for social life and entertainment in a recent Virgin Alternative Guide to British Universities. The nightclubs are famous; the music scene legendary. Sheffield’s reputation as a live music venue means that it can attract the best new bands and the biggest international acts, with venues throughout the city to suit every musical taste and student budget. We also have the largest regional theatre complex in the UK, including the world-famous Crucible Theatre, and the biggest independent cinema outside London.

Sports
Sheffield is a city synonymous with sports excellence, with two major football clubs, an international athletics stadium and an Olympic pool and diving complex; it is also the home of the English Institute of Sport and the World Snooker Championships.

On the other hand, if you prefer the great outdoors, the Peak District, an area of outstanding natural beauty, is minutes away, and very popular for pursuits such as hillwalking, mountain-biking and rock-climbing.

Among the safest cities in the UK – Home Office crime figures
Greenest city in England – 150 woodlands and 50 public parks
Our Union of Students

It’s the best. Rated ‘excellent’ by the Virgin Guide and winner of countless awards, our union offers live music, club nights, a comedy club, a 400-seat cinema, cafés, shops, bars, an advice centre, a bank and much more. There are over 250 different clubs and societies to get involved with, as well as our Give it a Go and Sheffield Volunteering programmes, so you’ll never be short of something to do or someone to do it with!

The University’s sports facilities include a 33m swimming pool with sauna and steam room, bouldering wall, squash and tennis courts, floodlit synthetic pitches, a fitness studio with regular classes and a gym, which reopened with new state of the art equipment in 2012 after significant investment. There are over 47 sports teams and societies available, or why not join, or even form, a team in the weekly football, hockey and netball leagues with course friends or housemates.

University Accommodation

There’s a huge choice of accommodation, so you can live the way that suits you best. Catered or self-catering, city centre or leafy suburb, all options are within easy walking distance of the campus and close to a frequent bus service. When you live in University accommodation, you’ll automatically be a part of one of four student Communities. Belonging to your Community gives you loads of opportunities to meet new people and take part in amazing activities, events and sports every week that are put on especially for you. From festivals and parties to film nights and dance classes – there is something for everyone.

Best Students’ Union in Britain – Virgin Alternative Guide to British Universities

“Sheffield is a great city for students. Living near to the city centre means that there is always something going on, whether it be a sports event or a gig, a film or a play – there really is something for everyone. People say once you’ve lived in Sheffield, you will never leave, and I certainly don’t want to!”

Lucy Hughes, BA Modern Languages (German, French, Dutch)
“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 big 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 be of the friendly city, challenging course, modern facilities, approachable staff and the many friends I have made here.”

David Barker, BA Hispanic Studies (Spanish & Portuguese), recently graduated

“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), recently graduated
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