TRANSLATION, INTERPRETING AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

MA COURSES 2013

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As a major centre of research and teaching in language-based disciplines, the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) fosters a vibrant postgraduate community.

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Masters courses

MA Conference Interpreting

This course is designed to equip you with the knowledge and advanced interpreting skills you will need for a career in conference interpreting. Training draws on both professional interpreting practice and expertise in interpreting studies. This has the advantage of providing you with an analytical component, thus allowing you to improve your interpreting practice via self-reflection and critical thinking. All our interpreting trainers are also practising conference interpreters. The course offers you simultaneous and consecutive interpreting training in five languages: French, German, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese. These are key languages in international organisations such as the United Nations and the European Union, and are also in demand on the freelance market. You will benefit from our close links with the EU, the UN and other prospective employers, and we offer you extra-curricular professional development workshops to enhance your employment prospects.

Although primarily designed to train interpreters to professional levels, this course can also be used as a stepping stone to doctoral research in the field of interpreting studies.

MA Intercultural Communication

Intercultural awareness and communication skills are a necessary part of life for most people in most aspects of their lives. This course is a joint undertaking by the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures and the School of Education. It brings together a wide range of expertise in the two Schools in order to explore the cultural complexities and diversity of our current times from a variety of conceptual, disciplinary and professional perspectives. The degree is designed for a broad range of students who are interested in intercultural matters. Some knowledge of a foreign language is preferable although not a prerequisite. This course will enhance your opportunities to gain employment in fields where intercultural competence is valued, for example in many multinational companies and organisations, in international projects and NGOs, and in multicultural and immigrant communities.
MA Translation and Interpreting Studies

This is one of the longest running and most comprehensive postgraduate degrees in translation and interpreting in the UK. It aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills you will need for a career in translation, or in other professions that require expertise in cross-cultural communication. You may choose from a wide range of specialisations, including commercial translation, audiovisual translation, scientific and technical translation, literary translation and translating for international organisations, translating into or out of English and any other language. We provide training in the use of translation technologies, including translation memory, terminology management and subtitling. Options are available in consecutive interpreting and public service interpreting for those who would like to begin to develop these skills. This course has been awarded membership of the European Masters in Translation Network, in recognition of the quality of the profession-oriented training we offer. You will acquire competences that will allow you to compete successfully for translation jobs in international institutions or in the freelance sector, and to work in the rapidly evolving field of multilingual and multimedia communication.

We also offer research-intensive, optional units in translation and interpreting studies and cross-cultural pragmatics for those who wish to prepare for doctoral study in translation or interpreting studies.

Other MA courses in languages, cultures and linguistics

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures offers you a wide range of professionally oriented and research-oriented masters-level courses in languages, cultures and linguistics. Others courses available include MA Languages and Cultures (research route), MA Linguistics, MA Languages and Linguistics and MA English Language. As a student of these courses you will benefit from a concentration of world-class staff in a breadth of subject areas and our long tradition of top-quality interdisciplinary teaching and research.
Entry requirements

The standard requirement for admission to our MA courses is an Upper Second Class Honours degree or higher in a relevant subject, or its overseas equivalent. Please note that some MA courses also have a Postgraduate Diploma entry route. Students whose first language is not English require an IELTS score of 7.0 or higher overall, with a minimum of 7.0 in the writing component, or an TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based test), 250 (computer-based test) or 100 (internet-based test) or higher overall, with a minimum score of 5.5 in the TWE component (or 25 in the writing component of the internet-based test) or a Pearson Test of English (PTE) score of 70 or higher overall, with a minimum score of 70 in the writing component.

Funding opportunities

Students from the UK or EU can apply to the School for postgraduate studentships to support MA or doctoral study, as part of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Block Grants scheme. AHRC studentships for UK students cover the tuition fee and provide a maintenance grant. Studentships for EU students usually cover fees only. Because of our strong track record of successful AHRC-funded students, the rigour of our research training and breadth of our resources, Manchester has been awarded among the highest number of studentships under the AHRC’s Block Grant scheme of any UK university. If you intend to apply for an AHRC award, you should consult the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures website and contact the School early in the academic year in which you intend to apply.

In addition to studentships funded by the AHRC, the Faculty of Humanities and School of Arts, Languages and Cultures offer a number of bursaries for postgraduate study. These include Overseas Research Student Awards (ORS) for research students from outside the EU. In all cases, the awards are highly competitive. Further information on AHRC, Faculty and School awards is available on our website.

You are urged to enquire and to apply to your chosen degree programme as early as possible and certainly no later than 15 February. Candidates not intending to apply to the AHRC, ORS, or other internal studentship schemes may apply up until 31 August. However, please note that programmes in translation and interpreting have limited places for individual languages, so early applications are strongly advised.

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For more information on funding, see: http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/fees

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