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MA COURSES 2013

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# LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS AND CULTURES AT MANCHESTER

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.

We offer you a wide range of professionally oriented and research-oriented masters-level courses. What these courses have in common is the study of languages and their application in linguistics, literature, translation and cultural studies, including screen studies, critical theory, historical, political and social studies.

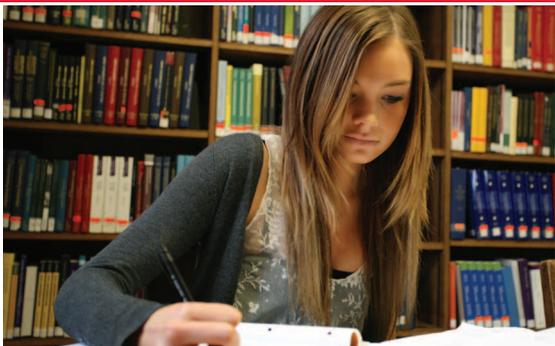
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## Masters courses

### 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 European Union, and are also in demand on the freelance market.

### 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 Languages and Cultures (research-route)

This research-focused course enables you to pursue specialist masters-level research into the cultures associated with the following language areas: East Asian; French; German; Italian; Middle Eastern; Russian and Eastern European; Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American. 'Cultures' is understood in the broadest sense, and you may choose to specialise in any area covered by the unparalleled breadth of research expertise in languages and cultures within the School. You may wish to specialise in historical, literary, religious, or artistic aspects of relevant languages and language areas, from the pre-modern period to the present day. The course gives you intensive training in research and in related high-level transferable skills in preparation for PhD studies at research universities. It is also aimed at students who will be heavily involved in research-based activities outside academia (e.g., in public- and private-sector cultural institutions such as museums, galleries, charities, foundations, festivals and biennales, and bodies of cultural diplomacy)..



## MA Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Throughout their history and to this day, Latin America and the Caribbean have been at the forefront of social, economic, cultural and political change and experiment. Through the MA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, you become a specialist in this diverse region, learning with internationally recognised academics to gain the multidisciplinary perspective that understanding this area demands. You study the current debates in the area of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, such as globalisation, the meanings and limits of culture and issues of identity, like *mestizaje*, gender, race and ethnicity. This exciting interdisciplinary course, unique in the UK, is offered by our internationally recognised Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and forms an integral part of a vibrant teaching and research community, contributing to the work of the Centre as a whole.

## MA Linguistics and English Language

Our suite of MA courses in Linguistics and English Language – MA Linguistics, MA Languages and Linguistics and MA English Language– offers you the widest possible range of teaching and research expertise, covering all aspects of theoretical and descriptive linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse and conversation analysis, typology, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, cognitive linguistics and psycholinguistics, computational and corpus linguistics, field linguistics, and the documentation and description of endangered languages. We provide an exceptionally large and flexible choice of course units, so that you can construct a truly personalised programme suited to your individual interests and needs.

## MA Translation and Interpreting Studies

This is one of the longest running and most comprehensive MAs in translation and interpreting in the UK. It aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills 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, subtitling, scientific and technical translation, literary translation and translating for international organisations, and you may translate into or out of English and any other language. 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.



## 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 a 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.

Some students – mainly those in linguistics and language-based area studies – may instead apply to the Economic and Social Research Council.

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, ESRC, 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 course listings, see:  
<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/taughtdegrees/courses/bysubject>

For more information on funding, see:  
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