WE HAVE A GLOBAL OUTLOOK AND OUR STUDENTS TRAVEL ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR THEIR YEAR ABROAD OPTIONS

OUR MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING FOCUSES ON FLUENCY AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, AND IS TAUGHT IN THE TARGET LANGUAGE
WELCOME TO THE
Department of Language and Linguistic Science

Study the art and science of communication, and investigate the part that language plays in making us human. Our department is dynamic and friendly, with a strong global outlook.

You’ll be able to study language and linguistics together, and specialise in what interests you. Our language courses in French, German, Italian and Spanish emphasise interaction and teaching in your target language and you’ll study contemporary political and social issues. The opportunity of a year abroad will enable you to truly immerse yourself in another culture.

We use our innovative and highly ranked research to inform our flexible courses. In our degrees, alongside the nature of language itself, you will study how language changes over time and how it’s processed in our brains.

Become an independent thinker and effective communicator with a range of strong analytical skills from both the humanities and the sciences.

WHAT OUR GRADUATES DO

Recent graduate employment examples include:
- marketing executive
- international drama developer
- HR management trainee
- teacher
- translator
- analyst

for a wide range of employers, such as:
- StudioCanal
- NHS
- Teach First
- Deloitte
- Oxford University Press
- Goldman Sachs
Learn about one of the most influential languages in the world. English is spoken by over one billion people, either natively or as a second language. You’ll explore where English came from and the forces that shaped it over time. In addition, by investigating the nature of language, you’ll gain a greater understanding and mastery of the system that we use to communicate.

Our course covers a range of topics from historical, social, interactional, psychological and structural aspects of language, to forensic phonetics and teaching English as a foreign language. You can choose to specialise as you progress, focusing on the topics that interest you. You’ll use tools from core areas of linguistics to take a variety of approaches from the conceptual level to working with data, building skills in project management, communication and critical thinking.


**Studying Linguistics**

Language is a window on the mind. From the structure of language to the linguistics around consumerism, and from how we develop language to how we communicate and behave, you'll have the chance to look at language in depth.

You'll use tools from the core areas of linguistics: syntax, phonetics and phonology, semantics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics. You'll learn to notice and describe fine-grained details - the kind of detail that the human brain subconsciously pays attention to - while at the same time developing an eye for the underlying pattern in a set of data.

You can customise your degree according to your interests, and can specialise as you progress. Your knowledge and understanding of how a language works and how we communicate will give you a solid foundation for many careers.

**Studying two languages with a year abroad**

Develop your fluency and cultural understanding of your chosen languages with the added advantage of insight acquired through linguistics.

As you progress, you can tailor your degree to your interests, and change the weighting on the course between each language and linguistics. Your year abroad can be spent in one or two countries, and it will enhance your confidence and life experience.

Language modules explore society and culture: covering historical, political, social and contemporary issues. We emphasise teaching in the target language, with discussion and interaction at the heart of our approach to language learning. Linguistics modules will help you understand the nature of language itself: how it is structured, how it evolves, and how we use and understand it within our society. To find out which languages you can study from scratch, see page 6.

**Studying one language**

Transfer your understanding of how language works to the learning of a foreign language. Explore culture and society through language, and investigate the patterns, mechanisms and behaviours used in human communication through your linguistics study. Your newly acquired knowledge of linguistics will help you to refine your language skills and level of communication in the target language.

Our modules emphasise teaching and interaction in your chosen language. Studying linguistics will help you understand the nature of language itself: how it is structured, how it evolves, and how we use and understand it within our society.

The course can be tailored to your interests as you progress. You'll develop your fluency, and your communication and critical skills. You can study this course with or without a year abroad. To find out which languages you can study from scratch, see page 6.
Joint courses

Language and linguistics influence and relate to many other fields, and our joint courses with English, History and Philosophy give you a great opportunity to explore your interests. Studying linguistics will let you look through the window of language into the human mind and to gain greater understanding of the nature of language and of ourselves. With our joint courses, you have the chance to develop deeper knowledge of language as well as contemporary philosophical, political, cultural, literary, social and historical issues.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Ab initio – learning a language from scratch

We welcome beginners in German, Italian and Spanish.

You will take the following ab initio (beginner) modules in Year One for your chosen language:

- Language Skills
- Language and Society
- Grammar

If you choose a degree with two languages you will only be able to take one of your languages on the ab initio route. Italian courses can only be taken ab initio. French cannot be taken ab initio.

Year abroad

Immerse yourself in another culture and improve your fluency, confidence and life experience. We assist you in setting up overseas university study, teaching or work placements, and offer guidance on all aspects of the year.

If you are studying two languages you can divide the year abroad between two locations, or you can choose to spend the whole year in one location. For more information see york.ac.uk/language/current/undergraduates/year-abroad.

Languages For All (LFA) module

You can take some year-long LFA courses as a 20-credit module embedded in your degree programme. We offer around 14 languages from Japanese to Greek, from Latin to Russian.
English Language and Linguistics

- Understanding English Grammar
- History of English I
- Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
- Introduction to Syntax
- Introduction to Sociolinguistics
- Introduction to Semantics
- Introduction to Language Acquisition
- Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology or Intermediate Syntax
- English language modules

- Option modules from English Language and Linguistics (see page 9)

Linguistics

- Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
- Introduction to Syntax
- Introduction to Sociolinguistics
- Introduction to Semantics
- Introduction to Language Acquisition
- Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology or Intermediate Syntax
- You can take English Language modules, for example Understanding English Grammar or History of English.
- For a list of Linguistics option modules see page 9.

Core modules are marked with a "


Joint courses and elective modules from other departments

- Please see our web pages for further details on our joint courses and whether we offer the opportunity to take an elective module from another department.
English Language option modules

- History of English (I, II)
- World Englishes
- The Prosody of English
- English Corpus Linguistics
- Forensic Phonetics
- Language as Action
- Multimodality: Language and the Body
- The Linguistics of Consumerism
- Forensic Linguistics
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Old English (I, II)
- Language Variation and Change (Intermediate, Advanced)

Linguistics option modules

- Language and Identity
- Crosslinguistic Semantics
- Phonological Development
- Advanced Topics in Phonetics and Phonology
- Articulatory and Impressionistic Phonetics
- Second Language Syntax
- Psycholinguistics
- Advanced Topics in Psycholinguistics
- Bilingualism
- Neurolinguistics: Language and the Brain
- Intermediate Semantics

Language option modules

- Translation: Methodology and Practice (variants for each language)
- The Francophone World
- French Society On-screen
- France and the Second World War: Memory, Trauma, Identity
- The Berlin Republic
- Contemporary German Speaking Film
- Modern German Language
- Latinos in the USA
- Spanish and Latin American Culture Through Film
- Historical Memory in the Spanish-speaking World
- The Role of Art in Italian Society
- Filming the Nation: Cinematic Representation of Modern Italy
- Mass Media, Culture and Intellectuals in Contemporary Italy
FROM DAY ONE YOU LEARN THROUGH A HANDS-ON APPROACH, COMBINING THEORY, PRACTICAL EXPLORATION AND ANALYSIS

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BASED ON THE MOST RECENT RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK (2014)
At York you’ll study and learn with inspiring academics who are dedicated to their subjects as active researchers and experts in their field. We’re one of the world’s premier institutions for inspirational and life-changing research, which feeds directly into the teaching you’ll receive.

You’ll have access to our outstanding facilities, libraries and online resources, and you’ll enjoy the location of our thriving campus within walking distance of the impressive city centre.

Our academics carefully design our courses so that you get the most from your time working with teaching staff or studying on your own. You’ll understand what you’re aiming for and why at every stage of study. You’ll also feel confident about applying the skills and knowledge you learn throughout your course to new situations, such as placements or jobs.

We’ll give you a clear description of the aims of your chosen course and six to eight learning outcomes which are unique to the course, capturing its distinctive characteristics. You’ll know what work you need to do and how it helps you to meet each outcome. These will tell you what you can expect to be able to do when you graduate and help you to explain what you can offer to employers.

Our approach will build your knowledge, develop your skills and propel you towards successful next steps.

We’re delighted that you’re considering studying at the University of York. Here are some of the ways we help bright and inquisitive minds like yours to reach their full potential.
Placements and studying abroad

Placements are a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable work experience at a challenging level and will help to prepare you for graduate jobs. Our Placement Year programme gives you a structured work experience opportunity that is integrated into your studies and recognised within your degree title.

york.ac.uk/placement-year

You can also apply for one of our many term-time or summer international opportunities through the Centre for Global Programmes. A life-changing opportunity to study abroad will not only enrich your education, it will prepare you for a career in the global marketplace.

york.ac.uk/globalyork
My degree didn't only give me skills in two foreign languages, it also helped me to understand the world from all kinds of perspectives and learn about the cultures, societies and histories of a whole host of places around the world.

Emily, French and Spanish Language (with a year abroad) graduate
As you start to make decisions about the next stage of your education, it’s a good idea to look a little further ahead and think about what you’ll do when you graduate.

Our graduates are sought by leading employers in a vast range of disciplines. Many of our graduates progress to postgraduate degrees at York and other leading universities. However, the analytical and problem-solving skills you’ll learn are relevant across most industries and will equip you to become a lifelong autonomous learner.

We’re committed to supporting our students’ career development. York Futures, our employability initiative, will enable you to build a portfolio of valuable skills during your time at York that could help you bag that dream job. Starting in your first year, our unique York Strengths Programme will help you make sense of what you can offer to employers. We’ll support you to identify your personal qualities, understand your options, and make plans for moving towards a career in which you’ll thrive. We also organise activities from careers fairs to leadership-building exercises to ensure you progress with a competitive edge.

95% OF YORK LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC SCIENCE GRADUATES WERE EMPLOYED OR IN FURTHER STUDY SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY 2016/17 (HESA) (FULL-TIME UK STUDENTS)
Feeling inspired?
The information here is just an overview of our Language and Linguistic Science courses at York, but you can find even more information and an up-to-date module list on our course pages:
york.ac.uk/language/undergraduate

Get to know us
While you’re there, be sure to visit our study pages to discover more about studying at York and campus and city living:
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TYPICAL OFFERS

2019/20 ENTRY

A LEVELS
AAB/ABB

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
35/34 points (may vary for combined programmes)

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA
DDD (may vary for combined programmes)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
For details of other acceptable qualifications go to york.ac.uk/ug-entry-requirements

MATURE STUDENTS
Applications are welcomed and are considered individually. Please contact the department to discuss further.

Essential subjects
For French programmes, we require a B at A level or equivalent in French

For combined programmes:
English Literature for QQ31, History for VR11

Italian programmes are ab initio and are not appropriate for students with A level Italian

Offer excludes General Studies

English as a foreign language
IELTS 6.5 with at least 5.5 in all units
The information in this brochure was correct at the time of going to print (August 2018). Up-to-date information can be found on our website.