R900 Modern Languages

Overall programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and modules¹

The Modern Languages degree allows you to take up to three languages in different combinations. We offer languages as 'L1', 'L2' or 'L3'. L1 languages can be taken alone. L2 languages can be taken in combination with an L1 language. L3 languages can be taken in addition to L1 and L2 but are not named in your degree title. Availability of each combination depends on your entry qualifications as not all languages are offered from all entry points. See Appendix A for information about possible combinations.

You must take 120 credits in each year of study, meeting all programme and pathway requirements, and will only be able to progress to the next developmental year if you have met the progression requirements. To be eligible for the award of your degree you must have passed a minimum of 315 credits, including 90 credits at level 6, but not including credits taken as part of the Year Abroad.

Requirements for students taking a single L1 Language

If you started your first year in September 2020 or before, you must take a minimum of 210 credits in modules from that subject area, in addition to the first year compulsory module and the Year Abroad module(s) over the period of your studies.

If you started your first year in September 2021 or afterwards, you must take a minimum of 225 credits in modules from that subject area, in addition to the first year compulsory module and the Year Abroad module(s) over the period of your studies.

Requirements for students taking L1 and L2 Languages

If you take two languages from the languages we offer as 'L1' and 'L2', you must take a minimum of 120 credits in modules from each of the two subject areas, in addition to the first year compulsory module and Year Abroad module(s) over the period of your studies.

¹ This programme is offered to new students from 2019-20 onwards. Different requirements apply for continuing students who began a language degree before 2019-20 – please refer to the continuing student regulations by separate programme code.

Students of two languages who are on the post-A Level or Native/ Speaker pathway for BOTH languages may be permitted to add a third L3 language in Year 1 with the guidance of their advisor. All other students may be permitted to add a third L3 language in Year 2 with the guidance of their advisor.

Some of these credits that you will take will be from core or compulsory modules. You must pass core modules to progress to the next year of study. You must take compulsory modules but may be able to progress with a fail mark, as long as you meet the overall progression requirements.

Some of your credits will be from optional modules within your subject areas which you can choose each year. You may also take credits outside your subject areas in the course of your degree: up to 120 credits if you are studying a single language or up to 60 credits if you are taking two languages; this will include the modules you take if you choose to take an L3 language.

The Year Abroad is a compulsory and integral part of the degree programme. Exceptionally the School can exempt students from the Year Abroad with the agreement of the Year Abroad Committee, which will allow you to transfer to a 3-year degree. The programme requirements for the 3-year variant are exactly the same as for the 4-year programme but without the Year Abroad requirements.

You will be assigned to a pathway according to your knowledge of the language or languages you are studying. This pathway will be confirmed during Welcome Week when you first enrol at Queen Mary, taking your entry qualifications and, in some cases your performance in a language test, into account.

The Modern Languages degree is designed to allow you flexibility as you begin your studies. If you have chosen to study only one language, you may choose an additional language as an option in Year 1 and decide to 'switch up' to take a two-language degree from Year 2. You may begin with a two-language degree and decide to 'switch down' to only one; alternatively you may decide to add a third language. All of these decisions will be made in discussion with your Advisor, and are subject to availability.

Please select your initial pathway from the list below. The regulations in each section outline the requirements for which modules you have to take in each year of study, and what you have to achieve to progress to the next year.

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One Language (L1 language only)

Year 1 – Level 4

You will have taken 120 credits.

Progression Requirements from Year 1 to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **75 credits** of core and compulsory modules according to your chosen language:

French beginner	credits	French post- GCSE	credits	French post-A level	Credits	French native speaker follows post-A level pathway	Credits
FRE5206 French II Intensive (core module)	30	FRE5202 French II (core module)	30	FRE5202 French II (core module)	30		
FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15	FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15	FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15		
FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	30	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	30	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	30		

German beginner	credits	German post- GCSE	credits	German post-A level	Credits	German native speaker	Credits
GER5203 German II Intensive (core module)	30	GER5202 German II (core module)	30	GER5202 German II (core module)	30	GER5206 German- English Translation: Principles and Practice (core module)	15
GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I (compulsory module)	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I (compulsory module)	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I (compulsory module)	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I (compulsory module)	15
GER505 Contemporary German Studies II (compulsory module)	15	GER505 Contemporary German Studies II (compulsory module)	15	GER505 Contemporary German Studies II (compulsory module)	15	GER505 Contemporary German Studies II (compulsory module)	15
GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	30

Russian beginner	credits	Russian post- GCSE	credits	Russian post- A level	Credits	Russian native speaker	Credits
RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (core module)	30	RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (core module)	30	RUS5200 Russian II (core module)	30	RUS5201 Russian II N (core module)	30
RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	45	RUS- or SML- interdisciplinary coded level 5 option modules	45	RUS- or SML- interdisciplinary coded level 5 option modules	45	RUS- or SML- interdisciplinary coded level 5 option modules	45

Spanish beginner	Credit	Spanish post- GCSE follows beginner pathway	credits	Spanish post- A level	Credits	Spanish native speaker	Credits
HSP5202 Spanish II Intensive (core module)	30			HSP5201 Spanish II (core module)	30	HSP5207 Spanish II N (core module)	30
HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	45			HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	45	HSP- or SML- interdisciplinary coded level 5 option modules	45

You will choose the remaining **45 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in your chosen subject area
- An L3 Language module (**NB** If you chose an additional language as an option in Year 1 you may not take a different language from beginners' level in Year 2)
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your advisor. At least 15 of these credits must be at level 5. You may take up to 30 credits at level 4 or level 6 with your advisor's agreement.

If you have **switched down** in Year 2 from two languages in Year 1 you may need to take an additional 30 credits in your remaining language, over and above the minimum listed above, in either Year 2 or Final Year to make up the shortfall in credits from Year 1.

Progression Requirements from Year 2 to Year Abroad / Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students), you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2 including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken, weighted at 1:3 for Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Year Abroad – Level 5

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad and required assessments to progress to the final year of the programme. An overall pass mark is not a hurdle to progression, but all marks will count towards your degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year – Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits** of core and compulsory modules according to your chosen language:

French beginner	credits	French post- GCSE	credits	French post-A level	Credits	French native speaker follows post-A level pathway	Credits
FRE6202 French III (core module)	30	FRE6202 French III (core module)	30	FRE6202 French III (core module)	30		
FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60		

German beginner	credits	German post- GCSE	credits	German post-A level	Credits	German native speaker	Credits
GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER061 German III N (core module)	30
GER6204 Die Kultur der deutschsprachigen Schweiz (compulsory module)	15						
GER- or interdisciplinary SML- coded level 6 option modules	45	GER- or interdisciplinary SML- coded level 6 option modules	45	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	45	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	45

Russian beginner	credits	Russian post- GCSE	credits	Russian post-A level	Credits	Russian native speaker	Credits
RUS6200 Russian III (core module)	30	RUS6200 Russian III (core module)	30	RUS6200 Russian III (core module)	30	RUS6201 Russian III N (core module)	30
RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60	RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60	RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules		RUS- or	60

Spanish beginner	credits	Spanish post- GCSE follows beginner pathway	credits	Spanish post-A level	Credits	Spanish native speaker	Credits
HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30			HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30	HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30
HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60			HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60	HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	60

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in your chosen subject area
- continuing your L3 language module
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your advisor. You may choose these credits at level 5 or level 6. You are not allowed to take level 4 modules in your final year.

Note that the programme only requires you to take 90 credits at level 6. You must also **pass** a minimum of 90 credits at level 6 to be eligible for your degree; you may wish to bear this in mind when making module choices.

If you **switched down** in Year 2 from two languages in Year 1 you may need to take an additional 30 credits in your remaining language, over and above the minimum listed above, in either Year 2 or Final Year to make up the shortfall in credits from Year 1

Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award of your degree, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Two languages (L1 and L2) or three languages (L1 and L2 plus L3)

For the two language degree, you may choose two languages which are offered as L1, or one L1 and one L2 language. You may not take two languages which are only offered as L2 or L3. See Appendix A for confirmation of availability.

NB: you may not take two beginner level languages, or one beginner level language and Russian post-GCSE language together.

Year 1 – Level 4

You will have taken **120 credits.**

Progression Requirements from Year 1 to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **90 credits** of core and compulsory modules, **45 credits** in each of your chosen L1 and L2 languages

French beginner	credits	French post- GCSE	credits	French post-A level	Credits	French native speaker follows post-A level pathway	Credits
FRE5206 French II Intensive (core module)	30	FRE5202 French II (core module)	30	FRE5202 French II (core module)	30		
FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15	FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15	FRE5200 Translation into French (compulsory module)	15		

German beginner	credits	German post- GCSE	credits	German post-A level	Credits	German native speaker	Credits
GER5203 German II Intensive (core module)	30	GER5202 German II (core module)	30	GER5202 German II (core module)	30	GER5206 German-English Translation: Principles and Practice (core module)	15
GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I OR GER505 Contemporary German Studies II	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I OR GER505 Contemporary German Studies II	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I OR GER505 Contemporary German Studies II	15	GER5204 Contemporary German Studies I OR GER505 Contemporary German Studies II (compulsory module)	15
(compulsory module)	1	(compulsory module)	1	(compulsory module)	1	GER- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15

Russian beginner	credits	Russian post- GCSE	credits	Russian post-A level	credits	Russian native speaker	credits
RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (core module)	30	RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (core module)	30	RUS5200 Russian II (core module)	30	RUS5201 Russian II N (core module)	30
RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15						

Spanish beginner	credits	Spanish post- GCSE follows beginner pathway	credits	Spanish post-A level	credits	Spanish native speaker	credits
HSP5202 Spanish II Intensive (core module)	30			HSP5201 Spanish II (core module)	30	HSP5207 Spanish II N (core module)	30
HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15			HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15	HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15

Portuguese beginner [L2 only]	credits	Portuguese post- GCSE not offered	credits	Portuguese post- A level / heritage speaker [L2 only]	credits	Portuguese native speaker not offered	credits
POR5200 Portuguese II Intensive (core module)	30			POR5201 Portuguese II (core module)	30		
POR- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15			POR- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 5 option modules	15		

You will choose the remaining 30 credits from:

- optional modules offered in your chosen subject areas
- An L3 language module (**NB** If you chose an additional language as an option in Year 1 you may not take a different language from beginners' level in Year 2)
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your advisor. These credits may be at level 5, or at level 4 or level 6 with your advisor's agreement.

Progression Requirements from Year 2 to Year Abroad / Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students), you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2 including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken, weighted at 1:3 for Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Year Abroad – Level 5

If you have taken a language from beginner level (including Russian post-GCSE pathway), you must spend at least one semester of your year abroad in a country where that language is spoken.

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad and required assessments to progress to the final year of the programme. An overall pass mark is not a hurdle to progression, but all marks will count towards your degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year – Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits** of core and compulsory modules, **45 credits** in each of your chosen L1 and L2 languages

French beginner	credits	French post- GCSE	credits	French post-A level	Credits	French native speaker follows post-A level pathway	Credits
FRE6202 French III (core module)	30	FRE6202 French III (core module)	30	FRE6202 French III (core module)	30		
FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	FRE- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15		

German beginner	credits	German post- GCSE	Credit	German post-A level	Credits	German native speaker	Credits
GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER6200 German III (core module)	30	GER061N German III N (core module)	30
GER6204 Die Kultur der deutschsprachigen Schweiz (compulsory module)	15	GER6204 Die Kultur der deutschsprachigen Schweiz (compulsory module)	15	GER6204 Die Kultur der deutschsprachigen Schweiz (compulsory module)	15	GER6204 Die Kultur der deutschsprachigen Schweiz (compulsory module)	15

Russian beginner	credits	Russian post- GCSE	Crec	dit Ru lev	ssian post-A el	Credits	Russian native speaker	Credits	
RUS6200 Russian III (core module)	30	RUS6200 Russian III (core module)					RUS6201 Russian III N (core module)	30	
RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules		15 inte SM	S- or erdisciplinary IL-coded level 6 ion modules	15	RUS- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	
Spanish beginner	credits	Spanish post-GCS follows beginner pathway		credits	Spanish post- A level	credits	Spanish native speaker	credits	
HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30				HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30	HSP6201 Spanish III (core module)	30	
HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15				HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	HSP- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15	

Portuguese beginner [L2 only]	credits	Portuguese post- GCSE not offered	credits	Portuguese post-A level / heritage speaker [L2 only]	Credits	Portuguese native speaker not offered	credits
POR6200 Portuguese III (core module)	30			POR6200 Portuguese III (core module)	30		
POR- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15			POR- or interdisciplinary SML-coded level 6 option modules	15		

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in your chosen subject area
- continuing your L3 language module
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your advisor. You may choose these credits at level 5 or level 6. You are not allowed to take level 4 modules in your final year.

Note that the programme regulations only require you to take 90 credits at level 6. You must also **pass** a minimum of 90 credits at level 6 to be eligible for your degree; you may wish to bear this in mind when making module choices.

Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award of your degree, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Appendix A

Languages we offer: "L1" languages: French, German, Russian, Spanish "L2" languages: French, German, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese "L3" languages: French, German, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan, Modern Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese

One language: you can take an L1 language by itself if we offer it at an entry level equivalent to your qualifications or equivalent knowledge you can take an L1 and an L2 language if if we offer them at entry levels equivalent to your qualifications or equivalent knowledge

Three languages: if you are a joint honours student, you can add an L3 language if we offer it at an entry level equivalent to your qualifications or equivalent knowledge,

Your degree title will be BA Modern Languages (L1) e.g. BA Modern Languages (French) or BA Modern Languages (L1 and L2) e.g. BA Modern Languages (German and Portuguese). L3 languages are not named in the degree title, but will appear on your transcript.

If you enter taking one L1 language as single honours and choose an L2 language as an option in Year 1, you can 'switch up' to joint honours in Year 2. You may choose to take an L3 language as an optional module, but you will not be able to 'switch up' to joint honours.

If you enter taking an L1 and an L2 language as joint honours, you can 'switch up' to add an L3 language. If you are on the post-A-Level or native/heritage speaker pathway in both L1 and L2 languages you may add an L3 language in Year 1. Otherwise you will be able to add an L3 language in Year 2.

If you enter taking an L1 and an L2 language as joint honours, you can 'switch down' to drop an L2 language in Year 2 and take your L1 language as single honours.

Language entry level 🕈	French beginner	French GCSE	French A-Level	French native / heritage speaker	German beginner	German GCSE	German A-Level	German native / heritage speaker	Russian beginner	Russian GCSE	Russian A-Level	Russian native / heritage speaker	Spanish beginner	Spanish GCSE	Spanish A-Level	Spanish native / heritage speaker	Portuguese beginner	Portuguese GCSE	Portuguese A-Level	Portuguese heritage speaker	Portuguese native speaker	Catalan beginner	Catalan GCSE	Catalan A-Level	Catalan native / heritage speaker	Modern Arabic beginner	Modern Arabic GCSE	Modern Arabic A-Level	Modern Arabic native / heritage speake	Mandarin Chinese beginner	Mandarin Chinese GCSE	Mandarin Chinese A-Level	Mandarin Chinese native / heritage spea	Japanese beginner	Japanese GCSE	Japanese A-Level	Japanese native / heritage speaker
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KEY:

Yes, this pathway is available

No, this pathway is not available

No, we don't offer this language at this entry level