

Modern Languages (Interpreting and Translating)

Heriot-Watt University

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Edinburgh Campus

Content

The MA (Hons) Modern Languages (Interpreting and Translating) programme allows you to study two languages to degree level and spend a year abroad on placement with two of Heriot-Watt University's partner universities – where you'll become immersed in your studied languages and cultures.

You can choose to study two languages from:
Chinese; French; German; Spanish; British Sign Language (BSL).

In year one, if necessary, the university offers intensive language courses to help bring you up to speed in your second non-native language. This tried and tested approach ensures you will be able to use your interpreting and translating skills in two non-native languages by the time you graduate. Year two introduces regular classes on simultaneous interpreting and advances your language skills further.

Your third year is spent abroad on exchange placements with our partner institutions or working in the Sign Language community if studying BSL. This is a unique opportunity to spend a year living and studying, immersed in your chosen languages and cultures. In year four, you will study advanced interpreting and translating skills and learn about political contexts and organisations.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

See UCAS

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

School of Social Sciences

Department

Languages and Intercultural Studies

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements:

Standard entry: 4 Highers at AABB (two sittings) including main language at A plus English at National 5.

Widening access entry: 4 Highers at BBBC (two sittings) including main language at B plus English at National 5.

For entry to year 2 you require 2 Advanced Highers at BB including main language plus Highers at AABB

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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Combination Courses

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