

International Languages

BA (Hons) [NFQ Level 8]



CAO Code DN541

CAO Points Range 2013 465 — 575
Length of Course 4 Years
Average Intake 40

Entry Requirements English • Irish • A third language • Three other recognised subjects

Leaving Certificate Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3

A-Level/GCSE 2013 AAA [A-Level] & b [AS] or equivalent
Passes [GCSE Grade C or above] in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C or above at A-Level
Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175

Other EU Applicants See www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu

Non-EU Applicants See www.ucd.ie/myucd/nonEU

Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes — None

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Routes — None

Mature Entry Route — Yes, see p178

Special Entry Recommendation If you choose to study a language at advanced (post-Leaving Certificate) level during your first year, it is recommended that you have at least an HC3 grade in that language at Leaving Certificate, or equivalent.

Choosing International Languages

You will find details in this prospectus of the opportunities available to study French, German, Italian and Spanish, including the opportunity to spend a year abroad. This degree is for those of you who want to concentrate on at least two of these languages, explore the connections between them, spend a year abroad and graduate with a BA [International]. Restricted option choices may apply to the combination German/Spanish, especially in second and final year.

Why is this course for me?

International Languages combines advanced language skills with the literature, history and culture of the countries where these languages are spoken. It also focuses on developing critical faculties and cross-cultural awareness. You can study French, German, Italian or Spanish at an advanced level (post-Leaving Certificate or equivalent), and you can take Italian, Spanish and German as a beginner. Portuguese can be taken on an elective basis. Much of our teaching is in small groups, where you will expand your communication skills and develop as an independent learner. A crucial element of the degree is the year abroad, where you have the unique opportunity to become immersed in another culture.

What will I study?

First Year

Modules in two languages, at either advanced or beginner level, as well as:

Two intercultural modules • Choice of modules in linguistics, literature, history and cultural studies • An optional third language



Second Year

One intercultural module • Two main languages • Choice of modules in linguistics, literature, history and cultural studies • An optional third language

Year Abroad

Linguistic, literary, historical and/or cultural courses at the host institution • Continued study of second language

Fourth Year

One intercultural module • Continuation of the languages chosen in second year • Option modules as above

Students spend approximately 15 hours a week attending language classes, lectures and tutorials and 25 hours a week undertaking independent study.

Assessment is through a combination of end-of-semester written and oral examinations, and continuous assessments.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

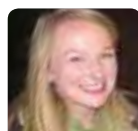
Your excellent knowledge of languages and strong communication, intercultural and analytical skills will open careers in:

- Politics & public service
- Journalism
- Education
- Finance
- Marketing & business
- Creative & media industries
- Translation & interpreting

You will also be well qualified to pursue programmes at MA and PhD level.

International Study Opportunities

Studying abroad is an essential element of this degree. Students are guaranteed an Erasmus exchange place at one of our more than 40 partner universities in Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Chile.



Carla Fette
STUDENT

I have always had a profound interest in the Romance languages and the cultures associated with them. When I found out about the BA in International Languages, I knew it was the right degree for me because it combines the main European languages with their past and present culture and history. The language classes are taught in small groups, creating a very relaxed learning environment where teachers are always available to help you with any problems. The year abroad has not only given my language skills a huge boost but has also broadened my understanding of what it means to be a citizen in the EU nowadays.

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Other courses of interest

Commerce International	→69
French	→42
German	→43
Italian	→52
Spanish	→61