School of Modern Languages

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Degree Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma:
Cultural Identity Studies
French Language Studies
French Studies
German Studies
Language & Linguistics
Mediaeval Studies (see section 20)
Russian Studies
Spanish and Latin American Studies

M.Litt.:
Cultural Identity Studies
French Language Studies
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M.Litt. Mundus Masters (EU)
Crossways in European Humanities

M.Phil.:
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D.Lang.
French Language Studies
German Studies
Language & Linguistics
Russian Studies

Programme Requirements

Any student who has begun one of the programmes listed here may request transfer to Ph.D. status when appropriately qualified, but transfer to D.Lang. status for completion in two further years of fees may only take place once the student’s M.Litt. dissertation has been examined and deemed to justify admission to the D.Lang.

Cultural Identity Studies

Postgraduate Diploma:
120 credits; ML5001, ML5006 (totalling 40 credits), and 80 credits chosen from FR5005, FR5007, FR5102, GM5037, GM5062, GM5101, IT5001, IT5002, IT5003, ML5007, ML5008, ML5105, SP5035; other modules from the 5000-level range of language-specific and ML modules may also be taken with the permission of the Course Co-ordinator.

M.Litt.:
120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus ML5099

M.Phil.:
120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words
EU-funded Mundus Masters Programme ‘Crossways in European Humanities’

M.Litt. Mundus Masters: Standard 2-year course: 120 ECTS (240 credits) to be obtained at three participating universities. Direct-entry 1-year course, with trailing semester: 90 ECTS (180 credits) to be obtained at two participating universities, ML5001, ML5199 and normally ML5006; and other modules from the 5000-level range, as approved by the Programme Coordinator.

French Language Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from FR5001-FR5004, LI5001-LI5008, ML5008, ML5009, ML5012, ML5013, ML5018, ML5019; or 120 credits as specified in the D.Lang. pathway below

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus FR5199

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

D.Lang.: FR5001 or FR5004, and 80 further credits from FR5002, FR5003, LI5001-LI5008, ML5008, ML5012, ML5013, ML5018, ML5019, plus a thesis of not more than 80,000 words

French Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: ML5001 and 100 credits from FR5101 - FR5982

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus FR5199

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

German Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from GM5001 - GM5302 ML5001, ML5002, ML5009, ML5012, ML5013, ML5201, ML5202; or 120 credits as specified in the D.Lang. pathway below.

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus GM5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

D.Lang.: GM5001, and 80 further credits from GM5002, GM5027-GM5302, LI5001-LI5008, ML5012, ML5013, plus a thesis of not more than 100,000 words

Language & Linguistics

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits, of which at least 40 shall be from LI5001 - LI5008, up to a further 60 credits from ML5001, ML5008, ML5012, ML5013, ML5018, ML5019, RU5006, RU5007, and the remaining credits chosen from modules in one or two languages chosen from: FR5002, FR5003, GM5002, RU5003, SP5039; or 120 credits as specified in the D.Lang. pathway below.

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus ML5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words.

D.Lang.: 120 credits, of which 40 shall be from LI5001 - LI5008 or any equivalent module approved by the supervisor, and the 80 or 120 shall be from FR5001 or FR5004, GM5001, RU5001, SP5001 plus a thesis of not more than 80,000 words
Russian Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from RU5001-RU5201; or two of RU5001, RU5003, RU5021-RU5041, and two of ML5001, ML5002, ML5009, ML5012, ML5013, ML5201, ML5202. RU5006, RU5007; or 120 credits as specified in the D.Lang. pathway below.

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus RU5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

D.Lang.: RU5001, and 80 further credits from LI5001-LI5008, ML5001, ML5012, ML5003-RU5041, RU5100, RU5201, plus a thesis of not more than 80,000 words

Spanish and Latin American Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from SP5001-SP5126; or two of these and two of ML5001, ML5002, ML5009, ML5012, ML5013, ML5018, ML5019, ML5201, ML5202

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus SP5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Modules

FR5001 Advanced Translation

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year

Antirequisites: FR3003, FR4104, FR5004

Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies and French Language Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes, except where compulsory within the corresponding D.Lang. programmes.

Description: The module focuses primarily on translation from French into English. The formal properties of texts, generic category, language variety, aspects of contrastive linguistics and stylistic editing are examined in the context of translation strategy and problem solving. Reference to language theory is combined with the acquisition and application of analytic and practical skills. The module deals with a wide range of textual genres, from literary and advertising to technical and scientific, and also includes discussion of some major critical texts on the history, theory and practice of translation.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

FR5002 Sociolinguistics of French

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies, French Language Studies and Languages & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: In the first half of the module the theory and method of sociolinguistics developed from the work of Labov are investigated, together with the methodology of French linguistics studying the relationship between language and society. In the second half of the course a more detailed survey is made of existing work on varieties of standard French, both spoken and written, in order to identify areas and types of research which offer scientific benefits. The subject is pursued through a range of theoretical and data-based studies, which will require students to form their own view as to the current state of research, and areas in which further research would advance the subject.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

FR5003 The French Language Today
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies, French Language Studies and Languages & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers a general description of the internal structure of contemporary French, leading to a discussion of the principles of second-language acquisition and language-teaching methodology. The work of the first semester will be concerned with the sounds of French (Phonetics and Phonology) and the language’s grammatical structure (Morphology and Syntax). The second semester will look at words and word-meaning (Lexical Semantics), leading to an exploration of Discourse and Pragmatics. The course concludes with an attempt to relate the description of French to the teaching of the language to foreigners.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

FR5004 Applied Translation Studies
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Prerequisite: FR4104 or equivalent
Antirequisite: FR5001
Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies and French Language Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes, except where compulsory within the corresponding D.Lang. programmes.
Description: This module develops up to professional standard the knowledge and skills acquired in undergraduate courses in Translation Methodology. It studies texts in French and in translation, including, for example, Racine, *Andromaque*, and translations by Ambrose Philips, Craig Raine, Douglas Dunn; Camus, *L’Etranger*, and translations by W.S. Gilbert, J. Laredo. The module also includes discussion of some major critical texts on the history, theory and practice of translation. Two French texts for translation will be chosen by the student in consultation with their tutor.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

FR5005 French Identity: Ideology, Project and Memory (1)
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module explores notions of French identity represented, symbolised and modelled by major ideological currents that have helped give shape to the national consciousness and feeling of Frenchmen. Thematic ‘sites of memory’ visited will include: ‘La France, fille aînée de l’Eglise’; Absolutism and Enlightenment; Revolutionary memory and the Republican project.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

FR5007 Echoes of 1940: The Questioning of French Identity
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module treats the questioning and critical resonance, in national memory and image-making, of the trauma of June 1940, with its divisive aftermath of Resistance and Collaboration. Topics include: the ‘Vichy syndrome’, Gaullism and Resistance; the myth of France in Resistance poetry; the ‘mode retro’ in recent fictional writing. Taught in English and in French.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
FR5099 Licentiate Dissertation

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Prerequisites: Licence de Lettres Modernes (France) or equivalent.
Description: This module is designed as one of the three or four elements making up the Licentiate of European Studies. It is taken by fourth level (Maîtrise) students from French partner universities and offers a framework within which these students can pursue in St Andrews supervised personal research compatible with the ‘Mémoire de Maîtrise’ required of them in their home universities. The dissertation topic may be related to any of the teaching they have followed in either university; it is agreed with the appointed supervisor and approved by the Chairman of Department.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Four seminars.
Assessment: 5,000-6,000 word report in English, Viva in English

FR5101 Texts and Ideas in Early Modern France

Credits 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2
Programme(s): Optional module for the Advanced Language Studies, Cultural Identity Studies, and French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes as well as the Mundus Crossways in European Humanities.
Description: This module will study the development of important ideas in early modern France and the texts through which they were transmitted. A range of writings will be examined, such as stage plays, religious works, the writings of moralists, dictionaries and encyclopaedias. The course will take account of issues relating to authorship, reading, publishing and censorship during a particular period, the hand press era, which is also important in the history of the book. The aim of the course will be to show the gradual emergence of a range of moral, religious, political and other ideas which have shaped the modern world, and the part which books have played in facilitating or impeding their expression.
Class Hour: To be arranged
Teaching: 1.5-2 hours
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

FR5102 Perceptions of the Other in French Literature and Culture

Credits 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2
Programme(s): Optional module for the Advanced Language Studies, Cultural Identity Studies, and French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes as well as the Mundus Crossways in European Humanities.
Description: This module will study the way in which non-European cultures have been perceived and represented in French literature and culture. With reference to relevant aspects of the historical, philosophical and theoretical context, the course will investigate how far a number of representative texts, written in French, reflect a movement away from an essentially Eurocentric vision towards more diverse representations of culture, identity, ethnicity and difference. The syllabus will include material such as Delisle de La Drevetière’s Arlequin sauvage, Diderot’s Supplément au voyage de Bougainville, Rimbaud’s Une Saison en enfer, Gauguin’s Noa Noa, Aimé Césaire’s Cahier d’un retour au pays natal and Patrick Chamoiseau’s Texaco.
Class Hour: To be arranged
Teaching: 1.5-2 hours
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
FR5103 Directed Reading in French Literature and Culture

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1 or 2  
Programme(s): Optional module for the Advanced Language Studies, Cultural Identity Studies, and French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes as well as the Mundus Crossways in European Humanities.

Description: This module affords an opportunity to explore in greater depth any topic from a completed postgraduate or undergraduate module that the student has identified as being of particular interest. A programme of reading and research directed by an appropriate tutor will allow the student to work autonomously, making regular presentations and progress reports, and so to develop skills appropriate to a transition from the structured teaching and learning which characterises undergraduate work towards the independence which is needed for postgraduate dissertations. The final outcome will take the form of an extended essay or of a critical edition of all or part of a text.

Class Hour: To be arranged, fortnightly  
Teaching: 1-1.5 hours  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

FR5104 Advanced Language Skills

Credits: 20.0  
Semester: Whole Year  
Programme(s): Optional module for the Advanced Language Studies, Cultural Identity Studies, and French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes as well as the Mundus Crossways in European Humanities.

Description: This module, which is not available to native speakers of French, develops and enhances French Language skills to a level suitable for postgraduates. A broad range of exercises will be used, concentrated in 2- to 4-week units, in order to improve students’ accuracy, clarity and communicative scope, both orally and in writing. Types of communication covered may include résumés, reports, notes de synthèse, prose, translation, analytical evaluation, creative writing and literary commentary. The language of instruction will be French, and the module will include oral and written elements.

Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: 1 hour  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 hour written Examination + 0.5 hour Oral Examination = 60%

FR5199 Dissertation for M.Litt. programme/s

Credits: 60.0  
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.  

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor  
Teaching: Individual Supervision  
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

FR5901 French for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0  
Semester: 1 or 2  
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level  
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages  
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages
FR5902 French for Postgraduate Studies 2
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

FR5972 Study Abroad Module (60)
Credits: 60.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for the French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme.
Description: This module will allow students enrolled for the M.Litt in French Studies to undertake a semester of study at a partner university in France, and while there to follow taught postgraduate courses which are appropriate to their programme of study in St Andrews.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: 4.5 - 6 hours
Assessment: The type of assessment will depend on the module(s) chosen at the host institution

FR5982 Study Abroad Module (20)
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for the French Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme.
Description: This module will allow students enrolled for the M.Litt. in French Studies to undertake a semester of study at a partner university in France, and while there to follow taught postgraduate courses which are appropriate to their programme of study in St Andrews.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: 1.5 - 2 hours
Assessment: The type of assessment will depend on the module(s) chosen at the host institution

GM5001 German-English Translation Methodology
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies and German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes, except where compulsory within the corresponding D.Lang. programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of translation methodology acquired at undergraduate level, and to reinforce conceptual understanding with extensive practical translation experience. Texts are mainly twentieth century and from a range of genres, including non-literary genres such as journalistic, technical and consumer texts. There is an essential course book: Hervey, Higgins, Loughridge: Thinking German Translation (Routledge 2006).
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two seminars, one tutorial
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 75%, 3 Hour Examination = 25%

GM5002 The Linguistics of Modern German
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Advanced Language Studies, German Studies and Language & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: Basic concepts of linguistics are introduced such as phoneme, morpheme, lexeme, in their relevance to Modern German. A selection will be made from the following topics: Saussurean structuralism and the linguistic sign; the passive construction; two areas of language and politics: feminist linguistics and ‘Nukespeak’; word classes; functions of language; word formation; tense and irregular verbs; methodology, particularly the ‘method of lexical exceptions’.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%
GM5012 The Method of Lexical Exceptions in German

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Anti-requisite: LI5004
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies and Language & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is for students specializing in German. The 'method of lexical exceptions' is a method of research in linguistics in which one uses unexplained lexical exceptions as an empirical way to investigate a grammatical rule. Two rules and their exceptions in German are considered: the passive and non-passivizable transitive verbs; and tense formation and irregular verbs. Saussurean structuralism, which considers language as a system whose elements are determined by their place in the system and in which consequently unexplained exceptions should not occur, is the theoretical background to the module. It follows from the indivisibility of the sign that the linguist will find both a new rule and a new meaning for the construction being investigated at the same time.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

GM5058 A Special Subject in German, Austrian or Swiss Culture (20)

Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module is designed to build on knowledge of German cultural discourse acquired at undergraduate level, and to facilitate the critical study of a selected body of German-language material taken from the fields of literature, film, electronic media or popular culture. Detailed analysis, combined with investigation of the context and critical reception of the material in question will form the core of the module. Its aim is to allow students to pursue particular interests which overlap with areas of teaching and research expertise among the academic staff.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Average of One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5062 Joseph Roth: a case of Austrian, Jewish Identity

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module examines in detail the work of the Austrian Jewish writer Joseph Roth (1894-1939), whose narrative fiction and reportage of the 1920s and '30s reflect the upheaval in central Europe of the period. His writing brings into sharp, and often ironic, focus problems of nationalism, gender relations and cultural identity as they affect the private and human sphere. Joseph Roth’s multiple selves as Austrian, German, Jew, Catholic convert, exile, socialist, monarchist, metropolitan, cosmopolitan and provincial eastern European make his oeuvre an exemplary case study for issues of cultural identity.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Semester 1 - Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%; Semester 2 - Continuous Assessment = 100%
GM5066 Dealing with the Past
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The module is designed to explore German and Austrian responses to the Third Reich. Dealing with the past is arguably the central preoccupation of texts and film produced in Germany since the Nazi period. The study of different ‘text’ types (for example, fiction, drama, Holocaust poetry, (auto)biography and film) will afford the opportunity to gain an understanding of recent German and Austrian cultural products within their historical context, and to consider questions of gender. By studying a quintessentially German problem, wider issues of the relationship between writing and the past will be addressed.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Three seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

GM5068 A Special Subject in German, Austrian or Swiss Culture (40)
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module is designed to build on knowledge of German cultural discourse acquired at undergraduate level, and to facilitate the critical study of a selected body of German-language material taken from the fields of literature, film, electronic media or popular culture. Detailed analysis, combined with investigation of the context and critical reception of the material in question will form the core of the module. Its aim is to allow students to pursue particular interests which overlap with areas of teaching and research expertise among the academic staff.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5069 Gender and German Writing
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The module explores issues of gender in German writing from the Middle Ages to the present. It will investigate the construction of gender identity in texts, gendered views of one sex by the other, and differential perceptions of social and political phenomena. Particular focuses will include topics such as the representation of love, sexuality and marriage, views of war, performance of gender, historical changes in conceptions of gender.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5070 King Arthur and the Holy Grail: The world of Mediaeval Romance
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The grail, King Arthur, knights in shining armour – this module investigates the literary works behind the myths, some of the most famous texts in the history of German literature. Using a range of recent theoretical approaches – New Philology, postcolonialism, gender, queer, body and visuality studies, amongst others, we will discuss topics like the quest, courtly love, kings and queens, visual versus aural communication, war and battle, and modern reception of mediaeval myths.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
GM5071 Cultural History of the Mediaeval Body

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: Even bodies have a history, and thinking about past constructions of the body can radically challenge our own ‘natural’ views of embodied identity. This module will examine the recent theoretical developments in this area and concentrate on a particularly fascinating case in point, bodies in mediaeval German culture, including art, literature, medicine, law and religion. Topics will comprise: skin and boundaries; virginity and sexuality; clothes, hair and beauty; face and recognition; conception and birth; sickness and death; torture and saintliness; gestures and power; gender and cultural identity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5072 The Prussian Myth

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The module will look at the creation and dissemination of the idea of Prussia as an ideal state, Prussian rulers as capable and just and Prussian soldiers as particularly disciplined and yet courageous. It will include a study of historical and literary texts from the 17th century to the present which will illuminate the changing image of Prussia and the difficult re-appropriation of Prussian history by the German media and public in recent years. There will be an additional option to look at the treatment of Prussian legends in German film.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5073 German Film

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Film Studies or German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: Film plays an important part in shaping the discursive strategies of narrating Germany’s past in order to create a present identity. The module will give students an insight into the development and main focuses of German film from its beginnings in the age of silent movies to the present. We will look at the themes, styles and techniques of film. On more than one occasion films from and about Germany have proved seminal in the evolution of World Cinema, most notably in the periods of Expressionism in the 1920s and of New German Cinema in the 1970s. The module may also include the study of recent film and particularly the depiction of Germany’s past and its unification in 1990.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. programme/s

Credits: 60.0
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.
Programme(s): Compulsory module for German Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes.
Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.
Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor.
Teaching: Individual Supervision.
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%
GM5101 German Identities
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module examines selected aspects of the different and changing responses to the question of what ‘Germany’ has meant from the Holy Roman Empire, through the empires of Austria and Germany in the 19th century to the Third Reich and finally the divided and reunified Germany during and after the Cold War. Particular focuses include topics such as the emergence of linguistic and cultural identity rather than the national identity of the Middle Ages, the idea of the ‘Kulturnation’, Austrian cultural identity, the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, and problems of identity in the new Germany since 1990. The module will involve the study of representative literary and historical texts which reflect the debate about national and cultural identity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Semester 1 - Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%; Semester 2 - Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5201 Introduction to Mediaeval German Literature (40)
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This is a specialised course introducing students to mediaeval German language and literature. Some prior knowledge of modern German is required.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5301 Middle High German
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies or Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is an introduction to Middle High German language. An optional module for any MLitt in the area of German studies. Also available as a 20 credit module for the MLitt in Mediaeval Studies. Sufficient prior knowledge of modern German to embark on the module at the appropriate level is expected. Grounding in the grammar of and translation from the languages will be acquired with the help of grammar exercises and translation practice on original texts. The aim is to get all students to an acceptable level of proficiency in reading and translation. Time and students’ linguistic expertise permitting, some literary contextualization of the texts studied and translated may also be included.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5302 Introduction to Mediaeval German Literature (20)
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This is a specialised course introducing students to mediaeval German language and literature. Some prior knowledge of modern German is required. Also available as a 20 credit module for the MLitt in Mediaeval Studies as MS 5025.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5901 German for Postgraduate Studies 1
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages
GM5902 German for Postgraduate Studies

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

IT5001 Memory and Identity: The Existential and Political cinema of Nanni Moretti

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes. Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Film Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module studies the work of Nanni Moretti, one of the most important voices of modern contemporary Italian Cinema. Nanni Moretti's cinema explores Italian society and its socio-political development from the rebellious late 1960s through to the present day. He observes and comments on politics and society through an ironical, though sensitive and compassionate camera, and creates more or less dark comedies that show originality, social engagement, courage, and respect for the fathers and mothers, all combined in his postmodernist style. His discourse encompasses the current state of the Italian people also from an existential point of view, and is imbued with a psycho-analytical approach to life, politics, and generally artistic writing and filmmaking.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

IT5002 Italian Humanism and the Foundations of European Identity

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes. Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Mundus Crossways in European Humanities Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: Italian Humanism produced a distinct notion of the function of culture which remains central to the intellectual history of Europe. This module will explore the origins and codification of an established common notion of humanitas and individuality which spread across Europe in the wake of Petrarch's groundbreaking approach to the study of the past and consideration of the future. Starting with Petrarch's epistle Ad posteritatem and continuing with the works of thinkers such as Bruni, Alberti, Manetti, Valla, Pico della Mirandola, and Erasmus, the module examines the construction of the dominant intellectual paradigm centred on Man that characterized the modern period in Western Europe. No knowledge of Latin or Italian is required for this module.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

IT5003 Concepts of Love in Early Italian Literature

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes. Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, Mediaeval Studies and Mundus Crossways in European Humanities Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: Much of Italian fourteenth-century lyric poetry engaged directly with the question ‘what is love?’, whilst Boccaccio's Decameron devotes whole days to stories on the subject. This module aims to examine that question across a range of Mediaeval Italian literary texts in order to arrive at an understanding of the different concepts of love developed in this crucial period in the history of Italian culture.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hours comprising lectures and seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
IT5036 A Special Subject in Italian Culture

Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes. Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Mundus Crossways in European Humanities Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is designed to build on knowledge of specific areas of Italian culture acquired at undergraduate or postgraduate level, and to facilitate the critical study of a selected body of material in Italian and/or related languages, taken from the fields of literature, film, or linguistics. Detailed analysis, combined with investigation of the context and/or critical reception of the material in question will form the core of the module. Its aim is to allow students to pursue particular interests which overlap with areas of teaching and research expertise among the academic staff.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hours comprising lectures and seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

IT5901 Italian for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

IT5902 Italian for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

LI5001 General Linguistics

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module aim is to consolidate basic areas of General Linguistics as a foundation for more specialised aspects of advanced study. The following areas from core linguistics are covered: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. In addition sociolinguistics and applied linguistics are studied.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

LI5002 Research Methods in Linguistics

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module further enables the development by the student of facilities in research skills. It develops expertise in the selective gathering of data, the use of linguistic terminology, and the preparation of material for presentation and publication. The core aim will be the involvement of the student in the design and completion of a project, conceived as the application of some issue, theoretical or methodological or a combination of both, to a topic within the student’s particular field of study. It is pursued under the direction of a member of the department concerned and constitutes a practical exercise in research both in itself and as a preparation for the M.Litt. or research dissertation/thesis.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars.
Assessment: 5000 word project write-up = 100%
LI5004 The Method of Lexical Exceptions

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1  
Anti-requisite: GM5012  
Programme(s) Optional module for French Language Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The 'method of lexical exceptions' is a method of research in linguistics in which one uses unexplained lexical exceptions as an empirical way to investigate a grammatical rule. Two rules and their exceptions are considered: the passive and non-passivizable transitive verbs; and tense formation and irregular verbs; in English, German and Russian. Saussurean structuralism, which considers language as a system whose elements are determined by their place in the system and in which consequently unexplained exceptions should not occur, is the theoretical background to the module. It follows from the indivisibility of the sign that the linguist will find both a new rule and a new meaning for the construction being investigated at the same time.

Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

LI5006 Translation Studies Methodologies

Credits: 20.0  
Semester: 1  
Programme(s) Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module provides an overview of recent approaches to translation, both linguistic and cultural, and provides a methodological foundation for the comparative study of translation practice in a range of genres and registers. Particular attention will be paid to the creative insights achieve by the Thinking Translation approach, and by the use of bilingual corpora to compare language structures and their use in translations. Students will be encourage to elaborate for themselves the theoretical and methodological implications of these descriptive approaches.

Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour lecture.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

LI5007 Sociolinguistic Methodologies

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 2  
Programme(s) Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Russian Studies and Language & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module provides students with a foundation in some of the methods commonly used in sociolinguistic research. The history of sociolinguistics being largely the development and constant refinement of empirical work, the module begins with an overview of the gradual configuration of methods in parallel with awareness of sociolinguistic phenomena. The focus will then be on some of the salient approaches used in the field from the mid-20th century, involving quantitative and qualitative methods. In line with the nature of the discipline, theoretical issues will form an integral part of the module content.

Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: Three seminars.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

LI5008 A Special Subject in Linguistics

Credits: 20.0  
Semester: Either  
Programme(s) Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Russian Studies and Language & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module offers study of a topic in the field of Linguistics which will allow students to benefit form the expertise of a member of staff in a particular are which corresponds to their personal interests and requirements. The specific content will be determined by consultation between student and member of staff.

Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminars.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
ML5001 Theory and Practice of Literary Research 1
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Cultural Identity Studies and French Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Optional module for German Studies, Language & Linguistics, Russian Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module seeks to provide the kind of research training now regarded as indispensable for all postgraduates. It has both a theoretical and a practical orientation, and seeks to relate one to the other. Its aims are to (i) debate and enrich our common concepts of writing and reading, of evaluating and relating texts, by providing a range of different perspectives on literary theory and the methodology of criticism and literary research; (ii) offer practical advice on conceiving, pursuing, organising and successfully completing a literary research project.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Lecture/Seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

ML5002 Theory and Practice of Literary Research 2
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Anti-requisite: ML5104
Programme(s): Optional module for German Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will involve the design and completion by a student of a project essay, conceived as the application of some aspect of theory or methodology arising from ML5001 to a work or body of writing in the student’s particular field of study. This part of the course would be pursued under the direction of a member of the department concerned, and would constitute a practical exercise in research as a preparation for the M.Litt. or research dissertation.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5006 Problems of Culture and Identity 1
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The module, together with ML5001 provides the compulsory ‘core’ taken by all students enrolled for the M.Litt. in Cultural Identity Studies and for the Mundus Masters M.Litt. in Crossways in European Humanity. Accessible to students with diverse linguistic competences, it aims to introduce major aspects and dimensions of the question of cultural identity. Through the study of a broad-range of particular cultural identities, it seeks to enhance understanding of the concepts and mechanisms involved in the formation of collective identity as such (the ‘poetics’ of cultural identity). Particular topics treated include: concepts of culture and identity; identity and language; collective memory; icons of identity; historiography and myth; complex identities and cultural hybridity. Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

ML5007 Problems of Culture and Identity 2
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme and for the Mundus Masters M.Litt. Crossways in European Humanities.
Description: The module aims to explore further major aspects, dimensions of cultural identity beyond those studied in ML5006. Particular topics treated include: ideology, religion and identity; minority and majority, region and nation; political institutions and national/cultural identity; post-colonial identities; Self and Other (cultural encounter, interperceptions), the European bond.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5008 Language and Nation in Europe

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, French Language Studies and Language & Linguistics Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines the extent to which cultural identity is embodied in language, of the relationship between language and the exercise of political power. Specific topics include: multilingualism, the nature of standard languages, the place of regional languages, attitudes to language and the effect of language planning.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Semester 1 - Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%;
            Semester 2 - Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5009 Critical Review and Research Project Evaluation

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1 & 2 (taught twice)
Anti-requisite: ML5104
Programme(s): Optional module for any MLitt student in the School of Modern Languages.

Description: This module is designed for students concerned to explore and assess the viability of a potential research topic in any subject area of Modern Languages. It consists of exercises establishing a bibliography of existing primary and critical writings; in the evaluation by review of extant secondary material in the area; and in the consequent development and framing of a proposal for original research towards a higher degree (M.Phil. or Ph.D.).

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars and Tutorials as required.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5012 Mediaeval Translation Studies I

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Co-requisite: ML5013
Programme(s): Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Language & Linguistics, Russian Studies and Spanish and American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module offers students the opportunity to study translations into one or more vernaculars in Western and Eastern Europe, where the individual translations studied would be chosen in accordance with the research interests of those teaching the course. The module will comprise: (i) the in-depth study of two major mediaeval translations in one or two vernaculars depending on the requirements of the student; (ii) a review of any aids to translation relevant to the texts being studied; (iii) a detailed consideration of the theoretical pronouncements on translation.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
ML5013 Mediaeval Translation Studies II
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Prerequisite: ML5012
Programme(s): Optional module for French Language Studies, German Studies, Language & Linguistics, Russian Studies and Spanish and American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers students the opportunity to study translations into one or more vernaculars in Western and Eastern Europe, where the individual translations studied would be chosen in accordance with the research interests of those teaching the module. The module will comprise: (i) the in-depth study of two major mediaeval translations in one or two vernaculars depending on the requirements of the student; (ii) a review of any aids to translation relevant to the texts being studied; (iii) a detailed consideration of the theoretical pronouncements on translation.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5018 Romance Linguistics and Philology I
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Co-requisite: ML5019
Description: This module is a presentation of Classical and Vulgar Latin (phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon), followed through to Early Romance and the earliest written forms of modern Romance languages. ML5018 and ML5019 will be linked by a critical investigation of the emergence of the standard Romance languages in the context of the Questione della lingua, competing variants, dialect status, language contact, nationalism, identity, linguistic prestige, linguistic purity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures/seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5019 Romance Linguistics and Philology II
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Prerequisite: ML5018
Programme(s): Optional module for French Language Studies, Language & Linguistics and Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module presents a detailed examination of the grammatical (including phonological) structure of three Romance languages (from three different branches). ML5018 and ML5019 will be linked by a critical investigation of the emergence of the standard Romance languages in the context of the Questione della lingua, competing variants, dialect status, language contact, nationalism, identity, linguistic prestige, linguistic purity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures/seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
ML5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. programme/s

Credits: 60.0
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.
Anti-requisite: ML5199

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor
Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

ML5104 10 ECTS Dissertation Report (Mundus)

Credits: 20.0
Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Admission to Mundus Masters programme ‘Crossways in European Humanities’
Anti-requisite: ML5009
Programme(s): Compulsory module in Mundus Masters Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The Semester 2 Dissertation Report (10 ECTS) is an extended scholarly essay of approximately 10,000 words, reviewing the critical material available and outlining a first approach to the research topic to be addressed in the Masters Dissertation. The student collects the necessary data and performs the following specified operations: (i) determination and evaluation of a corpus of primary material, together with a first effort of analysis designed to explore and demonstrate the potential of the subject; (ii) bibliographical survey of secondary sources, analysing and evaluating all critical material to be used; (iii) definition of perspectives of approach and methodology to be followed by the 30 ECTS Dissertation; (iv) delimitation of the subject and determination of title, together with a proposed plan.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: 5-10 hours over semester.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5105 Europe and America: dialogues, and identity formation in text, film and theory

Credits: 20.0
Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module in Cultural Identity Studies and Mundus Masters Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module will focus on the relationship between Europe and the Americas (i.e. Latin and North America, including Canada). It will explore the ways in which European authors and thinkers encounter, embrace, oppose or reject American cultures, politics and values, and how American authors in turn react to European influences. The subject will be studied through a range of literary, filmic and theoretical approaches generated in France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Russia, as well as in Latin and North America, from the discovery of the New World to the 21st century. More particularly, this module will invite students to further their awareness and understanding of the notions of identity and power at play in the many different discourses generated in Europe about America as well as different axes or networks of dialogue between North America, Latin America and Europe.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hours comprising a combination of lectures and seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
ML5199 Mundus 30 ECTS Dissertation
Credits: 60.0
Prerequisite: Admission to Mundus Masters programme ‘Crossways in European Humanities’
Anti-requisite: ML5099
Programme(s): Compulsory module in Mundus Masters Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The 30 ECTS (60 credit) module is a compulsory 20,000 word dissertation written on an approved topic as the culmination of the EU-funded Mundus Masters programme. Normally, it is written at the third University of the student’s study itinerary during Semester 4 of the programme. In the one-year, direct entry variant of the programme, it is prepared during the ‘trailing semester’ (non-residential) which runs from the end of Semester 2 to the following 31 September. In both cases, it is written in one of the principal languages of study (not in the language of the country of study) and is supervised by a ‘principal’ and a ‘support’ supervisor from two Universities of the Consortium.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two seminars and three tutorials over semester.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5201 Film and Issues of European Identity
Credits: 20.0
Semester: 1 or 2
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes. Optional module for Film Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme.
Description: A team-taught interdisciplinary module, designed to give an introduction to some central issues in the theory and practice of cinema. Issues covered characteristically include the relation of political power to the cinema, film narrative, gender issues and representation, cinema realism and semiotics. The topics will be drawn from a list including film theory and the philosophy of film, and from aspects of French nouvelle vague cinema, Spanish and Soviet film. The availability of the module in any given year will be conditional on adequate student numbers.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: 22 hours over semester.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5202 Film Studies II
Credits: 20.0
Semester: 2
Prerequisite: ML5201
Programme(s): Available to Arts Faculty students registered on Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will consist of the preparation of a supervised project essay, of approximately 7,000 words in length on a topic approved by the course co-ordinator in conjunction with the project supervisor. The project will be designed to explore further some of the theoretical issues examined in module ML5201 and/or apply these issues to a particular film or body of films.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: To be arranged.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ML5801 European Lesser-Used Languages
Credits: 40.0
Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes.
Description: This module aims to heighten awareness of the linguistic variety within Europe and the impact this has on cultural, social, political, and economic situations and on issues of identity. A general picture of aspects of multilingualism in Europe, focusing on the linguistic character of individual languages and on the sociolinguistic setting, is provided.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures/seminars per week, plus tutorials as appropriate.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%
ML5802 European Regional Languages: A Case Study
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes.
Description: The general, present-day context regarding the linguistic picture in Europe is briefly presented, after which the focus is on a detailed study of the sociolinguistic situation of one language and its native-speaker community. Attention will be paid to the history of the language, the current socio-cultural and political situation, and issues of identity, as well as to an exploration of the structure of language itself.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: To be arranged.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

RU5001 Advanced Translation
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes, except where compulsory within the corresponding D.Lang. programmes.
Description: The module will provide training in advanced translation from Russian to English, from English to Russian, and in the evaluation of translations by comparing originals with their translation (Russian and English only).
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar, one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

RU5003 The Structure and Development of Russian
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The main emphasis of this module is on the development of modern standard Russian. The study of the early history of Russian and Church Slavonic leads on to the development of the modern literary language. The course will concentrate mainly on phonology, morphology, word formation and lexicon.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5006 Slavonic Linguistics and Philology I
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Co-requisite: RU5007
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is a presentation of Common Slavonic (phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon), followed through to Old Church Slavonic and the earliest written forms of modern Slavonic languages. RU5006 and RU5007 will be linked by a critical investigation of the emergence of the standard Slavonic languages in the context of the Questione della lingua, competing variants, dialect status, language contact, nationalism, identity, linguistic prestige, linguistic purity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
RU5007 Slavonic Linguistics and Philology II
Credits: 20.0  
Prerequisite: RU5006
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Language & Linguistics and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is a detailed examination of the grammatical (including phonological) structure of three Slavonic languages (from three different branches). RU5006 and RU5007 will be linked by a critical investigation of the emergence of the standard Slavonic languages in the context of the *Questione della lingua*, competing variants, dialect status, language contact, nationalism, identity, linguistic prestige, linguistic purity.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

RU5021 The Nineteenth-Century Russian Short Story
Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the genre of short prose fiction as it developed during the nineteenth century. The most important creators of Russian short prose fiction are studied, beginning with the Romantics (Odoevskii, Vel’tman, Dal’), proceeding to the short stories of the major nineteenth-century authors (Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Tolstoy), and ending with the stories of Leskov, Garshin and Chekhov.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5023 The Russian Novel 1840-1880
Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the genre of the novel as it developed during the mid-nineteenth century. The works of the leading realist Russian novelists of the period are studied. The selection will be in part dictated by which works candidates have already read, but the course embraces the novels of Gogol, Turgenev, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Goncharov and Saltykov-Shchedrin.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5031 Russian Modernist Fiction 1895-1930
Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the experimental prose fiction produced by Russian modernist writers in the first three decades of the twentieth century, including selected fictional works of Dmitrii Merezhkovskii, Andrei Belyi, Fëdor Sologub and Aleksei Remizov.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%
RU5033 Russian Literature 1550-1750
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will study important works of the mid-sixteenth century, stories of the seventeenth century and the beginnings of Russian verse. The course will include the study of Domostroy, the correspondence between Kurbsky and Ivan IV, a number of texts and stories relating to the time of troubles, the seventeenth-century secular texts and the early works of Russia’s Old Believers.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar, one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5035 Russian Writers of the 1920s
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the fiction produced by ‘fellow-traveller’ writers in the aftermath of the October 1917 Revolution, including selected fictional works of Evgenii Zamiatin, Isaak Babel’, Iurii Olesha, Mikhail Bulgakov.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5037 Russian Acmeism
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the poetic theory and practice of the Acmeist movement, including selected poetry and/or prose of Nikolai Gumilëv, Sergei Gorodetskii, Anna Akhmatova and Osip Mandel’shtam.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5039 Russian Fiction 1880-1940
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and specifically to concentrate on the fiction of realist and neo-realist writers before 1917 and on the theory and practice of Socialist Realism in the period preceding the Second World War, including selected fictional works of Leonid Andreev, Ivan Bunin, Maksim Gor’kii, Aleksandr Fadeev, etc.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%
RU5041 Detailed Study of a Russian Author or Period

Credits:  40.0  Semester:  Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Russian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level, and will concentrate on the detailed analysis of the work of a single Russian author or literary period.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. programme/s

Credits:  60.0
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Russian Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes.

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor
Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

RU5100 Readings in Central and Eastern European Languages

Credits:  20.0  Semester:  Either
Prerequisite: Near-fluent command of Russian.
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module introduces the study of a Central or East European language. It will involve intensive study of the phonology, morphology, syntax and lexicon of the language chosen. The student will, after completion of the module, have achieved a sufficiently high level of reading knowledge to allow him/her to read and understand academic and everyday documents in the target language.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar, one tutorial and two practical classes.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

RU5201 Old Church Slavonic

Credits:  40.0  Semester:  Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Russian Studies, Cultural Identity Studies and other Arts Faculty Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module consists of an intensive study of the oldest recorded Slavonic language - Old Church Slavonic; it primarily involves the rapid acquisition of the grammar of the language (focusing on the noun, adjective, pronoun, verb, et al) and the reading of a significant selection of texts from the very beginning of the semester. Throughout the course of the semester, reference is also made to the history of Russian and other Slavonic languages, placing Old Church Slavonic in context for the student.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, Three Hour Examination = 50%
RU5301 A Special Subject in Russian Culture
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Russian Studies, Cultural Identity Studies and other Arts Faculty Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is intended as a 20-credit alternative to RU5041. It is designed to build on the knowledge of Russian literature acquired at undergraduate level (and, where appropriate, in the first semester of an MLitt programme). It concentrates on the in-depth study of the work of a single Russian author or literary period. The analysis of primary text material will be supplemented with consideration of the most pertinent secondary and critical sources.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

RU5901 Russian for Postgraduate Studies 1
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

RU5902 Russian for Postgraduate Studies 2
Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.
Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

SP5021 Study of a Golden Age Author
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: Fundamental issues in contemporary Golden Age study will be raised in the areas of textual criticism and bibliography, critical trends and close reading of texts concentrating on one author.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour fortnightly seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5023 Literature of the River Plate
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module concentrates on some of the major texts from nineteenth and twentieth-century Argentina and Uruguay, an important area of cultural development in Latin America. The texts studied will be drawn from one of the following groups: gaucho literature (a selection from Hidalgo’s poetry, Facundo, Martín Fierro, Don Segundo Sombra, the rural short story;) or cosmopolitanist writing (selected from nineteenth-century texts, early twentieth-century women poets, the work of Borges, Onetti, Cortázar, and more recent authors).
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%
SP5024 A Special Subject in Latin American Literature
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module allows the detailed study of a Latin American author or period. The texts studied will be selected works of the author or period prescribed.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5025 Literature and/or Historiography in Latin America (1492-1700)
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The aim of the module is to consolidate critical reading through the interpretation of texts from the colonial period of Latin America. The syllabus will be determined in the light of the interests of the students, the number of texts prescribed depending on the length of the texts in question.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5029 Ortega and Avant-garde Prose Fiction
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module examines the relationship between the ideas on the novel expressed by the influential philosopher José Ortega y Gasset and the experimental prose fiction written in Spain between approximately 1926 and 1930. A selection of representative texts from these years, by writers such as Antonio Espina, Ernesto Giménez Caballero and Benjamín Jarnés, will be studied.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5030 Literature of the Spanish Civil War
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module centres on the impact of the Civil War on the creative writing produced in Spain during the war itself. Through a study of representative texts from different genres (poetry, theatre, prose fiction), it examines how writers from both sides incorporated their experience of the war and expressed their ideological affiliations in the work they produced at the time.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Availability: not available 2007-08
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: In Semester 1 students will analyse the political developments of the ‘Socialist Decade’, focusing on existing interpretations of González’s success or failure. This will be followed in Semester 2 by an examination of the portrayal of Spain during the ‘Socialist Decade’, including the study of various art forms (novels, films, songs, and television). The two pathways will be linked by a critical investigation of the PSOE’s claims of having modernised Spain, focusing on historical data and the representation of those claims in the various art forms of the period.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture/seminar with tutorials as appropriate.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5032 Independent Mexico, 1821 - 1855

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module will concentrate on the early national period in Mexico, also known as the ‘age of chaos’, the ‘age of Santa Anna’, and most significantly ‘the forgotten years’. The module will provide a presentation of the political systems of the period, focusing on the political factions and ideologies which emerged amongst Liberals and Conservatives, and the classical notions/myths of caudillismo, predatory praetorianism, and ecclesiastical politics, as they have been addressed in the historiography. This will be followed by an examination of General Antonio López de Santa Anna (President on eleven separate occasions). The two pathways will be linked by a critical investigation of the myths which continue to obscure our understanding of this period in the context of available historical data, focusing on primary sources and recent developments in the historiography.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture/seminar with tutorials as appropriate.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5033 A Special Subject in Twentieth Century Spanish Literature

Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, or Spanish & Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: A study of a topic (e.g. author, genre, movement) in the field of Spanish Literature of the twentieth century.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture/seminar with tutorials as appropriate.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

SP5035 Cultural Identities of Latin America

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2
Prerequisites: If Semester 1, general programme entry requirements. If Semester 2, normally core modules in the Cultural Identity Studies M.Litt. Other suitably qualified students may be admitted at the discretion of the Programme co-ordinator.
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The module explores the multi-dimensional hybridity of Latin American identities (Argentinian, Uruguayan, Peruvian, Mexican, Cuban) in a genetic perspective, concentrating on ethnic, national and cultural factors. Particular topics treated include: Indian, European and native-American origins; post-colonial Latin America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; national myths, icons, practices, references and values. Particular cases are studied through representative texts. Taught in English and Spanish.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half to two hours lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Semester 1 - Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%; Semester 2 - Continuous Assessment = 100%
SP5036 A Special Subject in Latin American Literature
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Spanish & Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers a study of a topic (e.g. author, genre, movement) in the field of Latin American literature. This module is intended to allow students, when appropriate, to benefit from the expertise of a member of staff in a particular area that corresponds to their interests or needs. The specific content will be determined by consultation between student and staff member.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5037 A Special Subject in Twentieth-Century Spanish Literature
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Spanish & Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers a study of a topic (e.g. author, genre, movement) in the field of twentieth-century Spanish literature. This module is intended to allow students, when appropriate, to benefit from the expertise of a member of staff in a particular area that corresponds to their interests or needs. The specific content will be determined by consultation between student and staff member.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5038 A Special Subject in Golden Age Spanish Literature
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies and Spanish & Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers a study of a topic (e.g. author, genre, movement) in the field of Golden Age Spanish literature. This module is intended to allow students, when appropriate, to benefit from the expertise of a member of staff in a particular area that corresponds to their interests or needs. The specific content will be determined by consultation between student and staff member.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5039 A Special Subject in Spanish Linguistics
Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, Language & Linguistics and Spanish & Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is a study of a topic in the field of Spanish linguistics. This module is intended to allow students to benefit, when appropriate, from the expertise of a member of staff in a particular area that corresponds to their personal interests or needs. The specific content will be determined by consultation between student and member of staff.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Seminars.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
SP5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. programme/s

Credits: 60.0
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Spanish and Latin American Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes.
Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.
Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor.
Teaching: Individual Supervision.
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

SP5124 Spanish Films

Credits: 20.0
Semester: Either
Anti-requisites: SP5125 and SP5126
Programme(s): Optional module for Film Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is a brief version of SP5126, which students will join for one semester to develop critical knowledge of Spanish Cinema to acquire a taste of Spanish cinema through the close study of individual films. Students will study about six contrasting films in their context.
Class Hour: 11.00 am Wednesday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5125 Spanish Film Studies

Credits: 30.0
Semester: Either
Anti-requisites: SP5124 and SP5126
Programme(s): Optional module for Film Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will allow Film Studies students to apply their knowledge and skills of Film Studies to the field of Spanish cinema through the close study of individual films and/or a specific director thus acquiring a knowledge of Spain and the Spanish Film Industry. Students will study about ten contrasting films in their context.
Class Hour: 11.00 am Wednesday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5126 Spanish Cinema

Credits: 40.0
Semester: Whole Year
Anti-requisites: SP5124 and SP5125
Programme(s): Optional module for Film Studies or Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The aim of the module is to develop critical expertise and knowledge of Spanish cinema through the close study of individual films and/or a specific director. Students will study about ten representative films.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%
SP5146 The Essay on National Identity in Spanish

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1 or 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Cultural Identity Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The objective of the module is to study a selection of prose written in Spanish on issues of national or group identity over the centuries. The essay genre in Spanish, though traditionally little-studied, is the repository of some of the finest writing in the language, as well as being the expression of a perennial preoccupation amongst cultural commentators: what it has meant to be Hispanic. The module will trace the development of the genre from its early stages in Spain through crucial instances in Spanish America to contemporary times. The works to be studied will be a selection of roughly 5-8 texts, among which are likely to be the following: Nebrija, Gramática sobre la lengua castellana (1492); Hernán Cortés, Segunda carta de relación (1522); Ángel Gavinet, Idearium español (1897); José Enrique Rodó, Ariel (1900); Octavio Paz, El laberinto de la soledad (1950), and a selection of twentieth-century essays from Spain.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

**SP5901 Spanish for Postgraduate Studies 1**

Credits: 20.0  Semester: Either

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

**SP5902 Spanish for Postgraduate Studies 2**

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages