

Languages at Surrey

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Why languages at Surrey?

League table success:

- » 6th in *Guardian League Table 2020*
- » 12th in *Complete University Guide 2020* for Spanish; 15th for French; 16th for German
- » 2nd for French; 3rd for Spanish in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020*
- » NSS (National Student Survey) scores 2019: 100% overall satisfaction in French (second year running) and 93.3% in Spanish
- » 1st in the 2018 & 2019 NSS for French, 7th for Spanish/Iberian Studies.

What our students say



“The enthusiasm and dedication of the teaching staff on my programme have made my learning most enjoyable.”

“Knowledgeable and professional lecturers. The highlight of the course was third year abroad, department was helpful in finding a placement.”

“Committed staff. Small teaching groups. Personal contact with lecturers. Placement year was a really positive experience.”

“The small cohort meant that class sizes were small, and teaching was effective”.

“Great languages department! They are literally amazing!”

Comments from the National Student Survey

Our programmes in Languages

N.B. reviewed and updated on a year-to-year basis

- » Emphasis on communication, culture and language skills
- » All Surrey undergraduate programmes have 120 credits, made of eight modules, per academic year
- » Ab initio course in French, German and Spanish
- » Typically 10-12 contact hours per week (15 for ab initio), supplemented with guided self-study
- » Most modules taught in target languages from the first year
- » Teaching primarily in small interactive groups
- » You develop communication and presentation skills, become independent learners.

Modern languages: programme structure

N.B. reviewed and updated on a year-to-year basis

» Year 1 – 120 credits

- Language for academic and professional purposes
- Introduction to cultures and societies
- Skills for language experts
- Translation into English.

» Year 2 – 120 credits

- Language for marketing and research purposes
- Contemporary cultures and societies
- **Options:** Languages in education; TEFL; translation; sociolinguistics (in English); ab initio Portuguese.

» Year 4 – 120 credits

- Advanced writing and oral skills
- **Options:** sociolinguistics, arts; translation; short or long dissertation (target language).

Business management and a language: programme structure

N.B. reviewed and updated on a year-to-year basis

» Year 1 – 120 credits

- Language for academic and professional purposes; Introduction to cultures and societies; Skills for language experts
- Business Management: Operations Management; Financial Accounting; Organisational Behaviour and Analysis; Marketing Principles.

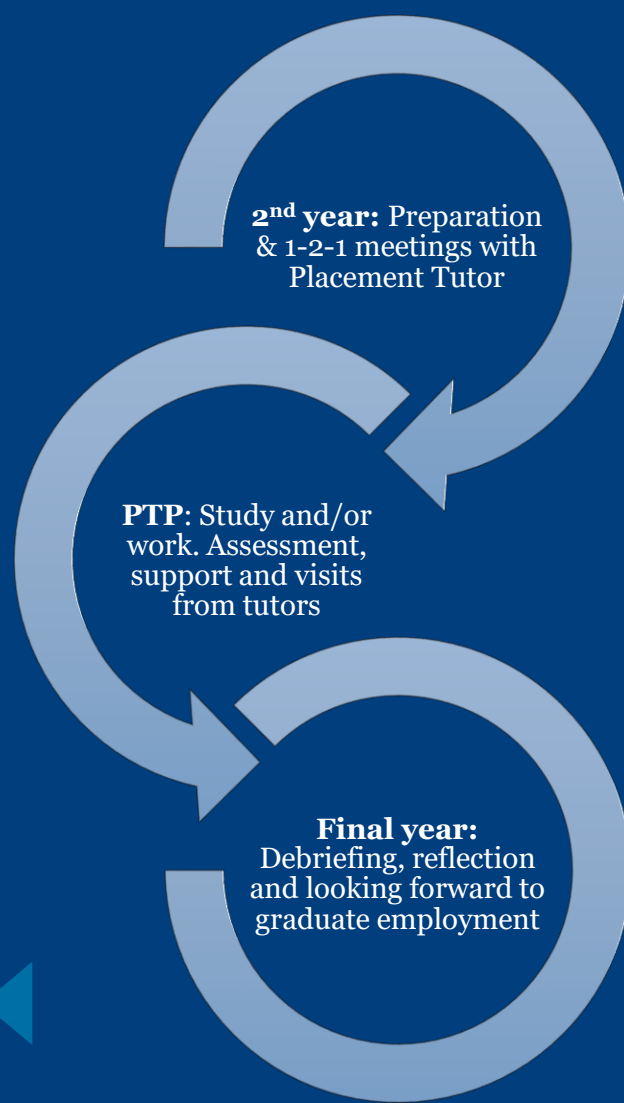
» Year 2 – 120 credits

- Language for marketing and research purposes; contemporary cultures and societies
- **Options:** languages in education; TEFL; translation; sociolinguistics (in English); ab initio Portuguese
- Finance for Business (Compulsory); Business Management: Management Information Systems; Management Accounting; Human Resource Management; Consumer Behaviour; Marketing Communications; Business/Organizational Psychology; International Business; Employee Relations; Business Law.

» Year 4 – 120 credits

- Advanced writing and oral skills
- **Options:** sociolinguistics, arts; translation; short or long dissertation
- International Business Strategy (Compulsory); Research in Marketing; Research Project; Employment Law; Global and Contemporary Human Resource Management; Marketing Strategy; Managerial Decision Making; International Trade; Project Management; Entrepreneurship and Business Planning; Banking and Money.

The Professional Training placement: added value



- » Compulsory and fully integrated
- » Flexible: work and/or study; one or two different placements
- » Studying two languages? One semester in each country: work and/or study
- » Work placements: paid/unpaid
- » Well-established links with universities and industry
- » Supported: visits from tutor, Erasmus+ grants (tbc)

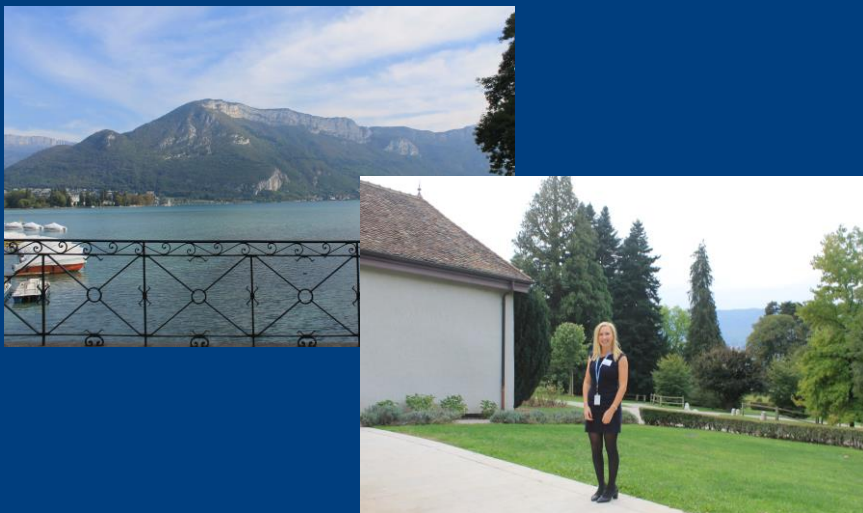
Types of placement

- » Translation
- » Teaching English as a Foreign Language (British Council or other)
- » Tourism
- » Publishing
- » Human Resources
- » Hotels
- » Energy companies
- » Marketing consultation agencies
- » Academic Exchange programmes
- » Events and project management
- » Finance
- » Technology start-ups.



Zoe Hardman, VW, Wolfsburg

Where are our students?



Georgina Smith, Les Pensières Centre for Global Health, Annecy, 2017



George Rogers, Hilton Buenavista, Toledo 2015

- » Translation, **Office du tourisme**, Paris
- » Administrative Intern, **CERN**, Geneva
- » International Strategy, **EDF**, Paris
- » Translation, **Volkswagen**, Wolfsburg
- » Project Management, **OMV** (Austrian Petroleum), Vienna
- » Language Teaching Assistants, **British Council**, Argentina & Spain
- » Translation Project Manager, **WeLocalize**, Barcelona
- » Shipping Agency Intern, **Next Maritime**, Tarragona.

Study abroad

- » French
 - Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
 - Université Paris Est Marne-la-Vallée.
- » Business Management and French
 - ESSEC Business School, Paris
 - HEC de Montréal, Canada.
- » German
 - Universität Bamberg
 - Universität Freiburg im Breisgau.
- » Spanish
 - Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid
 - Universitat Jaume I, Castellón.
- » Business Management and Spanish
 - Instituto de Empresa, Madrid.



Surrey graduate destinations



- » Goldman Sachs
- » JP Morgan
- » Honda
- » Ford credit
- » L'Oreal
- » Graduate Schemes (Tesco, Hilton "elevator" GM scheme, Rolls-Royce...)
- » Macmillan Publishers
- » Civil Service (e.g. Ministry of Defence)
- » NGOs



University of Surrey: 2016-20

Students' perspectives

Elliot Noble

Business Management & Spanish
BSc (Hons)



Poppy Horne

French & Spanish BA (Hons)



Tatjana Roos

German & Spanish BA (Hons)



My student experience – Elliot Noble

» About me:

- Second year - Business Management & Spanish
- Mature student – DELE
- Living on campus 1st Year, 2nd year off-campus
- Surrey was my first choice – why?
- Business management & languages; what a great Combo!

» My Surrey Experience So Far:

- Global Graduate Award in Mandarin Chinese
- 2-month long summer internship in Dalian, China
- Team leader for student life mentoring
- Employability award
- Student Ambassador
- Course representative for business management/spanish
- Planning for my placement year now!



My student experience – Poppy Horne

2nd year student – French and Spanish

1st Year: 2018-2019

- » Living on Manor Park campus
- » Sports – SSP and ladies 1st tennis team
- » Student Ambassador work
- » Meeting new people and adjusting.

2nd Year: 2019-2020

- » Feeling more at ease with university life
- » Commuting by car
- » Sports
- » Student ambassador work
- » TEFL course
- » Searching for placements.

Positives:

- » Meeting such a variety of people
- » Learning about yourself and overcoming challenges
- » Small cohort at Surrey
- » Varied course – wide range of modules
- » Facilities at Surrey: sports, Stag Hill campus and learning facilities for languages.

Challenges:

- » Being away from home
- » Change of timetable compared to college/school.

Advice for applying:

- » Take the time look at course content
- » Ask about any specific questions you have – talk to tutors and students
- » Make the most of the trial lectures today
- » Don't feel overwhelmed with information!



My student experience - Tatjana Roos

Final year – Modern Languages (German and Spanish)

1st Year 2016-17

- Living on Manor Park
- Surrey Sports Park
- First translation modules
- University trips – Amsterdam
- GGA Russian.

2nd Year 2017-18

- Working as a Student Ambassador
- GSA Saturday school classes
- Learning how to use CAT tools
- GGA French.

PTY – 2018-19

- ZF Friedrichshafen - Germany
- Welocalize - Barcelona
- Translation and project management
- Meeting new people
- Once in a lifetime experience.



Final Year 2019-20

- Living on Stag Hill campus
- Dissertation on Machine Translation
- Looking forward to doing a masters degree in a different country
- GGA French level 2.





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