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Welcome to LM044

BA in Applied Languages

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Our home base

- The *BA in Applied Languages* is officially based in the **School of Modern Languages & Applied Linguistics (MLAL)**.
- MLAL works closely with colleagues in the **School of English, Irish and Communication (EIC)**, who provide all modules in Irish and Technical Communication.
- Elective streams are also provided by the **Department of Politics and Public Administration (PPA)** and the **Kemmy Business School (KBS)**.

Millstream Courtyard Building

- Room codes: MC1xxx
- **MC1002** MLAL Admin Office
- **MC1009** Jean Conacher's office



Languages Building

- Room codes: LCxxx
- **LC1008** Language Learning Hub
- **LCG Seomra na Gaeilge**



Engineering Research Building

- Room codes: ERxxx
- **ER3019** EIC Admin Office



Our (and your) commitment

- Four years of full-time study, including 2 semesters (1 year) off-campus
(both abroad, unless you are studying Irish)
- You have a minimum H3 (or equivalent) in one of French, *Gaeilge*, German, Japanese or Spanish
(and we normally expect you to study that language)
- Language study to become expert linguists with spoken and written competence in 2-3 languages
(strong emphasis on target language teaching, but you have to do much of your learning yourself –
support from lecturers and the Language Learning Hub)
- Specialist knowledge of societies & cultures
(through core studies, contact with native speakers, extended time spent in the target culture,
literature/cultural electives)
- Professional knowledge in areas relevant to linguists
(through studies, work and study experience in the target culture)





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Transferable credits, skills & attributes



TRANSFERABLE CREDITS: Undergraduate programmes are worth at least 240 ECTS (European credit transfer system). So, each UL semester is worth 30 ECTS, most undergraduate UL modules are worth 6 ECTS. The Applied Languages final year project is worth 12 ECTS.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS: The skills you develop by doing any activity that you can transfer usefully to another context (teamwork, time-keeping, project management, leadership, etc.)

TRANSFERABLE ATTRIBUTES: The University of Limerick promotes six graduate attributes. Graduates should be: knowledgeable – proactive – creative – responsible – collaborative – articulate

We believe you develop these skills and attributes by:

- ✓ taking responsibility for your own learning
- ✓ working collaboratively inside and outside the classroom
- ✓ developing your own ideas
- ✓ critically engaging with the ideas of others
- ✓ critically reflecting on the societies where you live
- ✓ acquiring the linguistic and sociocultural knowledge to contribute to societal and global debates
- ✓ learning to express yourselves creatively, thoughtfully and confidently



How do you build these competences?

1) Throughout the programme, you study two languages – one must be at advanced (post-LC) level.
You can choose from:

- FRENCH (Advanced only)
- GAEILGE (Advanced only)
- GERMAN (Beginners & Advanced)
- JAPANESE (Beginners & Advanced)
- SPANISH (Beginners & Advanced)

In Semesters 1-3, you also take a core stream of linguistics, followed by language technology.

2) In Semester 1, you choose a professional elective which you can take throughout the programme:

- A third language from above list
- Marketing (starting with micro- and macro-economics)
- Politics & International Relations

At the beginning of Semester 6, you can continue with your chosen professional elective OR switch to TESOL or Technical Writing

3) From Semester 1, you choose a literature/cultural elective module



Outline of your programme

Year 1 | Semester 1

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Linguistics 1

Professional Elective: 3rd Language OR Marketing OR Politics and International Relations

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR Cultural Studies and New Media

Year 1 | Semester 2

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Linguistics 2

Professional Elective

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR Language and Culture

Year 2 | Semester 1

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Language and Technology

Professional Elective

Literature/Cultural Elective

Year 2 | Semester 2

Cooperative Education (work placement)

Year 3 | Semester 1

External Academic Placement (Erasmus study placement)

Year 3 | Semester 2

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Professional Elective: as before OR **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** OR **Technical Writing**

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR Cultural Theory OR European Cinema OR Travel Literature

Year 4 | Semester 1

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Applied Languages Project

Professional Elective

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR Cultural Studies OR European Cinema OR New Media

Year 4 | Semester 2

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Applied Languages Project

Professional Elective

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR Cultural Theory OR European Cinema OR Travel Literature



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Thinking about becoming a language teacher?

- There are many great career opportunities open to languages graduates; teaching is only one of those.
- If you are thinking of becoming a teacher, check out the requirements on the Teaching Council website: <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Publications/Registration/Documents/Curricular-Subject-Requirements-after-January-2017.pdf>
- The Teaching Council requires you to have 60 ECTS in any language for which you wish to become a qualified teacher. For French, German or Spanish, this must include 15ECTS of literature study (= 3 modules); for *Gaeilge*, this must include 20 ECTS of literature study (= 4 modules). There is currently no specific literature requirement for Japanese.
- If you wish to gain the literature credits for two languages within your undergraduate programme, we recommend you take the literature modules for your strongest language first.
- If you do not initially take literature modules and you decide later in the programme that you do want to become a teacher, you can take the literature modules as “additional modules” for no additional cost (but you must pass them to graduate). You should discuss this with the relevant lecturer and the Course Director.
- If you decide after graduation that you want to become a teacher and you do not have the necessary literature modules, you can do literature modules on an individual basis at any university, but you will have to pay for them.

What you need to do now...

- 1) Think about languages you want to do (you'll get information now from language colleagues, and you can ask questions)
- 2) Think about what electives you want to do
- 3) Attend the first lecture of any module you are interested in (that is where you will find out more)
- 4) If you are not sure about anything, contact the Course Director or relevant lecturer.

Year 1 | Semester 1

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Linguistics 1

**Professional Elective: 3rd Language OR Marketing OR
Politics and International Relations**

**Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR
B OR Cultural Studies and New Media**

Year 1 | Semester 2

Language, Culture and Society A

Language, Culture and Society B

Linguistics 2

Professional Elective

Literature/Cultural Elective: Literature in Language A OR B OR
Language and Culture



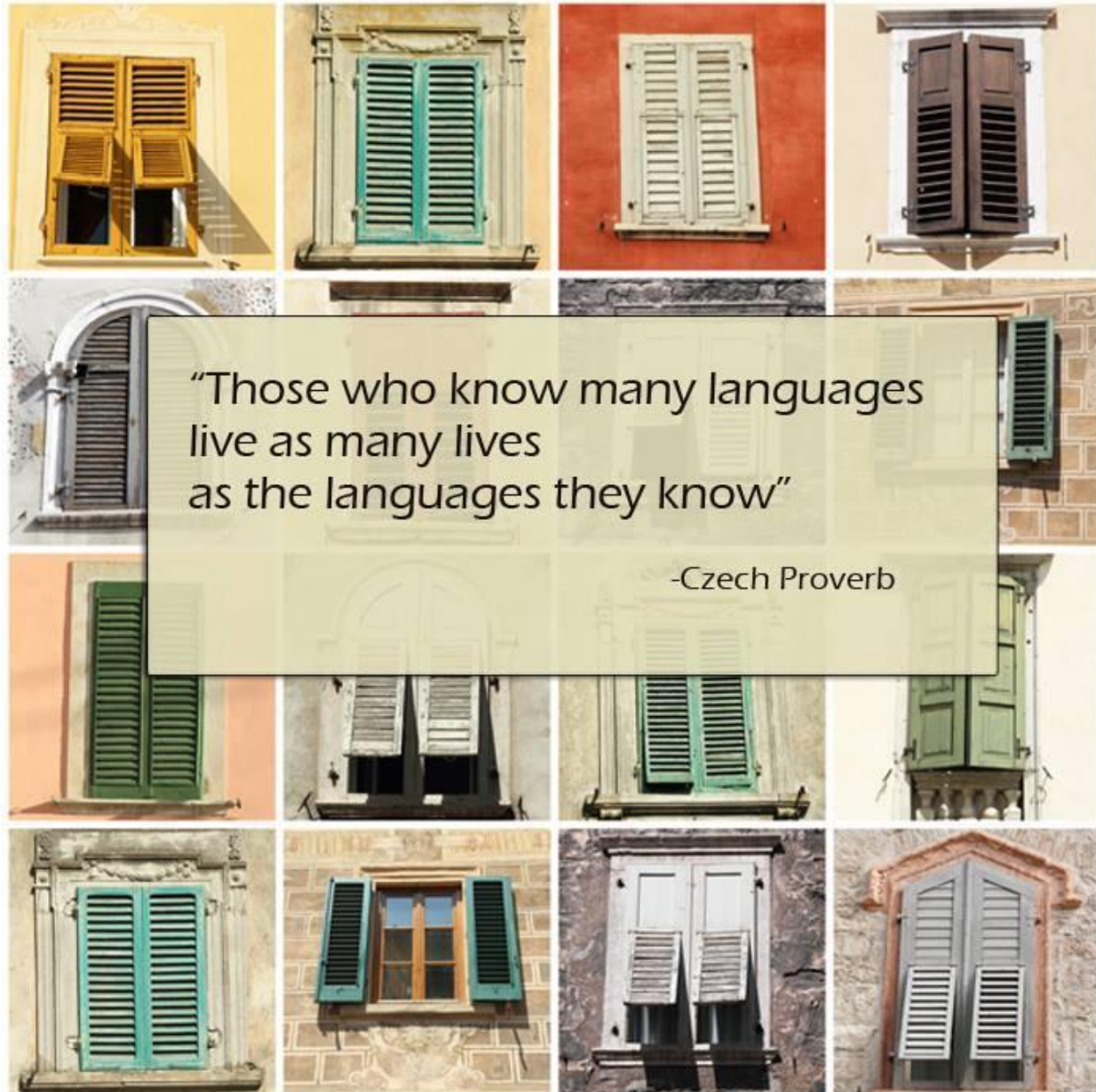
What to do from tomorrow...

- If you have not yet got your ID number, get that as quickly as possible.
- Keep an eye on your UL email address, and use it – we do not use personal email addresses (check it daily – or bounce it to the email address you use).
- Register for your modules as soon as you know what you want to do.
- The day after you have registered you should be able to see SULIS sites for your modules, if lecturers are using this. These may contain materials for you to prepare in advance of teaching.
- Attend the first lecture of any module you wish to take. Find out from the timetable where it is. Lectures will start in Week 1 (i.e. from next Monday); most tutorials will not begin until Week 3, but you must check. If in doubt, contact the relevant lecturer.
- Take some time to find classrooms in advance, so you are not late next week.
- Do a library tour – find where books for your subjects are.
- Find the Language Learning Hub (Language Building, Level 1) and Seomra na Gaeilge (Ground Floor)
- Take some time to chill out, chat to people, find some good places to eat and have a coffee
- If you get physically lost, ask ANYONE; if you feel swamped, speak to ANYONE (but especially First Seven Weeks, Chaplaincy, Counselling, Course Director, lecturers, friends)



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...and enjoy
living your
many lives!!



“Those who know many languages
live as many lives
as the languages they know”

-Czech Proverb