



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

MA

Chinese–English Translation and Interpreting

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **28 August 2026**

Starts on: **21 September 2026**

About this course

Focusing on translation and interpreting between two of the world's major languages, Chinese and English, this exciting master programme provides well-balanced practical training in translation and interpreting in different modes across a wide range of topics such as literature, science, business, law and medicine.

Introduction

Through this master's programme, you will gain hands-on skills in practical translation and interpreting, covering different modes (written translation, sight translation, simultaneous, consecutive and public service interpreting) and across subject areas. You will explore major theoretical approaches and core methodologies in translation and interpreting as well as acquire useful transferrable skills (e.g. public speaking, intercultural communication, academic writing, active listening, critical thinking and analytical skills) for a successful career in translation and interpreting and beyond.

You will be able to draw on the interdisciplinary [expertise of staff members](#) from the Department of Languages, Cultures and Film and its strong links with the [Liverpool Confucius Institute](#).

Who is this course for?

This master's programme is designed for graduates and professionals from a variety of humanities and social sciences backgrounds who speak Chinese as a first or second language, who are seeking to specialise in a subject area where they can develop transferrable skills which are valuable to a wide range of industries in an increasingly global world.

What you'll learn

- Theories and approaches to translation
- Methodological insights into translation and interpreting
- Advanced translation skills between Chinese and English
- Insight into the translation practice, profession, market and industry
- Advanced practical interpreting skills in sight translation, public service interpreting/dialogue interpreting.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

Students take 45 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in semester one.

The modules cover significant theoretical elements concerning major trends, themes and methodological approaches in translation and interpreting, as well as essential practical elements that equip you with hands-on translation and interpreting skills.

The practice-oriented modules span across a variety of modes and specialised text genres and topics.

The modules will prepare you for your individual final project.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>THEORIES AND APPROACHES IN TRANSLATION STUDIES (MODL511)</u>	15
<u>PRACTICAL TRANSLATION (CHIN512)</u>	15
<u>LIAISON INTERPRETING AND CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETING (CHIN513)</u>	15
Optional modules	Credits
<u>IDENTITY, POWER AND SOCIETY: CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY AND DISCOURSE (HLAC505)</u>	15
<u>LITERARY TRANSLATION AND GLOBAL MARKETS (MODL508)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ENGL661)</u>	15
<u>CORPUS LINGUISTICS FOR LANGUAGE RESEARCH AND TEACHING (ENGL685)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

Students take 60 credits of optional modules in semester two.

The modules cover significant theoretical elements concerning major trends, themes and methodological approaches in translation and interpreting, as well as essential practical elements that equip you with hands-on translation and interpreting skills.

The practice-oriented modules span across a variety of modes and specialised text genres and topics.

The modules will prepare you for your individual final project.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
<u>SPECIALISED TRANSLATION (CHIN514)</u>	15
<u>CONSECUTIVE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING (CHIN515)</u>	15
<u>TRANSLATION WORK PLACEMENT (MODL509)</u>	15
<u>INTRODUCTION TO DISCOURSE ANALYSIS (ENGL640)</u>	15
<u>AUDIOVISUAL TRANSLATION (HLAC507)</u>	15

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Final project

The Final Project MODL507 will be taken over the summer vacation period.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>FINAL PROJECT (MODL507)</u>	60

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Teaching for this course is dependent on two key areas, theory and practice, and will be varied in ways that reflect the skills that graduates following this career path will need to succeed. As well as regular lectures, seminars, workshops, practical language lab sessions and one-to-one supervision of varying class sizes, practical modules employ authentic real-world materials and use of relevant digital technology in line with industry best practice.

There is also supervised elements of the course, including the feasibility study and final project.

In addition, this course will be supported with other specialist library resources and one-off workshops which utilise tools and facilities such as language labs, enabling directed study and independent theory and practical learning.

How you're assessed

Assessment in this course will be varied, and focus on both written and oral assignments. These include essays, written translations, oral interpreting examinations, conference-style presentations, a project proposal and an annotated bibliography.

These varied assessments are designed to assess all areas of this course, from theory and practice, different modes, to knowledge of specialised themes and topics.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

This course prepares graduates to pursue a successful career as translation and interpreting trainers or language teaching professionals in the education sector. This MA also helps prepare students wishing to conduct postgraduate research (e.g. PhD) in translation and interpreting studies.

After MA level study, students may also choose to sit professional qualification and certification examinations, for example, with the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL) and the Diploma in Public Service Interpreting (DPSI) and join professional organisations, bodies and networks in translation and interpreting (e.g. ITI, NWTN, IATIS, ETS).

Some common career pathways include translating and interpreting in industries such as publishing, media, film and localisation, in the commercial and business sectors, in the field of public service (e.g. schools, hospitals and police stations), or on a freelance basis.

The transferrable skills students will develop are also valuable for careers in fields such as:

- Media
- Journalism
- Business
- Education
- Advertisement
- Government.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £11,700

Part-time place, per year – £5,850

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £24,100

Part-time place, per year – £12,050

Fees stated are for the 2025/26 academic year. Tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be announced soon.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

Additional costs

The Department of Languages, Cultures and Film is pleased to announce five scholarships for international students wishing to pursue the Chinese-English Translating and Interpreting MA, for entry in September 2024.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree can be in any subject discipline relevant to the proposed field of research. Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered.

Chinese as a first or second language is also required for this course.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the [**University of Liverpool International College**](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MA, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

WAEC

C6 or above

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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