

MA

Translation

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **11 September 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

If you are interested in languages and want to pursue a career or further study in translation this programme is ideal for you. This exciting master's provides practical training in translation as well as interpreting in different modes across a wide range of topics and real-life scenarios. We offer language specialisms in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Introduction

This master's will provide you with hands-on skills in practical translation and interpreting, covering different modes (written translation, sight translation, simultaneous, consecutive and public service interpreting, and subtitling) and a range of specialist areas. You will explore major theoretical approaches and core methodologies in translation 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 or interpreting and beyond.

You will be able to draw on the interdisciplinary expertise of staff members from the Department of Languages, Cultures and Film (LCF) and LCF's strong links with different cultural institutions in Liverpool.

All of our Translation specialism options combine with English. If your language specialism is Chinese with English our [**MA in Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting**](#) is the best programme for you.

If you are looking to specialise in one or more of: Arabic, French, German, Italian or Spanish or one of these languages and Chinese with English then our **MA in Translation** is the best programme to apply for.

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 one or two of our chosen specialist languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian or Spanish) as a first or second language, who are seeking a career in translation or to develop transferrable skills which are valuable for a wide range of industries in an increasingly global world.

This programme is also ideal if you have translation work experience and would like to formalise and enhance your professional practice with a master's qualification.

What you'll learn

- Theories and approaches to translation
- Methodological insights into translation and interpreting
- Advanced translation skills between your chosen language and English (we offer Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish).
- The opportunity for a work placement in translation
- Insight into translation practice, the profession, market and industry
- Advanced practical skills in sight translation, public service interpreting/dialogue interpreting, conference interpreting, and subtitling.
- The opportunity to improve or acquire an additional (including our Translation MA language specialisms plus: Basque, Catalan, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian through either LCF language modules or our [Open Languages programme](#)).

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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

In semester one, students must take either MODL522 (for one language) OR MODL532 (for two languages). Students who wish to study Chinese in addition to one of Arabic, French, German, Italian or Spanish should take MODL522 and CHIN512.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>THEORIES AND APPROACHES IN TRANSLATION STUDIES (MODL511)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>PRACTICAL TRANSLATION AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (MODL522)</u>	15
<u>PRACTICAL TRANSLATION AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS FOR TWO LANGUAGES (MODL532)</u>	30
<u>PRACTICAL TRANSLATION (CHIN512)</u>	15
<u>LIAISON INTERPRETING AND CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETING (MODL523)</u>	15
<u>LIAISON INTERPRETING AND CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETING FOR TWO LANGUAGES (MODL533)</u>	30
<u>LIAISON INTERPRETING AND CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETING (CHIN513)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>LITERARY TRANSLATION AND GLOBAL MARKETS (MODL508)</u>	15
<u>IDENTITY, POWER AND SOCIETY: CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY AND DISCOURSE (HLAC505)</u>	15

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

Semester two

In semester two, students must take either MODL524 (for one language) OR MODL534 (for two languages). Students who wish to study Chinese in addition to one of Arabic, French, German, Italian or Spanish should take MODL524 and CHIN514.

Students wishing to take MODL525 or MODL535 must have taken MODL523 or MODL533.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
<u>SPECIALISED TRANSLATION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS (MODL524)</u>	15
<u>SPECIALISED TRANSLATION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR TWO LANGUAGES (MODL534)</u>	30
<u>SPECIALISED TRANSLATION (CHIN514)</u>	15
<u>CONSECUTIVE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING (MODL525)</u>	15
<u>CONSECUTIVE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FOR TWO LANGUAGES (MODL535)</u>	30

Optional modules	Credits
<u>CONSECUTIVE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING (CHIN515)</u>	15
<u>TRANSLATION WORK PLACEMENT (MODL509)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH SKILLS AND FEASIBILITY STUDY (HLAC506)</u>	15
<u>AUDIOVISUAL TRANSLATION (HLAC507)</u>	15

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Final project

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

Modules

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

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

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Teaching for this course focuses on the two key areas of theory and practice, and will be varied in ways that reflect the skills that graduates following this career path will need to succeed. Teaching will be delivered through a range of regular lectures, seminars, workshops, as well as practical language lab sessions in varying class sizes and one-to-one supervision for the feasibility study and final project.

Practical modules employ authentic real-world materials and settings, and highlight relevant digital technology in line with industry best practice.

This programme provides the opportunity for a work placement to give you further practical experience within the translation sector.

This course is supported with specialist facilities such as our interpreting suite and language labs. Specialist library resources and one-off workshops are also used to enable 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. Depending on the options taken, these will include essays, commentaries, written translations, oral interpreting examinations, conference-style presentations, project proposals and annotated bibliography as well as a final project written either as an extended academic assignment or in a creative-critical format.

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

If you are looking for a career in the field of translation or already work in translation and would like to enhance your professional experience with postgraduate study our Translation MA is an excellent route for you.

This course prepares graduates to pursue a successful career within wider areas of the translation and interpreting industries or as 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 – £12,500

Part-time place, per year – £6,250

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £28,000

Part-time place, per year – £14,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

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

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

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 should be in a subject relevant to the proposed field of research. Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered.

One of our language specialisms (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian or Spanish) as a first or second language is also a requirement for this course.

International qualifications

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

International requirements TBC – please contact the [Postgraduate Admissions](#) team for details.

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
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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