



Minor subjects for Single Honours Students

If you are a Single Honours* student, you need to take a minor subject in Year 1. Minors form 25% of your first-year studies. You need to take 120 credits in a year so 90 of these credits come from your major (75%) subject area and the remaining 30 credits come from your minor (25%) subject.

As part of your minor, you can study either two 15-credit modules or one 30-credit module across the semesters. Most minor subjects are made up of two required 15-credit modules but there are some minor subjects where you are offered a choice of modules from two or more options. In our own School of Histories, Languages and cultures, we have an exciting range of subjects from which you can choose your minor. See the list below for an introduction to each of our subject areas.

Modern Languages

Go beyond the 'tourist experience' with a minor in a language, either from Beginners' level or Advanced level, if you have prior knowledge.

Learning a foreign language equips you with valuable transferable skills that are highly-prized by national and international employers. We are one of the few universities that offer the full range of Hispanic languages too so, if you want something of the ordinary from the Hispanic world, choose Basque or Catalan.

Beginners' Level	Post A-level (or equivalent qualification)
Chinese	French
Spanish	Spanish
Italian	Italian
Portuguese	German
German	
Catalan	
Basque	
French	

Film Studies

How do films create meaning? How do film-makers transfer their thoughts to the screen?

Films have been vital cultural outputs for over 100 years. The way films are produced is constantly changing but their importance as documents of our times remains, as does the pleasure and pause for thought that they give to audiences across the world.

If you have an interest in world cultures and a desire to appreciate the ways in which these cultures have expressed themselves through film, our introductory film studies modules are for you.

Please note that, although our modules cover world cinemas, you do not need knowledge of a foreign language to take Film Studies.

Irish Studies

Ireland has an exciting and rich culture and heritage. Our modules include introductions to Irish politics, history, archaeology and literature (from both Swift to Yeats and from Joyce to Heaney).

Our Institute of Irish Studies is a small department with friendly and supportive staff. Our students are welcome at the extensive programme of academic and social events that take place throughout the year, including the annual Liverpool Irish Festival in October.

Irish Studies offers us a unique window into the study of major developments within world history, literature and culture so, whether you take Irish Studies full-time or as part of your wider degree, we offer you an enriching educational experience.

Classical Studies

What did the Ancient Greeks and Romans do for us and how does their culture, work and way of life affect us today?

Immerse yourself in the artistic expression and belief systems of the ancient world, exploring the influences of the Ancient Greeks and Romans on social, political and religious life in ancient times. See how the belief systems of Greco-Roman societies are still reflected in contemporary times.

Ancient Greek and Latin language

Take the opportunity to study Ancient Greek or Latin, either as a Beginner or Advanced student, depending on your current level of knowledge. Learn to read ancient texts in their original language - these will give you a fascinating insight into ancient worlds.

Ancient History

Get an overview of the social, political and cultural history of ancient Greece and Rome.

We take you through the archaic Greek world, from 510 BC until the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC, and introduce you to the history and society of Rome from its foundation to the end of the 2nd century AD, giving you a basic outline of Roman history and an introduction to some central and social economic themes in the Roman world.

Archaeology

How do archaeologists interpret the past? What are the challenges faced by archaeologists today?

Get an introduction to the theoretical tools, field methods, laboratory techniques and data analysis exercises that are the techniques used by archaeologists to reconstruct and understand past societies.

Learn about the challenges facing modern archaeologists today through an introduction to desk-based archaeological assessments which include archaeological mapping and field recording, archaeological project and excavation design and the interpretation of sites and cemeteries.

Evolutionary Anthropology

How do we learn about our prehistoric ancestors? We show you the early human records that give us a foundation for examining evolutionary anthropology and a basic understanding of the deep past. We base your studies on the three major areas of evolutionary anthropology, i.e. the archaeology of human evolution, palaeoanthropology and primatology.

Egyptology

Incorporate the study of Ancient Egypt into your major degree programme and study many aspects of this fascinating culture from prehistory to circa 1550 BC. Augment your other subject areas with unique case studies - areas of overlap include not only subjects that focus on the ancient world, eg. Archaeology and Ancient History, but also contemporary studies in sociology, politics, history and languages.

History

The past is a fascinating subject. At Liverpool we know how to bring it to life. Liverpool is a city steeped in world history, surviving countless wars and playing a pivotal role throughout the days of the empire. With the docklands providing a gateway to the Americas, transatlantic trade and commerce developed rapidly in the city, helping to turn Liverpool into the diverse and vibrant city it is today.

Wherever you walk through the campus and the city, you see echoes of the past everywhere, from our wonderful Georgian buildings around Abercromby Square, to the musical, intellectual, artistic, commercial, and sporting events that have shaped our great city.

Heritage Studies

What is heritage? How is heritage interpreted and understood by different groups of people.

We introduce you to what constitutes heritage and the processes that lead to its creation. We examine the role of heritage in contemporary society and provide a critical understanding of the key issues in heritage studies.

We also examine the ethics, politics, and values behind the presentation and management of heritage and look at the role of the state in heritage funding and representation.

NB: Heritage Studies is only available as a minor subject. It cannot be converted to a single or joint subject in your second year.

Politics

Why do governments make the decisions that they do? Why should I care about Politics?

Every decision that the government makes will affect you – directly or indirectly – in your everyday lives. Here at Liverpool we provide cutting perspectives on the key issues that occupy the world today, including government and opposition, conflict and peace-making, national identity, migration, media and the environment. Politics affects all us and its relevance to the real world allows you to explore interests and careers in a number of directions.

*Exceptions and special arrangements

Students on the following Single Honours degrees **are not eligible** to take a minor subject in Year 1:

- Evolutionary Anthropology
- Modern European Languages

Students coming into our Single Honours Hispanic Studies degree with A-level Spanish may do an **optional** minor subject; for Beginners in Spanish Language on this degree a minor subject is **required**.