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THE LITTLE BOOK OF
**APPLIED
LANGUAGES
AT BROOKES**





What will I study?

In year 1 you will choose a primary foreign language and a secondary language to learn from scratch. You will also take modules in your chosen specialist pathway.

In year 2 you will develop your language skills further, and you'll combine this with more modules that allow further study of your specialist pathway, whilst preparing you for year 3 – your placement year!

In year 3 you will carry out a work placement and perfect your language skills whilst being immersed in the culture of the country where your primary language is spoken. You can choose to continue with your secondary language by going on a study placement at one of our partner universities.

When you return to Oxford for your **final year** you will have the opportunity to choose modules which concentrate further on those specific aspects of your specialism, work placement, and language that you uncovered and developed during your period abroad. You will also use this year to complete a research project in your primary language based on your work placement.

Our friendly, close-knit team will help you get the most out of the course. You will have your own academic advisor from within the languages team and all lecturers have scheduled office hours where you'll be encouraged to talk outside of the classroom to discuss your work and ideas.



Which languages can I study?

Primary language: French, Spanish or English as a foreign language. You'll usually be expected to graduate with a C1 European Common Framework of Reference level of proficiency in your primary language.

Secondary language: German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, or French. All can be studied from beginners' level, but you can study French or Spanish at the same level as your primary language. You can choose to drop your secondary language at the end of Year 2 or continue until Year 4.

You will have lots of opportunities to explore issues in greater depth, practice your language skills with a native speaker, and improve your linguistic and interpersonal skills.



LIBRARY



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“The resources on offer at Oxford Brookes include something for everyone, and are constantly being improved. Without the support of Oxford Brookes, I would not have had the skills or the professional experience to be able to apply for such a competitive work placement.”
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PIPPA HAGGART, GRADUATE

Which specialist pathways can I follow?

You will follow your specialist pathway throughout your course alongside your languages and can choose from many different subject areas:

Business: this pathway also gives you the option to either gain a broad knowledge of business or to focus specifically on Human Resource Management, Marketing or Strategy.

Education

Film Studies

History of Art

**International Relations/
Politics**



You will be taught by tutors and researchers who are experts in their field. The specific style of teaching varies between modules and specialisms but is likely to include a mix of seminars, lectures, tutorials and group work.

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“Thanks to my course I have become much more confident in my ability to speak a foreign language and I have improved my writing skills in both English and French. I have also learnt how to manage my time more effectively, and work alongside others and independently.”
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LUCY HUNT, GRADUATE
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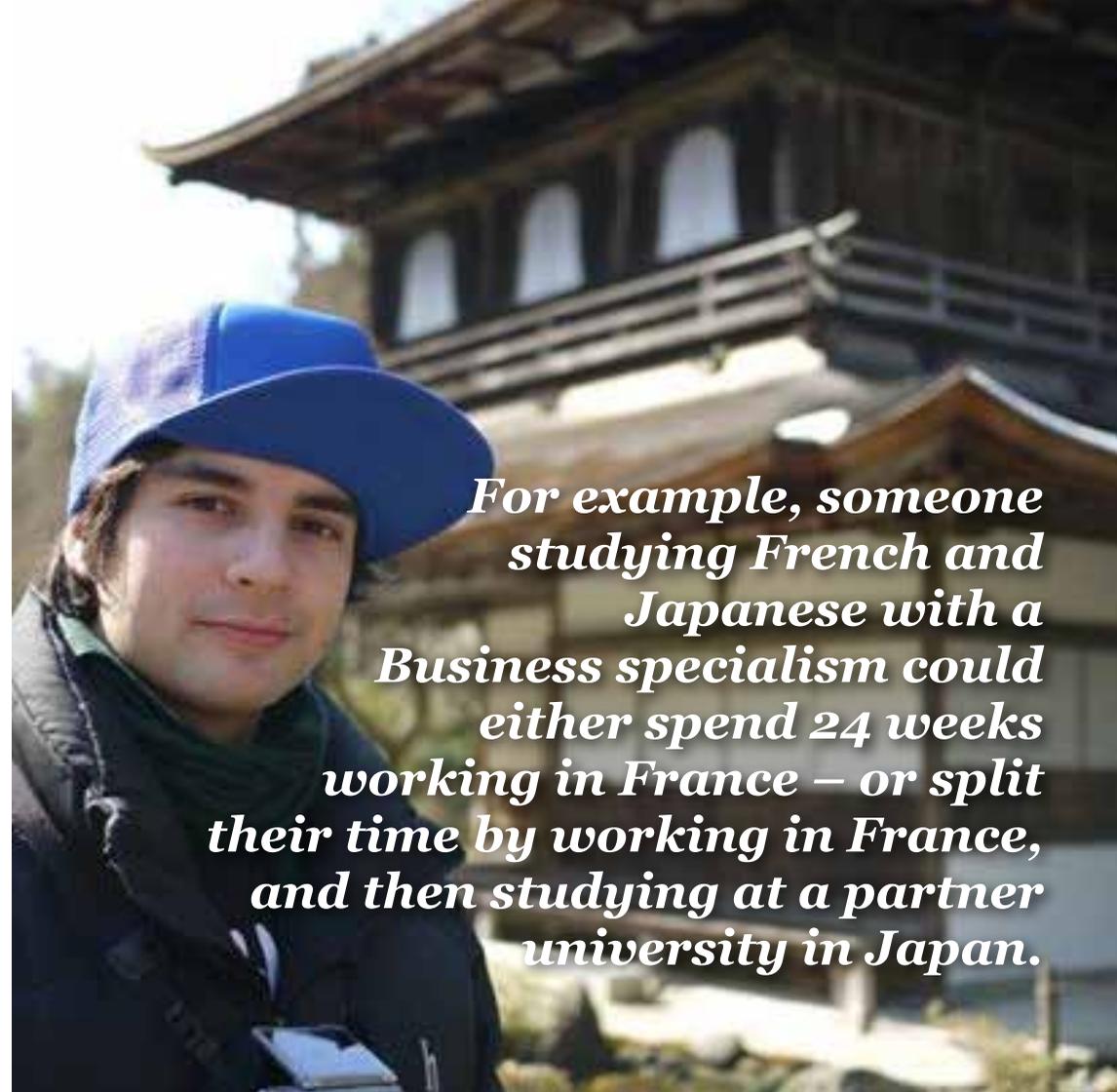


Your placement year!

You will fine-tune your language skills and be immersed in the culture of a country where your primary language is spoken.

There are two options for the way you spend your year. Choose a placement that suits you so that you can apply your knowledge from your specialism and become fluent in your primary foreign language. The second option is to focus on both your languages.

Students have undertaken placements at Air France, Alcatel-Lucent telecommunications, Go Fluent language schools, Christie's Auction House, and KCD fashion public relations. The language skills, cultural awareness, and experience you gain will make your CV shine.



For example, someone studying French and Japanese with a Business specialism could either spend 24 weeks working in France – or split their time by working in France, and then studying at a partner university in Japan.



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“I spent my year abroad in Grenoble, in the French Alps. It was a brilliant year, something that I’d definitely repeat if given the option. Not only did my French greatly improve but I also met people from all around the world and enjoyed experiences that I will never forget. My highlight was being able to ski every weekend!”

CHRIS STONE, GRADUATES IN 2017
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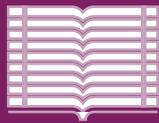


Studying Languages in Oxford

Oxford is one of the UK's top cities for culture and has a worldwide reputation for academic excellence. The city's two universities attract 40,000 students from around the world, so it's a truly multicultural place to learn a language, as well as being rich in heritage and entertainment.

Oxford remains a small enough city to feel welcoming and accessible, but also contains one of the highest concentrations of NGOs outside of London, so it's a fantastic location to get some work experience and build your future career.

In your fourth year you will also have access to Oxford University's Bodleian Library, an incredible and unique resource that you can use to complete your final research project.





Research and language expertise

You will be taught by tutors who are active researchers with strong international reputations. They draw on their own research to create a programme that is stimulating and enjoyable, whatever language and specialist pathway you choose to take.

We encourage you to become a researcher in your own right in your time at Brookes, and by designing and undertaking your own research you will develop excellent analytical and independent study skills, adding weight to your CV.

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