

LANGUAGE MATTERS

**APPLIED
LINGUISTICS**

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 2020/21



WARWICK
THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



WE EXPLORE LANGUAGE TOGETHER.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LIFE, YOU'LL BE DOING IT WITH LANGUAGE. **LANGUAGE MATTERS.**

Your understanding of society, politics, relationships, and indeed of reality itself, are shaped by language. You read, hear, write and say words that influence people's actions and make an impact on the world. You exchange ideas with people across barriers and borders. And you do something that, in the billions of years of known history of the universe, only one species has done: talk.

1st

in the UK for our
Learning Community
*National Student
Survey 2018*

7th

in the UK for
Linguistics
*The Complete
University Guide
2020*

WE DISCOVER.

BE PART OF A DYNAMIC INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

From day one you will be applying cutting-edge research to real-world issues. At Warwick, you will engage with the best knowledge, theories, and practices in language, linguistics, culture, and communication. You will use your knowledge to explore, challenge, understand, and address problems and find meaningful solutions.

We want you to show passion for the topics that fire your emotions. We want you to have space to be vocal, opinionated and bold. We don't want you disengaged or passive in cavernous lecture theatres. Our classroom environment is interactive and engaging, you'll work

in small classes taught by leading researchers, with at least three hours face-to-face contact time per module per week, plus plenty of opportunities for additional support outside the classroom.

Join us and be empowered to ask questions about the world around you and to develop the confidence to know you can make a positive impact on society. You'll have the freedom to feed your curiosity, discover what interests you and gain new perspectives. You will have an abundance of support along your journey and be provided with a personalised teaching experience that can adapt to you.





WE RESEARCH.

We are committed to research that makes a real difference to society and people's lives by informing policy, changing practice and challenging perceptions.

Our approach identifies, investigates, and offers solutions to problems related to language and communication in all aspects of human life.

No matter which programme you choose, you'll design and conduct your own research projects from the very beginning of your course, and you'll get to tailor projects to your emerging scholarly interests. We want to support you towards developing a breadth of practical, problem-solving skills.



'Throughout every year of the course I've been made very aware of opportunities to engage in research and projects related to and also outside of my degree. I set up a Linguistics-based society organising talks and careers events, conducted two funded research projects working with PhD students and academic professionals, and presented my findings at a prestigious conference. I'm now working on publishing my first paper too.'

TOM | BA LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

FIRST YEAR CORE MODULES

Research, Academic and Professional Skills

Begin your work investigating, discovering, and communicating as an academic researcher. Design your own research project. Engage with relevant world-leading scholarship. Create and conduct an experiment or inquiry. Write and deliver your results. Do all this with close mentorship to support your emergence as a scholar and researcher.

Language in Society

Explore key issues in relationships and interactions among language, context, power, identity, ideology, ethnicity, multilingualism, and policy. Identify problems, issues, and challenges at the intersections of language and society, and apply linguistic analyses to real-world datasets. Use your findings to recommend research-based solutions to real problems.

OPPORTUNITIES

Undergraduate Research Support Scheme

You'll have the opportunity to apply for Undergraduate Support Scheme (URSS) funding, which would enable you to conduct a major independent research project under direct guidance from Centre for Applied Linguistics academic staff.

Applied Linguistics International Research Students' Conference

You may participate in the Warwick International Conference in Applied Linguistics, organised by Centre for Applied Linguistics students. You might showcase your research as a presenter, engage with undergraduate and graduate researchers from many countries, or help organise and lead the international event.



OUR COURSES.

BA LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION WITH INTERCALATED YEAR

Entry Requirements A level AAB, IB:36

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND COMMUNICATION?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOW LANGUAGE AND DISCOURSE SHAPE AND INFLUENCE SOCIETY?

DO YOU WANT TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH PEOPLE IN AN INCREASINGLY GLOBALISED WORLD?

Our Language, Culture, and Communication degree is a globally unique interdisciplinary programme that prepares students to forge careers in the international marketplace.

The degree combines elements of linguistics, intercultural communication, social psychology and public relations. You will develop a unique combination of intellectual, analytical, research, and communication

skills, and apply them in a range of authentic situations. You'll also develop your expertise in communicating effectively in different contexts, cultures and languages, and acquire first-hand experience of living abroad and working in multicultural contexts.

FIRST YEAR CURRENT CORE MODULES

- Linguistics: Understanding Language
- Foreign Language Learning
- Culture, Cognition and Society
- Language in Society
- Research, Academic and Professional Skills

BA ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Entry Requirements A level AAB, IB:36

ARE YOU FASCINATED BY THE UNIQUELY HUMAN CAPACITY FOR LANGUAGE?

DO YOU WANT TO EXAMINE ENGLISH ALL AROUND THE WORLD?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY?

Our English Language and Linguistics programme engages you in the systematic study of language with a specific focus on English. You'll learn to analyse the structure of English, and the ways people use English to structure the world. You'll explore the evolution of English from a set of dialects on an island to a global lingua franca, and examine ways that Englishes continue to change today. You'll learn more generally about how

language is formed, acquired, learned, and used. You'll develop an extensive set of qualitative and quantitative research skills, and practice oral and written communication intensively. From here, you can consider careers ranging from journalism, media, publishing, marketing to teaching English internationally, and may pursue further study toward fields like speech pathology or speech recognition.

FIRST YEAR CURRENT CORE MODULES

- Linguistics: Understanding Language
- Language in Society
- Describing English Language
- The History and Spread of English
- First Language Acquisition
- Research, Academic and Professional Skills

OUR COURSES.

BA LINGUISTICS WITH A MODERN LANGUAGE

ARABIC | CHINESE | FRENCH | GERMAN | ITALIAN | JAPANESE | PORTUGUESE | RUSSIAN | SPANISH

Entry Requirements A level AAB, IB:36

DO YOU LOVE LANGUAGES?

DO YOU LIKE TO COMMUNICATE MULTILINGUALLY?

ARE YOU FASCINATED BY THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES AMONG LANGUAGES?

By studying linguistics together with a non-English language, you'll explore the fascinating human capacity for language, while also building your linguistic fluency. As a linguist, you will learn about the structure and function of language, and about relationships between language and society. You'll also study and practice written and oral communication in a language besides English, and learn broadly about communicating

across languages and cultures. Your skills in linguistic analysis will support your language learning, and your knowledge of language will complement your work as a linguist. This course opens many career opportunities that require the knowledge and skills of both a modern language and a deep understanding of language, culture and communication.

FIRST YEAR CURRENT CORE MODULES

- Linguistics: Understanding Language
- Culture, Cognition and Society
- Language in Society
- Research, Academic and Professional Skills

WE EXPLORE.

STUDY ABROAD

Enrich your cultural understanding and enjoy a transformational experience studying abroad.

You have the opportunity to do an intercalated year abroad in your third year; meaning you will complete your degree in four years instead of three. You have the freedom to choose where you go out of a large pool of leading universities around the world, to discover and explore new cultures, learn with bright minds from all over the world and to have an unforgettable experience. You will spend the year at one of our world-class partner universities in Europe, Australia, Japan, China and Latin America, among many other destinations.

With so much choice, you may struggle to choose just one country... so choose two! You have the option to share your year abroad across two different Universities, studying or working a semester in each.

Most partner universities offer modules taught in English, so you can easily integrate into the academic life of the overseas university even if you are not fluent in the local language.

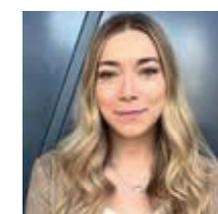
WORK PLACEMENTS

It is also possible for you to source a course-related work placement (either abroad or in the UK) during your intercalated year to help you enhance your career profile. Wherever you want to go, whatever you want to do, we will support you to get there.

- Further develop your transferable skills and enhance your future employability.
- Volunteer with projects that make a real contribution to a global society.
- Enhance your foreign language skills and further develop your intercultural competence.
- Make new friends from all over the globe.
- Our students have contributed to environmental projects in the Philippines, helped refugees in Denmark, taught English in Shanghai and coached e-sports in Korea.

'I was extremely worried to start with about whether I had made the right decision, I can now say that spending the year abroad was the best decision I have ever made! I made some incredible friends on my year abroad, as well as having some amazing experiences travelling round Australia. I saw a part of the world that would never normally be available to me, and I loved every second of it. I found that the whole experience has made me a more confident, more independent person who is no longer afraid to try new things and take myself out of my comfort zone.'

BETHANY | BA LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION



WE HAVE FUN.

THE LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

The Linguistics Society is the official student society in the Centre for Applied Linguistics. It is a fun, welcoming society that gives members the opportunity to mingle with their peers whilst also interacting with the department for academic and career advice.

The Linguistics Society promotes talks, debates, and other educational events as well as regular socials on and off campus where you can meet fascinating people and have a laugh while you're at it. They organise trips to SU Union events, movie nights and the annual Spring Ball.

Coming to university is a daunting experience and we understand that. The Linguistics Society have set up a mentor scheme for first years to have one-on-one support with a peer from a different year. They also run a buddy scheme to help freshers with their transition into university.

The Linguistics Society is an integral part of the Centre for Applied Linguistics, and will greatly enhance your experience both inside and outside the classroom.



'The Linguistics Society is at the heart of the student experience in the department, from helping you integrate and settle in in the first few weeks to organising regular social events for everyone to get involved with. As with all societies, we are student led, but what makes us particularly unique is the amount of scope the department gives us to work with to make sure we cover all the bases.'

The department is multicultural, and our society reflects this: we try to accommodate everyone and put our amazing student community at the centre of what we do. From academic and pastoral support to social events that count for everyone, we make sure that we focus on CAL's students. The department community has real opportunity to get involved and help continue to shape a student society that works for students.

We've had some great times and have no plan to stop now. We hope to see you soon!'

ED | LINGUISTICS
SOCIETY PRESIDENT
19/20



WE GROW.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With our focus on interdisciplinary skills, your course in Warwick's Centre for Applied Linguistics will open a range of career opportunities. Since language is crucial to every successful career, it's hard to imagine a professional path that wouldn't benefit from one of our courses, and you'll leave with skills to help your professional life and career progression including:

- Expertise in linguistics, culture, communication, and languages.
- The ability to apply your expertise to solve real-world problems concerning language.
- A global mindset and heightened cultural awareness.
- The ability to think critically and innovatively around a range of language and communication issues.

CELTA (CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

Independent of your course, you may apply to complete training in CELTA through the Department. This is a globally recognised English language teaching qualification that is highly respected by employers.

'Five years ago, I chose to study at Warwick mainly because of one reason, it offers a degree that no other university offers. I wanted to learn the theory behind the use of language, I wanted to know how these theories are and can be applied in real life, and I wanted to explore how I can use what I have learnt in areas that I am interested in. Looking back, being in a small class also really helped the learning experience and enriched my student experience. Being in a small class means you are given more attention to and you have a tighter community who you can explore and exchange ideas with, which is something that only this degree can offer.'

After I graduated, I interned at a public relations company in Hong Kong for three months and was turned into a permanent worker afterwards. I was attracted to public relations because it is very fast-paced, and you get to meet people from different industries. Having worked in this industry for over a year now, it still amazes me how many different people that I get to meet with and how challenging, but rewarding, that can be.'

EUNICE CHAN | Executive at Edelman Public Relations and studied for a BA Language, Culture and Communications.



WE SUPPORT.

You will be taught and you will develop your research skills alongside passionate, enthusiastic academic staff who are recognised globally for their expertise in language, linguistics, communication, psychology, education, learning, and culture.

PERSONAL TUTORS

You will be supported throughout your journey of discovery and help you to develop your interests to take you beyond your studies. As a student in the Centre for Applied Linguistics you will have a Personal Tutor who will meet you regularly to support your learning experience, answer questions and offer useful suggestions on a range of topics from academic writing to career decisions.

OUR STAFF



PROFESSOR JO ANGOURI
DIRECTOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

I have always been fascinated by language and how we use language to 'do things'. I started my journey as a theoretical linguist interested primarily in syntax. Early in my career as an undergraduate student, however, I had the good fortune to read anthropology and philosophy. Both played an important role in my thinking in different ways. I turned to sociolinguistics and pragmatics. My research sits at the interface of sociolinguistics, pragmatics and discourse analysis. I am committed to multidisciplinary and my research interests include workplace interaction (corporate/health); multilingualism, diversity and migration and language and politics. I am co-directing two international research networks, one under the Warwick-Monash alliance on Migration Identity and Translation and one under AILA on Migrants in Working life.



DR CHRISTOPHER STRELLUF
PROGRAMME LEADER,
BA ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Linguistics excites me because I care about how people do things with language and how language does things to people. Most of my work has focused on describing dialects of English, and identifying changes in dialects resulting from a range of social and linguistic factors. I've worked primarily with data from the UK and US, but I'm increasingly turning to a broader range of global Englishes. I also work on practical projects in the region around Warwick to empower language use and to identify and reduce linguistic injustices, and I've talked about language and linguistics on a range of media in the UK and US. Warwick's Centre for Applied Linguistics is a unique space to do meaningful and important work with language that affects the real world.



DR ELLEN SMITH-DENNIS
WIDENING PARTICIPATION/
SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

My interest in linguistics started because I love learning new languages - I like being able to talk to people when I'm travelling, and I'm fascinated by words and 'cracking the code' of how humans put words together. My research centres around describing how lesser-known or endangered languages are structured; discovering how the world's languages are similar and why; and investigating what happens when speakers of different languages interact - how they become multilingual, how they borrow words or grammar and potentially change their languages, or even how they might choose one language over another. I began my teaching career by teaching English as a foreign language in Brazil, Portugal and Indonesia and I've been teaching general linguistics since 2012 at universities in Australia, Fiji and London, before joining Warwick in 2016.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are made through UCAS ucas.com. If you are made and accept an offer, and get the required grades in your exams we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you at the start of your life here at Warwick. For more detailed information about how we process your application please visit:

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS

We welcome applications from international students. Local advice about the application procedure is available from all British Council offices and Warwick representatives.

warwick.ac.uk/study/international

STUDENT FEES AND FUNDING

We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families.

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studentfunding

For more information about fees and funding for both home/EU and Overseas students see:

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studentfunding

ACCOMMODATION

Warwick Accommodation manages over 6,700 rooms on campus across a range of self-catered residences. There is an excellent network of support staff in the Residential Life Team, and wider University.

warwick.ac.uk/accommodation

VISIT US

The university organise four open days in early summer and in autumn for students wishing to visit the university, including opportunities to visit the academic departments of your choice.

warwick.ac.uk/opendays

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