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**GEORGIA CIULLA**, ITALY  
FRENCH AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS BA HONOURS



“WESTMINSTER WAS A FANTASTIC PLACE TO BE, THERE WAS ALWAYS SO MUCH GOING ON.”

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»» Our Languages courses have a strong focus on applied language skills and we consider the study of culture integral to the study of language. Our wide choice of courses ensures that you will find the one that suits your particular interests and needs. Study Abroad and work placement opportunities are also available to all students.

»» Our courses are taught in small classes, and all of our lecturers are professional linguists or specialists in their academic discipline who have used their language and intercultural skills in the real world. You will also benefit from our excellent facilities, including our Learning Advice Centre, and access to foreign language satellite channels.

»» Your career prospects will be significantly strengthened by the professional relevance of our course content. We will also support you to improve your employability through our Multilingua project for all undergraduate students, which includes career management training, language-related employment and voluntary opportunities, and professional simulations as part of the curriculum.

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For more information about Languages courses visit the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages website at [westminster.ac.uk/sshl](http://westminster.ac.uk/sshl)

**Other related areas/courses you might be interested in:**

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## Contemporary Arabic Studies BA Honours

## Contemporary Chinese Studies BA Honours

**At Westminster we aim to train competent linguists with a deep knowledge of the contemporary cultural context, ready to enter graduate employment. We place particular emphasis on employability and offer high quality teaching in all language skills and methods of cultural analysis.**

**We offer Arabic and Chinese only as single honours on these awards, and we only accept Beginners.**

### Course content

You will achieve a high level of linguistic competence in Arabic or Chinese in all four skill areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking), and demonstrate a high degree of proficiency in mediating between Arabic or Chinese and English. You will be able to function in different cultural situations and acquire the generic qualities and skills of a humanities graduate, in particular in the areas of interpersonal communication and organisational skills, flexibility and tolerance, analysis and argument, autonomy and team working, and team management. These skills and qualities will put you in a very strong position in a competitive job market.

You will study modules in Arabic and Chinese from the following strands: Language Development (teaching of the four skills by native and non-native speakers), Languages in Action (focus on professional context and communication skills in and out of the target language and English) and Area Studies (the cultural context, including the advanced study of key modern and contemporary texts and other contemporary cultural artefacts).

### Year abroad

An exciting and integral part of the Contemporary Arabic/Chinese Studies BA Honours is the year spent studying abroad. This is designed to enhance your language skills and allows you to experience the culture of the language you are studying. Usually you are placed in universities with which we have formal exchange agreements, and follow a programme of study agreed beforehand.

We currently have exchange agreements with different partners in the Arab world and China. Students of Arabic may travel to Egypt, Jordan and Syria and students of Chinese to a wide range of universities in China. These examples are given for the purpose of illustration only; the arrangements for the year abroad may vary considerably from year to year due to factors beyond the University's control, but we do guarantee an appropriate placement for every student enrolled on this course.

### Length of course

Four to six years full-time; five to nine years part-time, including a full, compulsory academic year abroad

### UCAS codes

See p106

### Location

Central London (Regent)

### Teaching and assessment

Our teaching and learning methods seek to foster confidence in language and communication skills, to promote the ability to analyse and evaluate critically diverse and complex forms of information and argument, and to encourage an interdisciplinary approach to cross-cultural practices. Teaching methods are student centred, most notably through the explicit use of task-based and enquiry-based approaches to learning. Assessment will usually involve course work and an examination.

### Associated careers

Our graduates have found employment in various other sectors, such as law, marketing, journalism, the Civil Service, administration, international business and financial services. Many have built on the skills acquired throughout the degree and opted for a postgraduate qualification.

### Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBC including a language (but not English)
International Baccalaureate	30 points including a minimum of 4 in a language other than English at Higher Level
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

At Westminster we aim to train competent linguists in modern languages ready to enter graduate employment. We place particular emphasis on employability and the contemporary cultural context, and offer high quality teaching in all language skills. We offer French, Spanish and German on these awards. You can combine any two of these languages with one other. You must have studied at least one of your chosen languages to A Level standard or equivalent. We accept students at two different entry points for these awards, Beginner and Intermediate, although please note that in German we only accept students at entry point Intermediate. Restrictions apply and all language combinations are offered subject to timetable availability. Please note that we may need to test you to determine your entry point.

**Course content**

You will achieve a good or high level of linguistic competence in your chosen languages in all four skill areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking), and demonstrate a good or high degree of proficiency in mediating between your foreign language and English. You will be able to function in different cultural situations and acquire the generic qualities and skills of a humanities graduate, in particular in the areas of interpersonal communication and organisational skills, flexibility and tolerance, analysis and argument, autonomy and team working, and team management. These skills and qualities will put you in a very strong position in a competitive job market.

Depending on your particular combination or degree you will study modules in one or both languages from one or more of the following strands: Language Development (teaching of the four skills by native and non-native speakers), Languages in Action (focus on professional context and communication skills in and out of the target language and English) and Area Studies (cultural context).

**Year abroad**

An exciting and integral part of Modern Languages BA Honours is the year spent studying abroad. This is designed to enhance your language skills and allows you to experience the culture of the language(s) you are studying. Usually you are placed in universities with which we have formal exchange agreements, and follow a programme of study agreed beforehand. The option of working as a language assistant in secondary schools abroad also exists for those whose first language is English, and shorter placements are available.

We currently have exchange agreements with more than 40 universities in the European Union and beyond. Some of these are particularly unusual and exciting. For example, students of Spanish may go to Argentina or Mexico as well as Spain; students of French to Martinique, La Réunion and Tunisia, as well as France and Belgium. The arrangements for the year abroad may vary considerably from year to year due to factors beyond the University's control, but we do guarantee an appropriate placement for every student enrolled on this course.

**Length of course**

Language Studies BA Honours: three-year, full-time or four to six years part-time

Modern Languages BA Honours: four-year, full-time sandwich degree, or five to nine years part-time, including a full academic year abroad

**UCAS codes**

See p106

**Location**

Central London (Regent)

**Teaching and assessment**

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**Associated careers**

Our graduates have found employment as translators, interpreters and teachers, and in various other sectors, such as law, marketing, journalism, the Civil Service, administration, international business and financial services. Many have also opted for a postgraduate qualification.

**Typical offer for September 2011**

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## Language and Other Disciplines BA Honours

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**We accept students at three different entry points: Beginner, Intermediate and Proficient. Proficient speakers can only study a minor in the chosen language, and combinations with History are only available to Intermediate (post-A) entrants. German is only available to Intermediate (post-A) entrants or higher. Please note that we may need to test you to determine your entry point.**

### Course content

You will acquire a good or high level of linguistic competence in your chosen language in all four skill areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking), and demonstrate a good or high degree of proficiency in mediating between your chosen language and English. You will be able to function in different cultural situations and acquire the generic qualities and skills of a humanities graduate, particularly in the areas of interpersonal communication and organisational skills, flexibility and tolerance, analysis and argument, autonomy and team working, and team management. These skills and qualities will put you in a very strong position in a competitive job market.

You will study language modules from one or more of the following strands: Language Development (teaching of the four skills by native and non-native speakers), Languages in Action (focus on professional context and communication skills in and out of the target language and English) and Area Studies (cultural context).

Depending on your particular combination you will study a set of core modules or a set of core and optional modules in your other discipline. Please refer to the following pages for information about your other discipline: English Language (p84-88) • English Literature (p89) • History (p179) • International Relations (p165) • Linguistics (p91, p93)

### Year abroad

If you are studying your language at Beginner or Intermediate Level you have the opportunity to spend a full academic year abroad at a partner institution and/or approved form of employment in a country where your chosen language is the official language. More information is available under the Modern Languages BA Honours course (see p103).

### Length of course

Three or four-year, full-time; four to six, or five to nine years part-time with an optional year abroad

### UCAS codes

See p106

### Location

Central London (Regent)

### Teaching and assessment

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### Associated careers

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**The course offers Chinese, French and Spanish as main languages, which you can combine with another language (Arabic, Chinese, French, German or Spanish) or Linguistics, depending on your entry point. For Chinese we only accept Proficient speakers to this award. In Spanish and French we accept Intermediate (post-A) and Proficient speakers. This is a linguistically challenging course and we may need to assess you in order to determine your entry point and suitability.**

### Course content

In your major language you will study modules from the following strands: Languages in Action (focus on professional context and communication skills in and out of your chosen language), Bilingual Translation (theories of translation and their application) and Translation as Cultural Practice (issues of translation in culture and society). You will study Language Development modules for your second language or a set of core modules for Linguistics.

If your entry point is Intermediate (post-A), then you will study Language Development in your main language, effectively taking a single honours degree in French or Spanish.

### Year abroad

If you are entry point Intermediate (post-A) in your main language, or you are studying your second language from Beginner or Intermediate Level, then you have the option of spending a full year abroad for this language. More information is available under the Modern Languages BA Honours course (see p103).

### International Foundation course

We work in partnership with Kaplan International College (KIC) London to provide Foundation courses for international students who don't meet our Bachelors degree entry requirements. If you complete your KIC London course at the required level, you are guaranteed progression to study at Westminster on selected Bachelors degrees. See p185, or for more information visit [kiclondon.org.uk](http://kiclondon.org.uk)

### Length of course

Three or four-year, full-time; four to six, or five to nine years part-time, with an optional year abroad available on certain routes

### UCAS codes

See p106

### Location

Central London (Regent)

### Teaching and assessment

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### Associated careers

Our graduates have found employment as translators, interpreters and teachers (both in foreign languages and English as a Foreign Language), and in various other sectors, such as law, marketing, journalism, the Civil Service, administration, international business and financial services. Many have also opted for a postgraduate qualification.

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International Baccalaureate	30 points including a minimum of 4 in a language other than English at Higher Level
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

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## Combination UCAS codes

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ARABIC AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE .....	QTH6
ARABIC AND ENGLISH LITERATURE .....	QT36
ARABIC AND LINGUISTICS .....	TQ61
CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE .....	TQ13
CHINESE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE .....	QT31
CHINESE AND LINGUISTICS .....	TQ11
CONTEMPORARY ARABIC STUDIES.....	T600
CONTEMPORARY CHINESE STUDIES.....	T100
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FRENCH .....	QRH1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GERMAN .....	QR32
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND SPANISH .....	QRH4
ENGLISH LITERATURE AND FRENCH .....	QR31
ENGLISH LITERATURE AND GERMAN .....	QR3F
ENGLISH LITERATURE AND SPANISH .....	QR34
FRENCH AND LINGUISTICS .....	RQ11
FRENCH AND SPANISH .....	RR14
GERMAN AND FRENCH .....	RR21
GERMAN AND SPANISH .....	RR24
HISTORY AND FRENCH .....	RV11
HISTORY AND GERMAN .....	VR12
HISTORY AND SPANISH .....	VR14
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ARABIC .....	ITG6
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CHINESE .....	IT2C
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FRENCH .....	LR21
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GERMAN .....	LR22
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SPANISH .....	LR24
JOURNALISM AND CONTEMPORARY ARABIC STUDIES .....	PT56
JOURNALISM AND CONTEMPORARY CHINESE STUDIES .....	PT51
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LINGUISTICS AND SPANISH .....	RQ41
TRANSLATION STUDIES (CHINESE) .....	QT91
TRANSLATION STUDIES (FRENCH) .....	QR91
TRANSLATION STUDIES (SPANISH) .....	QR94