

# Translation Studies - Modern Languages PhD/MA by Research (On-Campus or by Distance Learning)

This PhD in the Department of Modern Languages offers promising candidates the opportunity to carry out research in the field of Translation Studies. Research strengths include: literary translation and reception; the history of translation; adaptation; and genre and translation.

Research in Translation Studies at Birmingham spans Modern Languages, English and Classics, so it is also possible to undertake **[doctoral research in translation studies in the Department of English](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/english/translation-studies.aspx)** ([/postgraduate/courses/research/english/translation-studies.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/english/translation-studies.aspx)).

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## Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Distance learning, doctoral research

**Study Options:** Distance learning, full time, part time

**Duration:** PhD – 3 years full-time; 6 years part-time; MA by Research – 1 year full-time; 2 years part-time

**Start date:** January or September

## Contact

Research degrees are best planned by individual discussion, so if you have a particular subject area in mind, please contact a staff member working in your area of interest in the first instance. See '**[Research interests](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/lang/translation-studies-languages.aspx#ResearchInterestsTab)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/lang/translation-studies-languages.aspx#ResearchInterestsTab>)' for more information.

**[School of Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music](/schools/lcahm/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/index.aspx>)

**[Department of Modern Languages: French Studies](/schools/lcahm/departments/french/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/departments/french/index.aspx>)

**[Department of Modern Languages: Italian Studies](/schools/lcahm/departments/italian/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/departments/italian/index.aspx>)

**[Department of Modern Languages: German Studies](/schools/lcahm/departments/german/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/departments/german/index.aspx>)

**[Department of Modern Languages: Hispanic Studies](/schools/lcahm/departments/hispanic/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/departments/hispanic/index.aspx>)

**[Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics](/schools/edacs/departments/englishlanguage/index.aspx)** (</schools/edacs/departments/englishlanguage/index.aspx>)

**[Department of Modern Languages](/schools/lcahm/departments/languages/index.aspx)** (</schools/lcahm/departments/languages/index.aspx>)

## Details

The MA by Research programme requires you to prepare a dissertation of up to 40000 words on a topic of your choice, for which an academic staff member will provide expert supervision.

The PhD – the most advanced research degree – leads to a dissertation of up to 80000 words on a subject of your choice and under the expert supervision of an academic member of staff.

You can study an MA by Research or PhD programme on campus or **[by Distance Learning](/students/courses/postgraduate/research/arts-law-inter/distance-learning.aspx)** (</students/courses/postgraduate/research/arts-law-inter/distance-learning.aspx>).



**</research/activity/bct/postgraduate/current.aspx>**

## Fees and funding

We charge an annual tuition fee. Fees for 2015/16 are currently as follows:

Home / EU £4,090 full-time; £2,045 part-time

Overseas: £13,195 full-time; £6,597.50 part-time

For part-time students, the above fee quoted is for year one only and tuition fees will also be payable in subsequent years of your programme.

Tuition fees can either be paid in full or by instalments.

Eligibility for Home/EU or Overseas fees can be verified with Admissions. Learn more about **[fees for international students](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx>).

Learn more about **[postgraduate tuition fees and funding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx>).

## Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships to cover fees and/or maintenance costs may be available. To be eligible for these awards, candidates must hold either an offer of a place to study or have submitted an application to study at the University. To discover whether you are eligible for any award across the University, and to start your funding application, please

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

## Entry requirements

Learn more about [entry requirements \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx)

### International students

#### Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications; our [country pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

#### English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an [English language qualification \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx) to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our [English courses for international students \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)

## How to apply

### Before you make your application

You may wish to [register your interest with us \(https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate\)](https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate) to receive regular news and updates on postgraduate life within this Department and the wider University.

### Making your application

#### For applicants to the PhD Distance Learning study mode only:

As part of the application process for the distance learning study mode, we will ask you to provide evidence to demonstrate that you have the time, commitment, facilities and experience to study for a PhD by Distance Learning. Please be prepared to provide evidence, and details, of the following:

- Examples of your postgraduate research experience and ability to work independently e.g. papers/presentations at professional and academic conferences or publications in professional journals or previous completion of an independent research project, etc.
- Full reasons (academic and personal) for registering for the distance learning mode of study rather than by standard full or part-time on-campus options. In particular, how you will be able to carry out your project in your chosen location.
- Access to local library facilities (where needed)
- Access to IT facilities
- Access to communications, including e-mail and visual communication media e.g. Skype and Facetime
- Access to facilities to support any study-related disability (where appropriate)

You can upload this information at the time of application - when asked to provide supporting documentation - or via your applicant portal once you have submitted your application.

#### For all applicants:

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CALo88.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CALo88.htm)

## Research interests of staff

[Dr Hilary Brown \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/german/brown-hilary.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/german/brown-hilary.aspx): history of translation in Enlightenment Europe; female translators; literary translation, especially the work of 'author-translators'

[Dr Angela Kershaw \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/french/kershaw-angela.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/french/kershaw-angela.aspx): reception of literary translation in the contemporary UK book market; translation and reception of contemporary French fiction about the Second World War and the Holocaust.

[Dr Pat Odber \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/hispanic/odber-patricia.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/hispanic/odber-patricia.aspx): a practising translator, teacher and an examiner for Universities in the UK, Ireland and Portugal, as well as the Institute of Linguists, She regularly publishes literary and cultural translations from Portuguese and Spanish.

[Dr Natalia Rulyova \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/russian/rulyova-natalia.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/russian/rulyova-natalia.aspx): 20th Century Russian poetry (Joseph Brodsky's poetry and auto-translations); genre and translation

[Dr Andrew Watts \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/french/watts-andrew.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/french/watts-andrew.aspx): nineteenth-century French literature and film adaptation; contemporary 're-imaginings' of nineteenth-century literature.

[Dr Gideon Nisbet \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/classics/nisbet-gideon.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/classics/nisbet-gideon.aspx): representation of ancient Greece and Rome to reading and viewing publics, particularly in contemporary popular media; the role of translation and non-fiction in explaining antiquity to non-elite audiences.

**Dr Diana Spencer** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/classics/spencer-diana.aspx>): Rome's reception of Greece, including language and genre translation issues; the reception of Rome in the post-Classical world.

**Dr Elena Theodorakopoulos** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/classics/Theodora.aspx>): translation/adaptation of classical literature by women writers; the reception of classical literature and myth in contemporary writing by women.

Additional supervision is available within the **Department of English** ([/postgraduate/courses/research/english/translation-studies.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/english/translation-studies.aspx)).

## Related research

- **Birmingham Centre for Translation** ([/research/activity/bct/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/bct/index.aspx))

## Employability

The University of Birmingham has been ranked 8th in the UK and 60th in the world for post-qualification employability in the latest global survey of universities commissioned by the International Herald Tribune.

Your degree will provide excellent preparation for employment and this will be further enhanced by the employability skills training offered through the College of Arts and Law Graduate School.

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Birmingham's Modern Languages postgraduates develop excellent communication skills, whilst cultural awareness and foreign language skills are highly sought after by employers. Postgraduates in Modern Languages also have a range of transferable skills including the ability to gather and interpret information, organisational skills and the ability to work well with others. Such skills can be used in a variety of occupations.

Over the past five years, over 94% of Modern Languages postgraduates were in work and/or further study six months after graduation. Some of our language graduates train to become professional linguists such as translators and interpreters. Others graduates enter employment where their language skills may be advantageous but not central to their role ? for example, within international organisations, the Civil Service and in the travel and hospitality industry. Employers that graduates have gone on to work for include: Arts and Humanities Research Council; Deloitte; Tate Britain Gallery; University of Manchester; and Zamyn (a communications agency).

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