

How will studying a language affect my university choices?

Universities value A level languages as rigorous and demanding qualifications. The variety of courses that you can combine with a language is huge. You could even get money to go on and spend part of your degree studying in another European university as part of the Erasmus programme!

What are the career options?

The ability to speak a second or even third language is highly prized by employers. On average, graduates who are able to speak a second language earn an additional 8%. Graduates in Modern Languages have amongst the highest employment rates of all university leavers. They go on to work in areas such as international banking and finance, law, commerce and business, translating and interpreting and the media.



Any more questions?

At A2 all the languages have had a 100% pass rate for the last 3 years and a high proportion gaining the highest grades.

We hope this brief outline of some of the things that languages can offer has helped you to think about your languages. If you have further questions do please contact:

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Other courses run by the department:

Chinese: Beginners Asset languages
Japanese Beginners Asset languages GCSE/ AS/A level
Italian: AS/A level (intensive course open to beginners)
Spanish: GCSE



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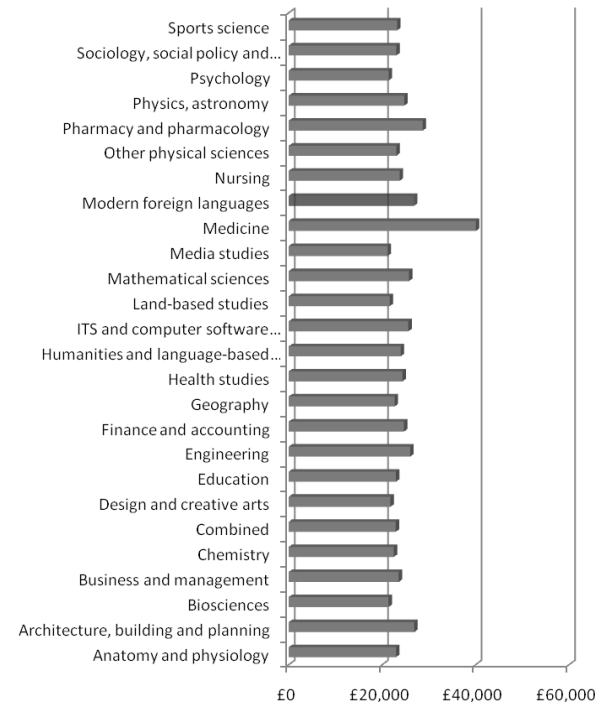
What are the exams like?

At the end of the year you sit two exams: an oral (worth 40%) and then a listening reading writing paper (60%). There is no coursework. For the listening part of the exam you are able to listen as often as you wish to the recording.

What is it like studying a language?

Lessons are very lively and fun and the facilities are also excellent. You will spend at least one hour a week in the language laboratory working with our brand new, state of the art facilities on listening, working with audio visual materials or the internet and our virtual learning environment (Moodle).

Government statistics on graduate income in 2008, 3 years after graduation show language graduates to be the 4th highest income earners.



All the languages have native language assistants. In addition to the 4 ½ hours a week lesson time, the assistant will work with you in smaller groups for 1 hour a week helping you to increase your fluency and develop your speaking skills.



Germany has the strongest economy and is the largest manufacturer in Europe.

What additional activities will I be able to take part in?

You will be encouraged to use the learning resources centre, which is well stocked in foreign language films books and magazines. We also go on trips; take students out to film screenings university study days, and open days.

Every year we offer students the opportunity to take part in one of our highly successful exchange programmes. For many languages students this is the highlight of their experience at Aquinas.



What GCSEs do you need?

You should have a GCSE at grade B or above in the language you intend to study.

Is it easy to go from learning GCSE to AS level languages?

As with any subject at this level you should find the transition challenging but manageable. AS level is a natural progression from GCSE and many of the topic areas will be familiar to you. This will make for a smoother transition to AS. What you will gain from taking up the challenge is the ability to speak, listen, read and write on a whole range of issues with confidence.