

# **Studying a language**

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✓ **up to A2**

✓ **up to AS**

✓ **after AS**

# What's the difference between GCSE & AS?

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- GCSE is mostly about 'me'. My family, my hobbies, my holidays, etc
- Regardless of what AS board we use, AS is about 'Society & Me' – about how everyday decisions and actions affect you, and it uses familiar topics to do this like family, health & tv



# What's the difference between AS & A2?

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- A2 is about 'The Wider Society' and looks at politics & law-making, science & technology, the media & so on
- Your control of grammar will grow over the 2 years and you will no longer be moving parts of grids around but using the language you want to use in order to say what you want to say – and sounding pretty darn good about it at the same time

# So what happens after AS or A2?

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That's up to you really, but experience indicates most students follow on some aspect of the languages they have studied in further education.

An AS does have a UCAS weighting and if you have one in a Language it genuinely opens doors for you.

An A2 is worth my, sorry its weight in gold.



# **Look at QUB's Degrees:**

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**Any language  
& combined with...**

**English, History, Music, Psychology,  
Politics, Economics, Geography,  
Linguistics, another language,  
Law, Computing, Mathematics,  
Management & Marketing, Theatre  
Studies, International Business,  
Combined Science, Womens Studies,  
Criminology, Physics, Chemistry**

**Or try their Language with...**

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**European Legal Studies**

**European Management**

**European Languages and  
Management Studies**

**European Politics, Society  
and Culture**



**If you study a Language as a major  
(having done A2) you also get a  
year abroad...**

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**Language Teaching Assistant**

**Student**

**Work placement**

And if you bring it in as an AS this option is still open to you; many courses offer a semester overseas

# GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT: WHAT QUB GRADUATES DO?

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- ✓ Zero unemployment
- ✓ 2/3 in graduate-level employment or postgraduate study
- ✓ Majority do 'degree + professional qualification or graduate training schemes'

Finance/Business      Media/Print Journalism  
Education / Teaching  
Translation / Interpreting      Export Marketing  
Publishing  
Tourism/Heritage      Fast Stream Civil Service  
Diplomatic Service



# It'll Get You a Job

Employers say they value the key skills developed by language learners, regardless of what level they join the organisation... – these include:

communication skills • team working skills  
interpersonal skills • presentational skills  
problem solving skills • organisational skills  
good learning strategies...

...but the better your qualification, the better  
your chances are