

## **Liberal Arts**

Liberal Arts is an interdisciplinary degree programme where you can select modules from a total of 6 schools; the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film together with the School of English and Drama, the School of Politics and International Relations, the School of Geography, the School of History and the School of Economics and Finance.

It is important to note that assessment patterns and processes may vary across each school and whatever school you are taking modules from please ensure to reach out for appropriate support from that school.

### **Overall programme structure and requirements, levels and modules.**

You must take 120 credits in each year of study, including the Year Abroad where this is seen as an integral part of the degree programme. You must meet all programme and pathway requirements, and will only be able to progress to the next developmental year if you have met the progression requirements.

It is advised that you select 60 credits of modules in your first semester and 60 credits in your second.

#### **YEAR 1**

- 30 credit compulsory module SML4006 Culture and Language
- 30 credits compulsory Language module: Student may select any ONE of the L1 or L2 entry-level Modern Language modules offered in MLC (current choice is between French, Russian, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese)
- Minimum 15 credits/Maximum 30 credits at Level 4 from the Global Cultures theme
- Minimum 15 credits/Maximum 30 credits at Level 4 from the Interactions: Societies and Cities theme
- Minimum 0 credits/Maximum 15 credits at Level 4 from the Language and Culture theme
- 15 credits at Level 4 which is classified within the Liberal Arts programme as a Discovery module

#### **PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS TO YEAR 2:**

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

#### **SELECTION OF MAJOR/MINOR THEME:**

In February of your first year you will select your major theme and your minor theme in a meeting with your Advisor. These theme selections will impact your choice of modules throughout the remainder of your degree.

If you select 'Language and Culture' as either a major or a minor theme you will be placed onto a 4 year degree programme and your third year will be placed abroad.

If you select either the major/minor combination for 'Global Cultures' AND 'Interactions: Societies and Cities' you will have the option to be on a 3-year degree programme, select a standard study abroad OR undertake a Year in Industry.

If you would like to change your combination of major and minor themes after the start of year 2 you would have to meet the progression requirements of your potential new theme combination. Following advice and discussion this request is subject to approval by the academic lead for Liberal Arts.

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## **YEAR 2**

Across all pathways you will take 30 credits of Liberal Arts compulsory modules:

- Thinking, Writing and Research across Cultures (Level 5 15 credits)
- EITHER LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling (Level 5 15 credits each)

### **Language and Culture Major / Global Cultures Minor**

- 45 credits in Major area (30 credits Language module and 15 credits option)
- 30 credits option from Minor area
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

### **Language and Culture Major / Interactions: Societies and Cities Minor**

- 45 credits in Major area (30 credits Language module and 15 credits option)
- 30 credits option(s) from Minor area
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

### **Global Cultures Major / Language and Culture Minor**

- 45 credits Major area option modules
- 30 credits Minor (30 credits Language module)
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

### **Global Cultures Major/ Interactions: Societies and Cities Minor**

- 45 credits from Major area
- 30 credits from Minor area
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

### **Interactions: Society and the Cities Major / Language and Culture Minor**

- 45 credits Major area option modules
- 30 credits Minor (30 credits Language module)
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

### **Interactions: Society and Cities Major / Global Cultures Minor**

- 45 credits from Major area
- 30 credits from Minor area
- 15 credit option from third area or Discovery module

*All elective modules are at Level 5.*

## **PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS FROM YEAR 2:**

**BA Liberal Arts 3-year version, BA Liberal Arts with a Year Abroad (Language and Culture pathway) and BA Liberal Arts with a Year in Industry**

To progress to the Final Year you must:

- Pass a minimum 195 credits across years one and two.
- Achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 40.0 or higher using the two mean average year marks in a 1:3 weighting (year one counting for 25 per cent and year two for 75 per cent of the mark).
- Fail (after resit) no more than 30 credits in any one developmental year.

### **BA Liberal Arts with a Year Abroad (Global Cultures/Societies and Cities major/minor pathways)**

To successfully progress to the Year Abroad students must:

- Pass a minimum 195 credits across years one and two.
- Achieve an average of 2:1 in your second year, with no failed modules (after resit as appropriate).
- Fail (after resit) no more than 30 credits in any one developmental year.
- Students who do not meet the progression requirement (after resit as appropriate) for the 4-year programme, will be transferred to the 3-year programme.

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### **YEAR 3 FOR YEAR ABROAD/YEAR IN INDUSTRY**

120 credits compulsory Year Abroad/Year in Industry Module.

### **PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS FROM YEAR ABROAD / YEAR IN INDUSTRY TO FINAL YEAR**

To pass the Year Abroad/Year in Industry, you must:

- Take 120 credits and pass a minimum 90 credits (following the pass/fail standards of the host institution, for a compulsory year abroad). Failure to pass will result in transfer to the version of the programme without a Year Abroad/Year in Industry.
- While studying for a year abroad, you are subject to the regulations and policies of the host institution. This includes reassessment; some institutions do not offer resits, and in those cases a student will have only one attempt to pass each module.

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### **FINAL YEAR FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Across all pathways you will take the 30 credit compulsory module:

- Liberal Arts Research Project module.

#### **Global Cultures Major/ Interactions: Societies and Cities Minor**

- 30 credits compulsory Research Project
- 45 credits options from Major area
- 30 credits from Minor area
- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

#### **Interactions: Society and Cities Major / Global Cultures Minor**

- 30 credits compulsory Research Project
- 45 credits options from Major area
- 30 credits from Minor area

- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

#### **Language and Culture Major / Global Cultures Minor**

- 30 credits compulsory Research Project.
- 45 credits in Major area (30 credits Language module and 15 credits option)
- 30 credits options in Minor area
- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

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- 30 credits compulsory Research Project.
- 45 credits in Major area (30 credits Language module and 15 credits option)
- 30 credits options in Minor area
- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

#### **Global Cultures Major / Language and Culture Minor**

- 30 credits compulsory Research Project
- 30 credits Language module
- 45 credits options in Major area
- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

#### **Interactions: Society and the City Major / Language and Culture Minor**

- 30 credits compulsory Research Project
- 30 credits Language module
- 45 credits options in Major area
- 15 credits options in third area OR Discovery OR other employability module (LIB5200 Digital Skills OR LIB5200 Storytelling) not taken at Level 5

All elective modules (with the exception of LIB5200/LIB5201) are at level 6.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR BA AWARD:**

To be eligible for the award of your degree you must have passed a minimum of 315 credits, including 90 credits at level 6.

You must take a minimum of 270 credits in Liberal Arts modules over the period of your studies. Some of these credits will be from compulsory modules, and some will be optional modules which you can choose each year. You may also take up to 120 credits outside your subject area in the course of your degree.

If you are taking the 4-year programme with a year abroad or with year in industry you will take an additional 120-credit Year Abroad Assessment module/ Year in Industry assessment module. Credits taken as part of the Year Abroad/Year in Industry do not count towards the overall requirements shown above.