

Modern & Medieval Languages

In Cambridge, this is a four-year course, the third of which is spent as a year abroad. In Part IA and Part IB of the course, you will be reading two languages: either two languages in which you have an A-level, or one A-level language combined with a new (*ab initio*) language (you will already have discussed this with us at your interview).

A considerable amount of your time in Part IA, i.e. in the first year of the course, is devoted to language learning. The standard required in Part IA is considerably higher than that at A-level, and an A grade is viewed here as the minimum requirement for beginning the course in your A-level language(s). In your new language, too, the major part of the course will focus on acquiring the language. We advise you to spend part of the summer before you come up on language learning: if possible, visiting the countries concerned, also listening to radio broadcasts, watching television programmes and reading a variety of texts.

By following the links given below for the [Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages website](#), you can see:

- the structure of Part I Modern Languages (whether doing two languages post-A-level, or one post-A-level and one *ab initio*)
- the choices offered for the first year for your chosen languages
- departmental advice about reading for these first-year options
- departmental advice about other possible preparation for the course.

Please read carefully the information for the languages you will be studying. For the language or languages that you are doing post A Level, you will also take what is known as a scheduled paper. These papers, which offer modules in literature, film and, in some cases, history and linguistics, will help you to immerse yourself in the culture of your chosen language. It is important to do as much as possible of the recommended reading before you arrive in Cambridge. All primary texts can be ordered through good bookshops, from Grant & Cutler at Foyles in London and from Amazon (including Amazon.fr, Amazon.de, etc.) on the web. Do not rely on being able to obtain them in Cambridge.

If you have any queries relating to the papers or to preliminary reading, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Studies for Part IA of the Tripos, Dr Charlotte Lee (tel: 01223 762205, email: c1l38@cam.ac.uk).

Faculty of MML: Useful links for students starting Part IA in October

French:

- [French in the MML Tripos](#)
- [Grammar requirements](#)

German:

- [German in the MML Tripos](#)
- [Ab initio German](#)
- [Post-A-level German](#)

Italian:

- [Italian in the MML Tripos](#)
- [Ab initio Italian](#)
- [Post-A-level Italian](#)

Slavonic Studies:

- [Russian in the MML Tripos](#)
- [Ab initio Russian](#)
- [Post-A-level Russian](#)

Spanish and Portuguese:

- [Spanish and Portuguese in the MML Tripos](#)
- [Ab initio Spanish](#)
- [Post-A-level Spanish](#)
- [Ab initio Portuguese](#)
- [Post-A-level Portuguese](#)

Classics:

- [Classics in the MML Tripos](#)

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