Period Abroad for Students of Modern Languages

Final Year in **French/German/Italian/Spanish** assumes a deep understanding of language and society. Students studying these languages to degree level normally spend an academic year (Year 3) studying at a university in the country of their chosen language, and thus obtain the BA (International).

In all cases, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures strongly recommends that modern language students spend a prolonged period immersed in a culture where the language is widely spoken

The School's preferred option for all students is, therefore, the BA (International) which is obtained by one of the following routes:

(i)   A formal period of study (normally, one academic year) in a foreign University that is integral to the programme;

(ii)   An extended period (normally, one academic year) spent working or on voluntary service overseas, including placements on BA *CONNECT* programmes or as a foreign language assistant.

In exceptional circumstances, the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies, in consultation with the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, may grant permission to allow a student to spend a shorter period of residence abroad and to continue with the BA (Omnibus) programme. In such cases, prior to entering the Final Year, students are required to spend an approved period of time in a country or region where the language is widely spoken. This period must be a **minimum** of three months and ideally should be approximately six months.

In the case of students taking **two modern languages** a minimum of three months is required for each language.

Furthermore, students who have not followed either of the preferred routes (detailed at (i) and (ii) above) will be required to furnish the School with satisfactory documentary evidence of the time spent abroad before they will be permitted to register for Final Year. (A list of suitable evidence is available from the School Office and website). Students completing the preferred routes will be deemed to have satisfied this requirement.