

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
APJHBSESL	Business with Eastern Language (Mandarin, Japanese)	NT19

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Joint Honours Programme Important points

- There is an attendance requirement for the Languages part of your course.
- You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). Please note that if you do not attend at least 75% of your sessions, there are potentially serious consequences for you which may include you being deemed to have failed your module. To find out more about your attendance requirements, including the consequences of not meeting them, please refer to the Assessment Regulations section of your Languages Programme Specification.
- As a Joint Honours Student you will study **both** subjects for the duration of the course
- In the 1st Year you will study both subjects in equal amounts (50%)
- The Joint Honours Programme has a dedicated programme team to support you through your studies. The Programme Team for all Joint Honours Courses is located in The School of Humanities.
- In addition to this, you will have two Field Tutors – one for each subject. The Field Tutors are subject specialists and they will be located within the School of Study (Business is in The Hertfordshire Business School and Languages are in the School of Humanities)
- Students can choose to take a Year Abroad or Placement year before they commence their final year, subject to meeting academic pre-requisites and the confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please refer to the Joint Honours Programme Specification for more details.

Extra Module:

- If you are a full time student, it is mandatory that you take Graduate and Employability Skills in your second year. However if you major in Sports Studies, Business or Economics in Years 2 & 3, you are exempt from this as you will already be undertaking a similar module as part of your core curriculum.
- There is also an optional graduate employability module available in your final year

Eastern Languages Important points

- All Humanities modules operate a minimum **attendance** threshold of 75%. Please see the Languages field specification for more details

- Students study either Mandarin or Japanese
- Mandarin or Japanese are only available at beginner level (please refer to language factsheet regarding eligibility for level of study)
- In the 1st Year you will study 50% Business, the Language element which also totals 50% is comprised of 25% of your chosen Eastern Language and 25% English Language and Communication modules.
- PLEASE NOTE from year 2 onwards you can only study languages as a **minor** (25%) which means that you will be majoring (75%) in Business
- Your study will include lectures and seminars and also practical sessions in the language labs.
- English may be the preferred language of the business world but studying a second language can give you a huge advantage when it comes to job hunting. It also opens up exciting opportunities for working abroad.

Which languages can I study?

You can study the following languages at the University of Hertfordshire

	Beginners Route A	Intermediate Route B	Advanced Route C
French	Yes	Yes	Yes
German	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spanish	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japanese	Yes	No	No
Mandarin Chinese	Yes	No	No

What level am I eligible for?

What I have	What I can do
No prior knowledge/ less than GCSE grade C	Beginners (Route A)
GCSE grade A* – C or A1 grade D, E or equivalent	Intermediate (Route B)
A2 pass or equivalent or A1 grade A – C or equivalent	Advanced (Route C)

You can only join a language class at a level commensurate to your prior knowledge or qualifications. For example:

- If you have a GCSE German grade C or above, you are only eligible for intermediate level, Route B.
- If you have an A-level Mandarin, you are not eligible to take Mandarin, as we don't offer it at advanced level, Route C.
- If you have a Japanese GCSE, grade C, you are not eligible to take Japanese from the first year. You may be able to join a Japanese class in the second year or the final year, following assessment of your level. The same would apply to Mandarin.
- If you have lived in a French speaking country and studied in French at secondary school level, you are not eligible to take French as you have already achieved advanced level.
- If you are a native/near native speaker but without any developed skills in writing the language, you are still not eligible to take a class in that language.

We reserve the right to assess your language level on arrival and you may be advised to attend an alternative route. If you're not eligible for a language you've previously studied because we do not offer a route appropriate to your level, we encourage you to take an alternative language to broaden your skills even further.

If you are unsure about your eligibility to study a language, but please contact the Admissions Tutor to discuss further.

How will I study?

You will spend two or three hours a week in class depending on the size of the group. Our classes usually start with an interactive lecture, followed by the opportunity to practice in small-group seminars and language lab sessions. You'll also be given directed learning tasks to work on at home each week.

How much will I spend on books?

All language classes make full use of the resources offered by the internet. Our intranet called StudyNet also provides plenty of opportunities for accessing a wide range of materials. Depending on the level / language course you will be taking, you may be asked to buy a course book or a grammar book. This should not exceed £60 a year.

Spending a year abroad

As part of your studies, you can also spend a year in a country where your chosen language is spoken, studying at one of our partner universities and / or working. This will take place before you commence your final year, subject to meeting pre-requisites and the confirmation of a suitable institution or employer.

[Learn more about spending a year abroad.](#)

Careers

Learning a foreign language at any level can really open up your career opportunities, and it's not just specialist occupations like translation, interpreting and teaching which you can go into. Practically any job can involve languages, whether it's based in the UK or overseas. You could work in law, banking or insurance; the media, creative industries or PR; marketing, the civil service or manufacturing.

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement	Actual or Estimated
Year 1	21%	79%	0%	Estimated
Year 2	18%	82%	0%	Estimated
Year 3	16%	84%	0%	Estimated

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical	Actual or Estimated
Year 1	6%	44%	50%	Estimated
Year 2	23%	24%	53%	Estimated
Year 3	26%	23%	51%	Estimated

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
<p>Books</p> <p>Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre as either eBooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies. The average price of a recommended text is approximately £50 per module, although you may be able to buy second-hand copies.</p>	All	Optional	Varied
<p>Level 5 Study Abroad</p> <p>There may be a tuition fee charge for a study abroad year. Further details are available in the attached 'Fees and Finance' policy.</p>	2	Optional	Dependent on Location
<p>Placement/Study Abroad Year</p> <p>The University does not charge tuition fees during your placement year but you may incur additional costs i.e. travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on where your placement is located.</p>	3	Optional	Dependent on Location