



Train to teach languages



Who we are

We are on a mission to create the next generation of modern foreign languages (MFL) teachers in the UK.

We provide teacher training for anyone wanting to become a languages teacher. Our course is the only national teacher training course specialising in modern foreign languages in the UK.

Developed by experienced modern foreign languages educators, our passion for languages and language learning led to the creation of a unique teacher training programme which includes a combination of extensive school-based, in-classroom practical experience together with exemplary training.

We train you to teach:

- Arabic*
- French
- German
- Italian*
- Japanese*
- Mandarin*
- Russian*
- Spanish

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Who we are looking for

We are looking for passionate linguists with sound subject knowledge who have the potential to become outstanding modern foreign languages teachers.

We welcome applicants with an understanding of the educational context in England but will offer a programme of acclimatisation for those trainees who need to gain this experience.

We are looking for applicants who can demonstrate good written English, personal resilience, enthusiasm, confidence, emotional intelligence and the ability to be reflective.

You don't need a degree in languages to train with us!

Whilst many of our trainees have language degrees, some are fluent in a modern language but have studied other subjects – ranging from academic subjects such as history or science, all the way through to more vocational subjects such as finance or marketing.

Some of our trainees are foreign nationals, fluent in their mother tongue but also with a good understanding of English.

Others join us from a well-established career and are at a point in their life when they want a new challenge and want to make a difference to the lives of young people.

Changing careers?

Making the switch to teaching is often much easier than people realise. Teaching is an exciting and rewarding career. As long as you have a passion for languages and think you can motivate and inspire young people then our course will teach you the rest and our team will support you all the way.

Many of our alumni have entered into the teaching profession from a range of careers including:

- Translators.
- Foreign Language Assistants (FLAs) in European schools.
- Teaching Assistants with language skills.
- Journalists.
- International aid/development.
- Logistics and distribution.
- Marketing and public relations.
- Travel and tourism professional.
- Academic researcher.



I'm excited but also a little nervous about starting my training. I've always wanted to become a languages teacher and I'm looking forward to sharing my culture and inspiring the next generation.

Lydia Ghameri, current trainee.

Why train with us?

We are the only national teacher training provider focused solely on modern languages. This makes us uniquely different from other routes into teaching.

A choice of languages

You can train to teach in:

- Arabic*
- French
- German
- Italian*
- Japanese*
- Mandarin*
- Russian*
- Spanish

A course designed by linguists, for linguists

Our course has been designed by modern languages experts. Some of these professionals are also actively involved in the delivery of the course and run training sessions throughout your training year.

Great combination of theory and hands-on classroom experience

Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provides a mix of academic learning, additional specialist training from modern languages experts and practical experience through school placements. You will spend time in the classroom by undertaking two placements in different schools. This helps you decide what kind of school you want to work in and equips you with the practical skills and insight needed for your new career as a teacher.

Part of a wider language and teaching community

We are plugged in to the teaching and language teaching communities, which means you can be too! This provides you with access to a wealth of resources and expertise. Colleagues within our communities are always ready to help and support. It's a vibrant, exciting world, where your love for languages and commitment to education can push your professional career onto the next level.

A choice of training locations across England

Through our collaborative and supportive network of hubs across England, you can choose to train somewhere that is convenient to you. Our hubs are partnered with a range of excellent schools giving you access to a variety of educational settings from both the state and independent sector.

Find out more about our hubs at:

www.nationalmodernlanguages.com/locations

Our academic partner

We are proud to work with our excellent academic partner, Sheffield Hallam University, which provides the teaching, support and assessment for the PGCE qualification.

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Career opportunities



I am now head of modern foreign languages at an academy. I passed my National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching last year and now looking for my next step! Oh, and I now teach Spanish as well as French and German.

Francois Piecuch, former trainee.

It's not just 'teaching' – it's a career with many different facets!

The teaching profession offers a huge variety of career opportunities. These include:

- Head of a language department.
- Lead practitioner – providing support across more than one school in modern languages.
- A pastoral role, such as head of year or key stage.
- Senior leadership roles such as an assistant head, deputy head or headteacher
- Working as a mentor, coach, trainer or facilitator.

As well as excellent career opportunities, teaching offers a competitive salary, job security and job satisfaction.

By becoming a teacher, you will provide opportunities for the future generation, helping young people to:

- Become fluent in another language, improve their communications skills and teach them about other cultures.
- Have a competitive edge if they decide to apply to university.
- Prepare for their future career and acquire the knowledge to compete in a global job market.
- Succeed in life by providing them with a solid platform from which they can flourish.

Support

From the start of your course through to applying for your first job, and beyond, we are here to support your teacher training journey.

Training with other linguists, you develop your very own support network built on your love for languages.

Support before you apply

Our dedicated and experienced team will:

- Guide you through the necessary paperwork.
- Check your qualifications.
- Provide advice on fees and funding.
- Arrange for you to attend a taster day in your chosen hub.
- Explain the interview process.
- Help to arrange school experience.
- Support you every step of the way.

Support before you start the course

Before you start your training with us, you will take part in a comprehensive pre-course programme (March to July) that provides an introduction to the course and prepares you for the start of your training.

Just before you start your training you will be invited to attend our familiarisation week which takes place in Sheffield in August.

During familiarisation, you will take part in a comprehensive programme of training where you will meet our experienced staff, start forming relationships with your fellow trainees, and you will gain advice, tips and techniques to help you throughout your first weeks of training. To provide you with a language learning experience from the perspective of a learner, you will be taught Serbian.

For further information about the support you will receive before you start the course, please visit:
www.nationalmodernlanguages.com/why-choose-us

Support during the course

Training with your peers will provide you with your very own support network. You will get to meet other trainees at the local training sessions in your hub as well as central training days held in Sheffield. This is a great opportunity to share experiences of teacher training with your peers – people who really understand the rewards and challenges of language teacher training.

You will also receive support throughout your course from the NML SCITT central and local teams who will guide you, review your progress and ensure you are supported throughout your training year.

During your placements in schools you will be supported by a school-based mentor who is an experienced teacher of languages and will meet with you formally once a week as well as support you throughout your time in school.

When it comes to applying for your first teaching job, we will give you all the support you need with applications and interview techniques to help you secure your employment within the modern languages teaching sector. We use our vast network of schools in England to help secure your first teaching post and have an excellent track record of helping our trainees secure employment after completing their training.

Support after your course

The support doesn't stop when you finish the course. Our former trainees are now teachers and some are even mentoring new trainees! There is a whole network of National Modern Languages SCITT alumni who are supporting one another throughout their careers.

In addition, our friendly central team are here to help and provide support when needed.



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Our course



What qualifications will I achieve?

After successful completion of the course, you will achieve:

- A PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education).
- QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).
- Credits towards a master's degree.

What languages can I train to teach?

- Arabic*
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How long is the course?

One year

When does the course start?

August

Where will I train?

You will complete most of your training through training events and school placements at your chosen geographical hub. You will also be required to attend a number of central training events that will take place either in Sheffield or online.

What is included in the course?

The programme is designed to provide a personalised approach as you train to teach and will include:

- An extensive pre-course programme of events.
- A personal portfolio to record your progress and experiences.
- Local and national training days.
- A series of structured tasks and sessions to deepen your insight into language pedagogy.
- Independent learning.
- Online modules.
- A dedicated mentor to guide and support you throughout your training.
- An individual training plan.
- A minimum of 120 days spent on placement in two schools
- Ongoing school-based support.
- Languages specific documentation.
- Progress documentation.
- Lead teacher visits and mentoring.
- Online and face-to-face support.
- Final assessment.

Find out more about the course outline at:

www.nationalmodernlanguages.com/courses

100% of trainees agree that they are confident the training programme will make them a good or better teacher.**

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Fees and funding

2024/25 Tuition fees

£9,250 – full-time

Duration: One year

In addition, we charge a £96 fee (including VAT) to cover your UK enhanced DBS check, health check and NSPCC online 'child protection in schools' course. Anyone who has already paid for a previous UK enhanced DBS disclosure and signed up to the update service will pay a reduced cost of £36. We will send you an invoice for the admin charge and further details once you have accepted our offer via DfE apply.

Bursary and scholarship

You may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship to help fund your training. These are tax-free amounts of money you receive and you do not need to pay them back.

FUNDING AVAILABLE	AMOUNT
Bursary – all languages	£25,000
Scholarship (French, German and Spanish only)	£27,500

For the bursary, you'll need at least one of the following to be eligible: a bachelor's degree class 2:2 (honours) or higher/a master's degree/a PhD. We will assess your eligibility and will apply for the bursary on your behalf.

The scholarship for languages is offered by the **British Council**. They set their own eligibility criteria and you will need to apply to them directly.

Tuition fee and maintenance loans

You may be eligible for further financial support via a tuition fee loan to help cover the cost of the fees and/or a maintenance loan to help with living costs. You can still apply for a tuition fee and a maintenance loan regardless of whether you get a teaching bursary or scholarship.

You can find out more about the funding available at getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

Important information for non-UK nationals

If you're interested in training to teach in England as an international student, please refer to the guidance at getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

Please note: we are not a licensed sponsor of student visas and can therefore not support an application from outside the UK. Visit www.gov.uk/student-visa for more information.

We are here to help and support, so if you have any further questions about fees, funding or applying as an international student, please do not hesitate to **contact us** for more advice.

Entry requirements

We are looking for passionate linguists with sound subject knowledge who have the potential to train to be outstanding teachers of modern foreign languages.

We also require the following:

- A good honours degree or a recognised equivalent qualification with a high level of fluency in at least one modern language.
- GCSE English and maths grade C/4 or above (or equivalent).
- If English is not your first language, you may need to take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam and gain an academic score of 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in all skills or equivalent. For more information visit: www.ielts.org
- If you are from outside the UK and don't have GCSEs or a UK degree, please be aware that, in order to comply with the Department for Education guidelines, you will need to prove that you have the equivalent qualifications through a UK ENIC statement of comparability. This should include the corresponding transcripts for GCSE qualifications and degrees gained outside the UK. For more information visit: www.enic.org.uk

Get school experience to help with your application

It is recommended that you gain some relevant teaching experience. This could be through a school experience

placement or via voluntary work. This experience is not a compulsory requirement but would support your application. If you don't have any school experience then don't let this put you off applying.

You can visit schools to get experience in the classroom before you start your initial teacher training through the Department for Education's get school experience programme. Visit: schoolsexperience.education.gov.uk for more information.

You can also come along to one of our taster days. These are held at our geographical hubs around the UK.

You will spend time in one of our hub schools where you will get the chance to:

- Observe lessons.
- See how teachers manage a classroom.
- Speak to tutors and current trainees.
- Watch a range of lessons and age groups being taught.
- Learn more about teacher training including the application and interview process.

Visit: www.nationalmodernlanguages.com/events for more information.

Please do not hesitate to [contact our team](#) if you have any questions.



How to apply

Register

First, you need to register on the DfE apply website at: www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training and select National Modern Languages SCITT as your training provider.

Complete your application online

You can save it as you go, rather than complete it in one sitting. You will need the following information to complete your form:

- Our training provider code: **2F1**
- Course code.
 - French, German or Spanish: **342L**
 - Arabic with French, German or Spanish*: **B588**
 - Italian with French, German or Spanish*: **Y821**
 - Japanese with French, German or Spanish*: **TBC**
 - Mandarin with French, German or Spanish*: **H035**
 - Russian with French, German or Spanish*: **B157**
- You will be asked to choose your location. This is where you can choose from any of our geographical hubs. You can find a full list of our hubs at: www.nationalmodernlanguages.com/locations
- Your qualifications including your GCSEs, A-levels, (or equivalents) and degree.
- School and work experience: including dates, any periods spent abroad and your current occupation.

Personal statement

You will have up to 1,000 words to explain why you want to be a teacher and in particular a teacher of languages.

It's your chance to talk about your motivation for becoming a teacher, your commitment to educating children and young people and your potential to train with us.

You should also inform us of your level of language expertise, what skills and experiences you will bring to your new profession and how you will contribute to your future department and school.

This is a crucial part of your application, so don't rush it and make sure we get a good insight into you as a person and as a professional.

References

Provide contact details for two referees on your form. They won't be contacted until you accept a place on the course:

- If you are a recent graduate, then you'll need an academic reference.
- If you already work in a school, you'll need a reference from your headteacher.
- If are looking to change careers, then you'll need a reference from your most recent employer.

You can use a character reference, such as from a mentor or someone you know through volunteering, as a second reference. For safeguarding purposes, we require references from verified professional email addresses. Unfortunately, we cannot accept references from personal email accounts.

Submit your application online

We will review your application and if you're successful, you will be invited for an interview.

Interview

This is an opportunity for us to meet you and find out more about you. You'll have the chance to talk about why you want to become a teacher and discuss your skills and experience with us.

We know that interviews may be worrying for you but we work really hard to make sure you feel at ease and we can provide you with advice beforehand on how to prepare for your interview.

Outcome

After the interview we will inform you of the outcome. If successful, you will be offered a place on the course. If you have been unsuccessful then we will provide you with constructive feedback and discuss your options should you wish to apply again in the future.

Keep in touch

Once you have been offered a place, we will keep in touch with you throughout the year to update you with key dates, support you in meeting the conditions of our offer and provide information in preparation for the start of your course.

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The interview process

If you are shortlisted you will be invited to an interview with hub lead staff at your chosen location.

The interview process will include:

- Written tasks in English and the main language in which you wish to train to teach.
- An interview and spoken language tests.
- A ten-minute teaching task which you will be able to prepare in advance.

We are committed to providing a high-quality experience for prospective trainees and have planned our interview process accordingly.

We will try to contact all successful applicants at the end of the interview day. Similarly, we will provide feedback if we have not made an offer and give you advice on the next steps.

Safeguarding children and young people

The National Modern Languages SCITT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Acceptance on the programme will be subject to the following checks:

- Health.
- Identity.

- Relevant qualifications.
- Right to work and study in the UK.
- UK enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- World-wide criminal record checks (certificates of good conduct).
- References.
- Childcare disqualification and disqualification by association declaration (where applicable).
- An online search for all shortlisted candidates. This is in-line with statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education: Keeping children safe in education (p. 55)

Successful applicants will only be able to commence their training when clearance from all the above checks has been obtained. We will inform you of the relevant documents you will need to provide after you are offered an interview.

We will carry out rigorous and extensive scrutiny to ensure compliance with the Department for Education's keeping children safe in education legislation.





**Get in touch with us and let's talk
about getting you into teaching.**

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