## Programme Specification

| 1 | Awarding body | University of London |
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| 2 | Teaching Institution | Birkbeck College |
| 3 | Programme Title(s) | Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics <br> BA French Studies with Foundation Year <br> (UUBFFRCH_C/UBFFRNCH_C) <br> BA German with Foundation Year <br> (UUBFGERM_C/UBFGERMN_C) <br> BA Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies with <br> Foundation Year (UUBFSPLM_C/UBFSPLAM_C) <br> BA Japanese Studies with Foundation Year <br> (UUBFJAPN_C/UBFJAPAN_C) <br> BA Modern Languages with Foundation Year <br> (UUBFLNMD_C/UBFLNMDR_C) <br> BA Language and/with English with Foundation Year <br> (UUBFLNMD_C/UBFLNGEN_C) <br> BA Language and/with Film-Media with Foundation Year (UUBFLGFM_C/UBFLNGFM_C) <br> BA Language and/with Global Politics with Foundation Year (UUBFLGGP_C/UBFLGGPO_C) <br> BA Language and/with History with Foundation Year (UUBFLGHI_C/UBFLNGHI_C) <br> BA Language and/with History of Art with Foundation Year (UUBFLNAH_C/UBFLNAAH_C) <br> BA Language and/with International Law with Foundation Year (UUBFLGLW_C/UBFLNGLW_C) <br> BA Language and/with Journalism with Foundation Year (UUBFLNJR_C/UBFLNJOR_C) <br> BA Language and/with Management with Foundation Year (UUBFLGMN_C/UBFLGMAN_C) <br> BA Language and/with Politics with Foundation Year (UUBFLGPO_C/UBFLGPOL_C) <br> BA Linguistics and Language with Foundation Year (UUBFLING_C/UBFLILNG_C) <br> BA Linguistics and Culture with Foundation Year (UUBFLICU_C/UBFLICUL_C) <br> English, Theatre and Creative Writing <br> BA English with Foundation Year (UUBFENGL_C/UBFENGLS_C) <br> BA Theatre and Drama Studies with Foundation Year (UUBFTS_D_C/UBFTS_DS_C) <br> BA Theatre Studies and English with Foundation Year (UUBFTSEN_C/UBFTS_EN_C) <br> BA Theatre Studies and Arts Management with Foundation Year (TBC) <br> BA Theatre Studies and Creative Writing with Foundation Year (TBC) <br> BA Theatre, Film and Media Studies with Foundation Year (TBC) <br> BA Liberal Arts with Foundation Year (UUBFLIBE_C/ UBFLIBER_C) |



| 14 | Programme Rationale \& Aims |
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|  | Information on this programme specification refers to the Foundation Year (year zero) only. <br> For information about the main degrees (years one to three full-time), please refer to the <br> individual specifications for the programmes listed above. <br> Foundation Year Rationale and Aims <br> To provide support to those students who do not meet the formal entrance requirements for <br> direct entrance onto the degree (but who can demonstrate the ability to complete the degree) <br> in order to provide them with a grounding in one or more disciplinary areas in the Arts and |

Humanities and help them develop the foundational skills and knowledge required for successful completion of the degree.

## 15 Entry Criteria

A-Levels: usually DD or equivalent, UCAS tariff 48. Applications from students with nonstandard qualifications are also welcomed. Acceptance may be subject to an admissions test and/or interview.

## 16 Learning Outcomes

Students will have acquired:

1. A foundational understanding of some of the different disciplinary areas that make up Arts and Humanities.
2. More detailed knowledge of key concepts in one or more of these.
3. If appropriate, beginners to lower intermediate level language skills in one of five languages.
4. Key academic reading, writing, research and assessment skills appropriate to the study of Arts and the Humanities.

## 17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

A number of interactive lectures for large groups. Otherwise teaching will take place in smaller seminar and workshop groups that support the development of knowledge, skills, confidence and self-awareness.

| 18 | Programme Description |
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|  | The Foundation Year is designed to provide a broad-based introduction for students who wish to <br> study an Arts and/or Humanities subject before allowing them to continue their studies in these areas <br> in more depth or to specialize in a specific field of study. In the first year (or first two years on the <br> part-time programme) they will improve academic study and research skills in the core modules <br> 'Fundamentals of Study: Learning Through the Global City' and 'Breaking Boundaries of Knowledge'. <br> They will take one further core module, 'The Arts: Perspectives and Possibilities', which will introduce <br> them to key ideas, concepts and methods in the Arts and Humanities and one option module, either <br> 'The Arts: Questioning the Contemporary World', allowing them to deepen your understanding of the <br> Arts and Humanities, or one of five language modules at beginners or advanced beginners levels <br> (French, German, Italian, Japanese or Spanish). After the Foundation Year they can either continue to <br> study a broad range of Arts and Humanities topics in increasingly in-depth ways on the BA Liberal Arts <br> or specialize in a particular field by continuing their studies on one of the degrees in the Departments <br> of English, Theatre and Creative Writing, Film, Media and Cultural Studies, History of Art, and <br> Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics (see programme list above). <br> For details of main undergraduate programme (years one to three full-time and years one to <br> four part-time), see the specification for the individual undergraduate programme. |


| 19 Programme Structure |  |  |  |  |
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| Full Time programme |  |  |  |  |
| Foundation year (0) |  |  |  |  |
| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credits | Status* |
| 3 | CASE002S3 | Fundamentals of Study: Learning through the Global City | 30 | Core |
| 3 | CASE001S3 | Breaking Boundaries of Knowledge | 30 | Core |
| 3 | ARAR008S3 | The Arts: Perspectives and Possibilities | 30 | Core |
|  |  | One Option from: |  |  |
| 3 | ARAR09S3 | The Arts: Questioning the Contemporary World | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL062S4 | French 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL067S4 | French 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL105S4 | French 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL106S4 | French 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL065S4 | German 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL074S4 | German 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL107S4 | German 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL108S4 | German 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL039S4 | Italian 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL040S4 | Italian 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL103S4 | Italian 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL104S4 | Italian 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARMC161S4 | Japanese 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARMC164S4 | Japanese 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL101S4 | Japanese 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL102S4 | Japanese 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARIB106S4 | Spanish 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARIB115S4 | Spanish 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL112S4 | Spanish 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL113S4 | Spanish 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| Part-time Programme |  |  |  |  |
| Foundation year (0A) |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | CASE002S3 | Fundamentals of Study: Learning through the Global City | 30 | Core |
| 3 | CASE001S3 | Breaking Boundaries of Knowledge | 30 | Core |
| Foundation year (0B) |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | ARAR008S3 | The Arts: Perspectives and Possibilities | 30 | Core |
|  |  | One Option from: |  |  |
| 3 | ARAR09S3 | The Arts: Questioning the Contemporary World | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL062S4 | French 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL067S4 | French 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL105S4 | French 3 (Level 4) | 30 |  |
| 4 | ARCL106S4 | French 4 (Level 4) |  |  |
| 4 | AREL065S4 | German 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | AREL074S4 | German 2 | 30 | Option |


| 4 | ARCL107S4 | German 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
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| 4 | ARCL108S4 | German 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCLO39S4 | Italian 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCLO4OS4 | Italian 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL103S4 | Italian 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL104S4 | Italian 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARMC161S4 | Japanese 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARMC164S4 | Japanese 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL101S4 | Japanese 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL102S4 | Japanese 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARIB106S4 | Spanish 1 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARIB115S4 | Spanish 2 | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL112S4 | Spanish 3 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |
| 4 | ARCL113S4 | Spanish 4 (Level 4) | 30 | Option |

## Status*

CORE - Module must be taken and passed by student
COMPULSORY - Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board OPTIONAL - Student can choose to take this module

| ${ }^{24}$ | Programme Director | Professor Joanne Leal |
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| 25 | Start Date (term/year) | $2019 / 20$ |
| 26 | Date approved by Education Committee | Summer 2019 |
| 27 | Date approved by Academic Board | Autumn 2019 |
| 28 | Date(s) updated/amended | August 2021 |

