

Global capability through language learning for Social Sciences students

Languages strengthen the understanding of people, societies and global issues. Languages help Social Science students understand societies from multiple perspectives and work effectively across cultures.

‘Language learning enriches students’ understanding of the social world by enabling them to engage with different cultures, perspectives and ways of thinking. Alongside developing valuable communication skills, it strengthens critical thinking, intercultural awareness and the ability to work effectively across diverse communities, all of which are essential attributes for graduates in disciplines across the social sciences. These capabilities not only enhance students’ academic experience but also prepare them for careers in an increasingly interconnected and global society’

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Skills and Academic Benefits



Skills and attributes gained in a language module:

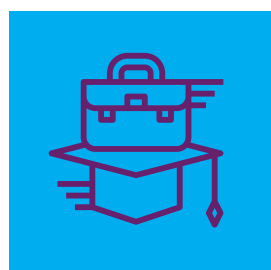
- ✓ Open-mindedness
- ✓ Criticality
- ✓ Self-awareness
- ✓ Integrity and ethical rigour
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Leadership



Links to Social Sciences disciplines: Languages help students:

- ✓ Understand different social perspectives
- ✓ Conduct cross-cultural research
- ✓ Analyse global challenges
- ✓ Engage with communities
- ✓ Develop informed and ethical practice

Career Opportunities



Languages can lead into:

- ✓ Public policy
- ✓ International development
- ✓ Social research
- ✓ Government
- ✓ NGOs
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Diplomacy