

## University of Exeter – Modern Languages

“The best preparation for coming to study languages at Exeter is to keep in touch online with what’s going on in the societies you are interested in (which also helps to keep your language skills fresh). You’re probably familiar with the home websites of the major newspapers and television stations and it is a good idea to spend 15 minutes or so three times a week catching up with current affairs, reading and watching news reports. So find out what’s happening in your countries over the summer: What are the main political or social stories? What films and books are they talking about? What sport is making headlines?

If you are a beginner in your chosen language, you can search the BBC website or your favourite UK newspaper for stories. Just being familiar with the main political figures or parties in the country you are interested in will give you a bit of a head start.

For World news in each of our languages, we recommend <http://www.euronews.com/> (switch the language top left). We discuss current affairs in language classes, especially the oral language classes, so it will all come in useful.

Apart from the language classes you’ll also study cultural modules which might involve history, film, literature, the visual arts, or linguistics. Because of this very wide choice, it’s hard at this stage to recommend books or films that will fit your particular profile, but any novels, historical overviews or films will get you into the mood for studying with us, and as soon as you’ve made your module choices you’ll be able to see what reading each tutor recommends.

To get a flavour of the activities or our students and staff you can also follow the department on Twitter at: [@exetermodlangs](https://twitter.com/exetermodlangs) and you can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/exetermodlangs) (search for Department of Modern Languages University of Exeter).”

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