SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA
UCAS CODE: R4T7
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/elcs
Spanish and Latin American Studies BA /

This four-year programme combines the study of Spanish language and its varieties with modules in the film, literature, history and cultures of Spain and Latin America, from the early modern period to the present day. Year three is spent abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL is a leading centre for Hispanic and Latin American studies, with a wealth of expertise in all areas and periods. Portuguese and Brazilian studies are a recent and thriving addition, with expertise ranging from Renaissance Portugal to Modernist Brazil.

// You will have high-quality language instruction combined with innovative, research-led cultural topics. Literature: Cervantes through Borges to contemporary fiction; film: Buñuel to current Latin American trends; and history: Cortés through Andean cultures to 20th century dictatorships.

// Your third year is spent in a Spanish-speaking country - an experience which benefits your linguistic and cultural understanding. We have links with universities in Spain, Mexico, Chile, and Argentina.

// You will benefit from the resources of the UCL Library, Senate House Library, the University of London, the Instituto Cervantes, Canning House and the Institute of Latin American Studies. London provides a wealth of Hispanic and Lusophone cultural events, from film festivals to literary evenings.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 74% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The integrated study of language, literature, history and film is the hallmark of this degree. You are required to take modules to the value of 16 credits comprising an introductory core module in year one, Spanish language modules (with the option of also studying Portuguese), as well as a selection of content modules including Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American literature, history, and film. A wide range of options is available in all years.

During your third year you will undertake a course of study at a university in a Spanish-speaking country. We currently have links with universities in Spain, Mexico, Chile and Argentina.

You will also take modules from SELCS. This will allow you to study subjects like literature, film, art and culture from a wider perspective. You will be exposed to broad cultural movements, issues and approaches and be able to draw on the full range of specialisms within the school.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Spanish Language I

Optional modules

// You will have a choice of first year Spanish and Latin American modules (including literature and film).
// Beginner’s Portuguese (subject to availability)
// Introduction to Portuguese literature
// You will also choose interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of linguistics, film, and history.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Spanish Language II

Optional modules

// You will select a total of 3.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
// Developments in Spanish Film
// The Essay in Spanish America
// Portuguese Literature
// The Theatre in Spain’s Golden Age
// SELCS Intermediate Level modules

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your third year abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.
// Students currently complete any assessment required by a host university (if participating in a university exchange), a British Council Assistantship or a work placement abroad.
// Students on their year abroad will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of their cultural and linguistic immersion.
// For further information about the year abroad please visit the SELCS year abroad website.
FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Spanish Language III

Optional modules

- You will select a total of 3.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Advanced Portuguese (subject to availability and approval)
  - Latin American Journeys
  - Latin American Vanguard Movements
  - Spanish and Latin American Cultural Dilemmas
  - Spanish Film from the 1990s
  - The Battle for Memory in the Contemporary Spanish
  - The Work of Jorge Luis Borges
  - The Works of Cervantes
  - SELCS Advanced Level modules

Your learning

Language teaching takes place in small classes. There is an emphasis on the interaction between teacher and student to ensure the scope and pace of learning meets your needs. You will also attend lectures and seminars in which the literary, historical and cultural elements of your studies will be discussed.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of written and oral examinations, essays, language work, projects and other coursework. More weight will be given to the studies in the later years of your programme.

Your career

In addition to your language competence you will develop skills in close and critical reading, research and writing methods, the analysis and communication of complex materials and the ability to organise your time. These skills will be of value in your future employment.

Fluency in Spanish opens up exciting career paths around the world. The language is growing and remains a compelling vehicle for literature, culture and business, and is spoken in regions from Patagonia to Alaska.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of Spanish and Latin American Studies programmes at UCL include:

- Full-time student, MA in Translation Studies at Durham University
- Full-time student, PGCE (Secondary), at Goldsmiths, University of London
- Freelance Visual Artist, Institute of Contemporary Arts Gallery
- Full-time student, GDL (Graduate Diploma in Law) at City, University of London

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We will be looking for a demonstrable interest in literary, historical and cultural studies, and will be curious to know your motivation for applying for this programme. Evidence of extracurricular interest in the culture of Spanish-speaking countries, such as reading books, newspapers and magazines, watching films, or travel to one of these countries, will be looked on favourably.

If your application demonstrates your academic ability and motivation make you well-suited to our degree and you receive an offer, we shall invite you to a post-offer open day. There, you will be able to experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB

Subjects
Spanish grade A required.

GCSE
English Language at grade B, plus Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
36 overall.

Subjects
A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including Spanish at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
- Overseas: £17,710 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING
We offer the A A Parker and Alcana Galiano prizes annually to the most outstanding undergraduates studying Spanish and Latin American Studies.

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

CONTACT
Jo Wolff
Email: selcs.admissions@ucl.ac.uk
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7679 3096
Department: School of European Languages, Culture and Society

EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

Disclaimer
This information is for guidance only. It should not be construed as advice nor relied upon and does not form part of any contract. For more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus