SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA
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2018 ENTRY

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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 modules(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 Short Story in Spanish America
  - 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.
Data taken from the 'Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education' survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.

**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 or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 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 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2018/19)
- **Overseas:** £19,390 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL 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.

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**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

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