This wide-ranging and flexible programme offers students the opportunity to develop their understanding of the cultures of the Hispanic and Lusophone world at an advanced level. As a pathway of the Language, Culture and History MA, students can combine their interest in Hispanic and Lusophone Studies with optional modules from Gender Studies, Translation Studies, and Comparative Literature.

**Degree summary**

The programme offers a broad range of optional modules in Hispanic cultures from the early modern period to the present day, alongside relevant training in research skills and methodologies. Students develop a knowledge and understanding of the key aspects and complex concepts used to understand Hispanic literature, film and culture. Options for study of Lusophone (Portuguese, Brazilian and African) literatures and societies in the 20th-21st centuries are also available.

UCL Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies features staff who are nationally and internationally renowned experts in the field, who publish in their specialist areas and are active researchers. The department regularly hosts a number of Hispanic and Lusophone Studies events including conferences, research seminars, symposia and a documentary film course in Cuba.

Our location in London provides access to numerous cultural and social events relating to the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking world, its literature, films, history and politics. We encourage active participation in the events of the Instituto Cervantes, the Institute for the Study of the Americas, and the numerous Hispanic and Lusophone embassies across London, many of which also provide access to excellent resources to enhance your studies.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, classes and tutorials. Students are encouraged to undertake independent reading both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught. Students are assessed by a variety of methods, including long essays, take-home exams, and the dissertation.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme offers two pathways: taught and research. Taught: one core cross-language module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), dissertation (60 credits). Research: one core cross-language module (30 credits), two taught modules (60 credits), dissertation (90 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, one core module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits) full-time nine months or part-time two years, is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate, one core module (30 credits), one optional module (30 credits) full-time three months, part-time six months, is offered.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**COMPULSORY MODULE**

- Language, Culture and History. This core module permits research into two areas of major contemporary interest; recent modules available have included Memory, The Past, Sexuality, Warfare.

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- Students take a choice of optional modules on topics such as the following:
  - Sex and the Body in Early Modern Europe
  - The Battle for Memory in the Contemporary Spanish Novel
  - Cervantes and His World
  - New Argentine Cinemas
  - The Andean World of Arguedas
  - Advanced Translation from and into Spanish
  - Advanced Translation from and into Portuguese
  - Portugal and Its Empire in the 20th Century
  - Short Fiction and the Making of Modern Brazil

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All students undertake an independent research project on a literary, cultural or historical topic, which culminates in a 12,000-word dissertation (taught pathway) or 18,000-word dissertation (research pathway).
This programme may lead to further research, or to employment in which a broad familiarity with Spanish and Latin American culture is an asset.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. A knowledge of Spanish at least equivalent to UK A level standard is required. Applications from students who do not have formal qualifications in Spanish but who are competent in the language, will be considered.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Advanced.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Hispanic Studies at graduate level
- why you want to study Hispanic Studies at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (PT)
- EU: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (PT)
- Overseas: £21,790 (FT), £11,060 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

All full time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £1,000 for this programme. All part-time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £500.

For details of scholarships available to MA students in SELCS, please refer to the MA Scholarships webpage.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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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/brexit