SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA / UCAS CODE: R4T7 2020 ENTRY

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This four-year programme combines the study of Spanish language and its varieties with modules in the literature, film, 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. If you are interested in Portuguese, you may study it ab initio along with Spanish on this programme, or look into the various combinations on our Modern Languages BA.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

- UCL is a leading, exceptionally well-connected 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 and Lusophone Africa.

- You will have high-quality language instruction combined with innovative, research-led cultural teaching. 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 leading universities in Spain and Latin America.

- You will benefit from the resources of the UCL and Senate House libraries, the Instituto Cervantes, Canning House, and numerous Spanish-speaking embassies. London hosts the UK’s largest Hispanic community and provides a wealth of cultural events, from film festivals to literary evenings.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module 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 120 credits each year comprising an introductory core module in year one, Spanish language modules (with the option of also studying Portuguese), as well as choosing from a wide range of optional modules in all years on subjects including Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American literature, history, and film.

You will also take comparative modules from the School of European Languages, Culture and Society (SE LCS). This will allow you to study subjects like literature, film, art and culture in a wider, cross-cultural frame.

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)
- Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Studies
- Spanish Language I

Optional modules

You will have a choice of first-year modules on Spanish and Latin American literature, history and film. You may also benefit from our first-year modules on Portuguese and Brazilian literature and history. In addition, you will choose from a range of interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of linguistics, film, and history. Example modules in our department include:
- The Spanish Ballad Tradition from the Middle Ages to Lorca
- Experiments in Modern Spanish Drama
- Introduction to Spanish Film
- Civilisation and Barbarism in Argentine Literature
- Cultural Responses to the Mexican Revolution
- The Latin American Supernatural
- Beginners’ Portuguese
- Introduction to Portuguese Literature
- The Brazilian Novel
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Spanish Language II

Optional modules

You will select a total of 90 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:

// History of Colonial Latin America
// History of Spain in the 20th Century
// Introduction to Latin American Film
// Women's Writing in Latin America
// The Literature of the Spanish Inquisition
// La Regenta and the Spanish Realist Novel
// The Essay in Spanish America
// Golden Age Theatre in Spain
// Art and Empire in the Iberian World
// Intermediate Portuguese
// Portuguese Travel Literature
// Brazilian Literature in Film
// SELCS Interdepartmental Intermediate modules

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your third year abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.
// You can participate in a university placement with one of our partner universities, undertake a work placement, or have a British Council language assistantship abroad (subject to availability/approval), to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion. The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects.
// For further information and a list of partner universities, please see the SELCS Year Abroad website.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Spanish Language III

Optional modules

You will select a total of 90 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:

// The Works of Cervantes
// The Works of J. L. Borges
// Latin American Vanguard Movements
// The Andean World of J. M. Arguedas
// The City in Latin American Culture
// History of Latin America in the 20th Century
// The Battle for Memory in the Contemporary Spanish Novel
// Spanish Film from the 1990s: New Ways of Seeing
// Childhood in Latin American Cinema
// Cultural Dilemmas
// Reading and Writing Spanish Microfiction
// Advanced Portuguese
// Portugal and Its Empire in the 20th Century
// Short Fiction and the Making of Modern Brazil
// SELCS Interdepartmental Advanced 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 small-group seminars in which the literary, historical and cultural elements of your studies will be discussed. Extra resources including conversation groups, personal tutorials and other activities are available.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of written and oral examinations, essays, language work, projects and other coursework. Additional weight will be given to your achievements 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 or Portuguese opens up exciting career possibilities around the world with graduates having understanding of literature, culture, media, politics and business across the continents. Beyond the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula, Spanish and Portuguese are fast-growing languages in many other parts of the world, including the UK.

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 that 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 the lively atmosphere of SELCS.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAB. Spanish grade A required.
Contextual Offer: ABB. 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
Standard Offer: 36 points. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including Spanish at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including Spanish at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

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
(Undergraduate foundation courses)
UCL 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 2020/21 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2020/21)
// Overseas: £21,260 (2020/21)

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

Additional costs
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

FUNDING
Modern European Languages Scholarship https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/undergraduate/MELS

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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Brexit
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

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