School of Languages, Cultures and Societies
FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND CULTURES

Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies at Leeds
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
As one of the largest Hispanic and Iberian Studies centres in the UK, we offer highly varied courses that allow you to study all the major topics within the field, along with language modules that enable you to reach a very high level of proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese. Our advanced level modules include specialist study of a wide variety of subjects such as translation, Spanish for business, postcolonial literature in Portuguese, and Latin American culture.

Besides the strengths of our syllabus, we offer you a range of choices for your residence abroad, including a year in Latin America and work placements. Thus you will graduate with an enhanced appreciation of another culture, and experience that gives you the edge over other candidates when trying to secure your ideal job.

Top 10 for modern languages and linguistics in the UK (The Guardian 2017)

Throughout your studies, you will also acquire a range of skills that will prepare you for your career. Our courses are praised by students for providing them with the ability and confidence necessary to undertake a variety of roles and tasks in the workplace with great success. Some of our graduates continue to postgraduate study either at Leeds or another institution.

In light of the increasing international prominence of Spanish and Portuguese – particularly on account of the boom economies of Brazil and Mexico – demand for students of Hispanic, Iberian and Latin American Studies is only going to grow in the future.

I was able to combine my love for languages and my interest in politics and I absolutely loved it! My year abroad was spent in Chile, living and studying in Santiago. So I discovered a new continent and new people.

Marie Seng
BA International Development and Spanish
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You can study single honours BA Spanish or BA Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies. Or you can choose from a range of joint honours with Spanish or Portuguese.

We provide an exciting, coherent programme of study that progresses from broad foundational modules in Level 1, through more detailed general modules at Level 2, and concludes with cutting-edge specialist modules in final year. In addition to compulsory Spanish and/or Portuguese language modules at each level, you can choose to follow pathways that focus on culture, history and language depending on your academic interests and career goals.

At Level 1, you will consolidate your knowledge of the Spanish language through participative classes and practice in your own time. If you study Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, you will also follow an intensive Portuguese language course. In addition to language, our core ‘Essay Project’ module will teach you how to research independently and effectively. You will work in small groups to produce a written essay and develop skills necessary to succeed in other modules, including the final year project.

You will be able to complement this with optional modules on cultural production, history and Catalan, which is available throughout your course.

At Level 2, in addition to further developing your language skills, you will be able choose modules on literature, theatre, film, translation, linguistics, and social and political history across Iberia and Latin America. We will also prepare you for the practical aspects and psychological challenges of your residence abroad.

Following your residence abroad, Level 3 builds on knowledge and fluency developed overseas. In addition to advanced language work in Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan, you will take optional modules. You can also investigate, research and present a topic of your choice as part of a final year project.

Throughout your studies, you will benefit from access to the facilities of the Instituto Cervantes, Instituto Camões and Institut Ramon Llull, the language and cultural arms of the Spanish government, Portuguese government and Catalan autonomous government, which are based on campus.
JOINT HONOURS

A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer optional and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with Spanish and/or Portuguese are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as act as a point of contact for references.

BA Liberal Arts
You can study either Spanish or Portuguese as your major for this degree.

Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts
Your residence abroad enables you to make substantial linguistic progress over a wide range of registers, to acquire a deeper knowledge and appreciation of your host country, and to develop personally and professionally.

Most of our students spend their year abroad studying – we have links with universities in six Spanish-speaking countries and two Portuguese-speaking countries. Alternatively, you may be able to arrange employment in any Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country, or apply to work as a Language Assistant with the British Council (available in Spanish-speaking countries only).

If you study single honours Spanish, or a Spanish joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year in Spain or another Spanish-speaking country. Some of our students choose to spend their year abroad in Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina and Costa Rica.

If study Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies you will spend two periods abroad; the final term of your second year in Spain, and then a full year in a Portuguese-speaking country in your third year.

If you study a joint honours course that combines either Spanish or Portuguese with another language, you will also spend two periods abroad. Normally, you will spend your final term of your second year abroad in your stronger language, followed by a year abroad in a country where your other language is spoken. The term abroad involves a special course for non-native speakers; for Portuguese students this will be spent in Lisbon and for Spanish students this will be spent in León or Granada. Please note, if you study BA Italian B and Portuguese you will spend two years abroad which will result in a five-year course.

For exact course details see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

The thing I’ve enjoyed the most about studying Spanish at Leeds is their collaboration with the Instituto Cervantes – there were huge opportunities to watch interesting foreign films, hear poetry and listen to talks about things that are beyond the University’s curriculum.

Clive Rodgers
BA French and Spanish
Entry requirements
For BA Spanish (R410) the standard entry requirement is ABB including A in Spanish.

For BA Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies (RR45) the standard entry requirement is ABB including A in Spanish.

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds
Access to Leeds, the University’s widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleeds

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