



Why study Spanish?

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Spanish is a globally significant language, with more than 400 million native speakers in Spain, Latin America and the USA. Readily accessible in the early stages of learning, it is also richly rewarding for those interested in the more advanced subtleties of linguistic study. An understanding of the diverse literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world awaits you. We welcome complete Beginners.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

We are chiefly a degree-oriented subject, aiming to train you in the four main language skills. Moreover, we focus on the critical study of the literatures and cultures of the Hispanic world.

First year: Hispanic Cultures and Societies and Reading Hispanic Texts

Second and Final Year: Language and options including Modern Novels, Poetry, Drama, Film, Fine Art, Translation Studies, Latin American Culture and Literature (primarily Mexico and Cuba). Core language classes incorporate current events in Spain and Latin America and make use of video, student-led blogs and presentations. Our research-led content modules are the product of years of investigation and passion for the specialism.

CAREER & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES?

Our graduates are flexible, articulate and eminently employable people who enjoy careers in Civil Service, journalism, banking and business, the diplomatic sector, teaching, tourism, translation and interpreting, and careers in the EU. They can also apply for UCD's MA in Modern Languages in the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, or for a research degree on a Hispanic theme.



CAO Code	BA Modern Languages (DN541)	BA Joint Honours (DN520)	BA Humanities - Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, European or Global Studies (DN530)	BEd Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages (DN760)	BComm International Spanish minor + Commerce major (DN660)	BSc Social Sciences Spanish minor + Politics, Economics or Sociology major (DN700)
Length of course	As a major: 4 Years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a major: 4 years with Erasmus, 3 without	As a major: 4 Years (includes internship/study abroad)	As a major: 4 Years (includes placement/study abroad)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)
Entry requirements	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects				O2/H6 Maths, O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and 2 other recognised subjects	O6/H7 in English, Irish, Maths and 3 other recognised subjects
Special entry requirements	In First Year two streams are offered, one for absolute beginners and another for non-beginners. For the non-beginners level a minimum of H4 grade in Leaving Certificate Spanish or equivalent is strongly recommended.					

INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Spain has a fascinating history and culture, making it one of Europe's most interesting and exciting places to spend a year. Students are encouraged to apply to spend an additional year abroad with one of our several partner institutions, both in Spain and Latin America, which currently include: Mexico (Tec de Monterrey, Querétaro), Castilla La-Mancha, Deusto (Bilbao), PUC Santiago de Chile, Salamanca, Universidad de Montevideo (Uruguay), UPO (Sevilla), Valladolid, Valencia, Granada and Extremadura (Cáceres). Alternatively, many students apply to become English Language Assistants in schools throughout Spain, living and working among Spanish people, and experiencing the Spanish way of life at first hand. Whichever way students choose to spend their year abroad, it is highly recommended as an unparalleled learning experience.

SOME KEY POINTS

- Option modules may change from year to year
- All Spanish modules are also available as electives

STUDENT TESTIMONY

"Studying Spanish at UCD gave me an excellent grasp of the Spanish language and a deep understanding of a wide variety of interesting topics including 20th Century Spanish history, the Surrealist movement, and Latin American literature. Studying another language and culture through modules such as these not only gives you another perspective of the world, but also valuable skills that employers look for. All the staff in the Spanish department are incredibly friendly and supportive which made studying Spanish at UCD very enjoyable. I now put my language skills to use working for a Latin American ambassador."

Erik Hughes (BA International Modern Languages)



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