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Courses

**Single Honours**

**BA Hispanic Studies**
four years RR45

**BA Spanish**
four years R400

**Joint Honours**

**BA Czech and Spanish**
four years RR4V

**BA English and Spanish**
four years QR34

**BA Film and Spanish**
four years L288

**BA French and Spanish**
four years RR14

**BA German and Spanish**
four years RR24

**BA History and Spanish**
four years VR14

**BA History of Art and Spanish**
four years VR34

**BA International Business Management and Spanish**
four years NR14

**BA Italian and Spanish**
four years RR34

**BA Music and Spanish**
four years WR34

**BA Philosophy and Spanish**
four years RV45

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**Joint Honours continued**

**BA Politics and Spanish**
four years RL42

**BA Spanish and Portuguese**
four years RR54

**BA Spanish and Russian**
four years RR47

**BA Theatre and Spanish**
four years 4D8C

**LLB Law and Spanish**
four years MR13

**BA Czech and Portuguese**
four years RR5V

**BA English and Portuguese**
four years QR35

**BA Film and Portuguese**
four years 4PP8

**BA French and Portuguese**
four years RR15

**BA German and Portuguese**
four years RR25

**BA History and Portuguese**
four years VR15

**BA History of Art and Portuguese**
four years VR35

**BA Italian and Portuguese**
four years RR35

**BA Music and Portuguese**
four years WR35

**BA Philosophy and Portuguese**
four years RV55

**BA Politics and Portuguese**
four years RL52

**BA Russian and Portuguese**
four years RR67

**BA Theatre and Portuguese**
four years R2DB

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This leaflet contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2020. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (May 2019). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University’s website, [bristol.ac.uk/ug-study](http://bristol.ac.uk/ug-study) for the latest updates.

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**Why study Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan at Bristol?**

After English, Spanish is the world’s most widely spoken European language and is the second language of the USA. Portuguese is the world’s seventh most widely spoken language, used in Portugal, Brazil, five African countries and parts of Asia. Since it is so important, yet so rarely studied, knowledge of Portuguese is a very marketable skill. Catalan is also taught at Bristol and is becoming increasingly important in Spanish culture and politics.

Our teaching focuses on many aspects of the history, literature and culture of Iberia and Latin America, from medieval times to the present day. The department enjoys a strong reputation for its teaching and research in Hispanic, Latin American, Portuguese and Catalan cultures, and has a cosmopolitan and student-focused atmosphere. Staff research and teaching specialisms range from Spanish and Portuguese literature and history to the Colombian Wars of Independence and the cultures of the indigenous people of Latin America. Regular Hispanic, Portuguese and Latin American cultural events are organised by both staff and students, including an annual Luso-Hispanic Cultural Week.

Modern languages students at Bristol benefit from a state-of-the-art multimedia centre, which provides access to over 2,000 film titles, foreign satellite channels, magazines and newspapers as well as equipment for oral practice, presentations and projects.

‘Now more than ever, graduates equipped with linguistic skills, intercultural understanding and the ability to think outside the box are in high demand. At Bristol, through a broad, interdisciplinary range of language and culture units taught by world-class researchers, we prepare our students to become creative leaders, capable of responding to local and global challenges.’

Professor Andreas Schonle, Head of the School of Modern Languages

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What will you study?

All of our single and joint honours degrees are available to complete or near beginners, for whom a tailor-made intensive language course is offered in the first stages of the course. Hispanic studies comprises Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan (from the second year). All courses are centred on the study of the relevant language(s), complemented by options in the history, literature and cultures of Iberia and Latin America. If you enter with an A-level you will follow your own advanced language course, plus additional cultural units to consolidate and extend your experience.

In the first year you will receive an introduction to Hispanic and Latin American studies and/or Portuguese and Lusophone studies, taught through lectures by teams of specialist academic staff. These units also focus on the development of key skills for progression through the degree course: you will improve your language skills through reading modern representative texts and viewing films, while getting a taste of the cultural diversity of the relevant countries.

In years two and four you choose from a wide range of optional units covering the languages, literature, history, politics and culture of the Spanish- and/or Portuguese-speaking world. Examples of units offered previously include:

**Spanish units**
- From Frontiers to Football: Nations in Latin America;
- Republic, War and Dictatorship in Spain, 1931-1982;
- Women’s Writing in Post-war Spain;
- The Cuban Revolution in the World: Culture and Politics of Internationalism;
- Hispanic Sociolinguistics;
- Conflict and Transformation in the Arts of the Hispanic World;
- Themes in Latin American Film: Social Changes and Challenges.

**Portuguese units**
- Migration and Movement: Cultural Exchange in the Lusophone World;
- Transnational Narratives in Contemporary Brazilian Culture;
- Audio-visual Translation.

You may also take interdisciplinary units in the School of Modern Languages, such as: World Cinema; Translation as Professional Practice; Linguistics; The Radical Right; and Communism in Europe. In the final year you may also choose to write a dissertation exploring a topic of your choice in detail.

Your timetable, teaching and modes of learning will vary according to the year of study, but typically you will experience a mixture of lectures, seminars and various types of language classes (written, oral/aural and grammar) throughout your course. Independent study and preparation will occupy a considerable part of your timetable in addition to scheduled classes.

All courses last four years and include a period of residence abroad in at least one appropriate country during the third year.

Units are assessed by a combination of coursework, examinations and seminar presentations. The ratio between each type of assessment depends upon which optional units are chosen.

Modern languages students can access our state-of-the-art Multimedia Centre, which includes a student cinema suite, an audio recording and editing studio, and a library of foreign films, books and magazines.

‘The lecturers are incredible – they are warm and welcoming and incredibly keen on their subject.’

Harley (BA German and Spanish)
In addition to linguistic aptitude, modern languages graduates develop employability skills, including:
• written and oral communication skills;
• information gathering and analysis;
• time management skills;
• self-confidence and independence;
• international outlook and cultural awareness;
• presentation skills.

Many of our students use their languages after graduation, and a high proportion find employment in which their languages are advantageous. Our graduates enter a wide variety of careers, including banking, law, marketing, the media, accountancy, tourism and the civil service.

Some go on to further study or training in programmes such as international relations and development, teaching and translation. Some recent graduates now work for international institutions including the United Nations and the Organisation of American States.

Careers and graduate destinations

The Bristol Skills Framework enables our students to recognise their development in academic writing, problem solving, group work, and individual and group presentations. We will equip you with the tools to market your skills, your achievement and your potential in whatever career path you choose to pursue after you graduate.

The University of Bristol has one of the best employment records in the UK. We are the second most targeted university by top UK graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2019).

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-spanish or bristol.ac.uk/ug20-portuguese for more information about our courses.

Making your application

Typical offer for BA Hispanic Studies/ Spanish

A-levels AAB (contextual BBB) including B in Spanish.

IB Diploma 34 points overall (contextual 31) with 17 at Higher Level (contextual 15), including 5 at Higher Level in Spanish.

Our contextual offer is a grade reduction of up to two grades below the standard entry requirements, made to applicants from under-represented groups. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers.

GCSEs No specific subjects required.

Selection process UCAS.

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Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17. Data is for students of all modern languages courses. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/careers/be-inspired.