Why study Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan at Bristol?

Spanish and Portuguese are two of the most widely spoken European languages in the world, and the cultures of Iberia and Latin America are diverse and vibrant. The Catalan language, too, is at the heart of a dynamic and creative society. Our degrees cover many aspects of the history, literature and culture of Iberia and Latin America, from 1492 to the present day.

All of our teaching is informed by our research, which asks how Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries have shaped the world and explores how those global relationships are expressed today.

You’ll work with native-speaking language experts and will get the chance to take part in a variety of cultural opportunities, including the student-run magazine Pensador. Beginners follow a tailor-made intensive language course, while those who are further along follow their own advanced language course, engaging with texts, current affairs, media and film. All will complement their language study with optional units covering the fascinating history, art and culture of Iberia and Latin America.

Year abroad
Study at a partner university, work or volunteer abroad, growing your fluency and cultural awareness in exciting destinations – from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Mexico City to Salamanca.

Dynamic, research-led teaching
Current staff specialisms include Spanish and Latin American literature; Latin American digital and visual cultures; the cultural history of Brazil and Lusophone Africa; and the cultures of the indigenous peoples of Latin America.

Ideal location
Bristol is one of the great ports, linked historically to the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking worlds and a crucial place to study slavery and Atlantic studies.
Sample units may include:
• From Frontiers to Football: South American History 1850-1950
• Writing, Society and Politics in Franco’s Spain
• Hispanic Sociolinguistics
• Introduction to Latin American Cinema
• Barcelona: Culture and Representations
• Latin American Digital and Visual Cultures: Identity and Resistance.

Courses

Single honours:
BA Hispanic Studies
BA Spanish

Joint honours with another language:
Portuguese with French / German / Italian / Russian / Spanish
Spanish with French / German / Italian / Portuguese / Russian

Joint honours with other subjects:
Portuguese with Comparative Literatures and Cultures / English / Film / History / History of Art / Music / Philosophy / Politics / Theatre
Spanish with Comparative Literatures and Cultures / English / Film / History / History of Art / International Business Management / Law / Music / Philosophy / Politics / Theatre

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Find out more
Entry requirements, course structure and units bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-hispanic

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