

BA (Hons)

Hispanic Studies

UCAS code RR45

Entry requirements

A level: BBB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

4 years

Apply by: **13 January 2027**Starts on: **27 September 2027**

About this course

Hispanic Studies at Liverpool covers the languages, literatures, cultures and histories of Spain, Portugal and Latin America.

Introduction

Liverpool is one of the few UK universities to offer Catalan and Portuguese Studies, which makes our programmes more diverse and stimulating than many. Spanish and Portuguese are truly global languages; Spanish has over 400 million speakers and Portuguese has over 200 million.

At the University of Liverpool we take a pluricultural and plurilingual approach to the Luso-Hispanic World. We have a strong interest in looking at Spanish in and beyond Spain with an emphasis on the variety of different languages and cultures encountered in Spain, in Portugal and in Latin America. This programme allows you to develop Spanish language skills (whether from beginner or A-level standard) to proficiency level (at least C1 of the CEFR), as well as introducing you to a broad range of aspects of Hispanic studies from linguistics through historical and cultural study (including literature and film) to practical skills such as translation and interpreting. Not only will you become a confident reader, writer, listener, and speaker of Spanish, with the option of studying a second Iberian language (Catalan or Portuguese), but you will also gain a thorough understanding of many aspects of Hispanic Studies.

We have a vibrant community of students who are involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities including Iberian and Latin American Week, an annual symposium, visiting writers, and much more.

What you'll learn

- The ability to communicate appropriately, fluently and accurately in a number of personal and professional contexts in Spanish/Catalan/Portuguese
- Linguistic principles required to analyse Hispanic languages
- Detailed study of literary and other cultural texts and contexts to develop a broad knowledge and critical understanding of the cultures, communities and societies in which Spanish/Basque/Catalan/Portuguese is spoken
- The ability to contextualise a broad range of materials in written and spoken Spanish/Catalan/Portuguese
- Analytic engagement with texts
- Oral and written presentation skills in both your native language and Hispanic languages

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Each year you take two modules in Spanish language at the appropriate level, plus students of advanced Spanish will take two further modules in Portuguese or Catalan which you will learn from scratch if you take Hispanic Studies as a Major or as a Single Honours degree.

In Year One you will also take foundational modules which introduce Iberian and Latin American histories and cultures; students of advanced Spanish taking Single Honours will also take a 'Language awareness' module, which is designed to support your language learning by sensitising you to issues in language and linguistics, and a module on Iberian Literature.

Students of advanced Spanish will take four language modules and four foundational modules.

Students of beginners' Spanish will take two Spanish language modules, four foundational modules and two additional modules in another subject.

Students on the **advanced** pathway take 45 credits of required modules in each semester. In addition, students are required to take two modules in either Portuguese (**PORT112** and **PORT134**) or Catalan (**CATL112** and **CATL134**). They continue the same language in Year 2 and 4.

Language modules must be taken in pairs.

All modules on the **beginners** pathway are required. **FILM101** and **FILM102** are mandatory for those on the **beginners** pathway only.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTERMEDIATE SPANISH 5, YEAR 1 (SPAN105)	15

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTRODUCTION TO IBERIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES I (HISP120)	15
LANGUAGE AWARENESS (MODL105)	15
INTERMEDIATE SPANISH 6, YEAR 1 (SPAN106)	15
INTRODUCTION TO IBERIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES II (HISP121)	15
WOMEN IN IBERIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE (HISP112)	15
BEGINNERS SPANISH 1+2 (SPAN112)	15
INTRODUCTION TO FILM LANGUAGE (FILM101)	15
ELEMENTARY SPANISH 3+4, YEAR 1 (SPAN134)	15
APPROACHES TO FILM (FILM102)	15

Optional modules	Credits
BEGINNERS PORTUGUESE 1+2, YEAR 1 (PORT112)	15
BEGINNERS CATALAN 1+2 (CATL112)	15
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE 1: PLACES AND LOCATIONS (WLIT101)	15
ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE 3+4, YEAR 1 (PORT134)	15
ELEMENTARY CATALAN 3+4, YEAR 1 (CATL134)	15

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Year two

All students must take four language modules if taking Hispanic Studies as a Major or as a Single Honours. This means continuing with the two languages studied in Year One or picking up a second language (Catalan or Portuguese) if you took Spanish as a beginner in Year One.

Students take 30 credits of language modules and 30 credits of optional modules in each semester. All language modules must be taken in pairs.

HISP219 is available only to students who did not take **HISP112** in Year 1.

MODL200 is subject to a suitable placement being sourced.

Students can take a maximum of TWO MODL or FILM optional modules per session.

Up to 15 credits of optional modules may be taken from cognate subjects elsewhere in the School of Histories, Languages and Cultures with prior permission from the Subject Lead.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
ADVANCED SPANISH 7 (SPAN207)	15
ADVANCED SPANISH 8 (SPAN208)	15
ADVANCED SPANISH 7+8 (SPAN278)	15
ADVANCED SPANISH 5+6 (SPAN256)	15

Optional modules	Credits
INTERMEDIATE PORTUGUESE 5+6, YEAR 2 (PORT256)	15
INTERMEDIATE CATALAN 5+6, YEAR 2 (CATL256)	15
BEGINNERS PORTUGUESE 1+2, YEAR 1 (PORT112)	15
BEGINNERS CATALAN 1+2 (CATL112)	15
THE CINEMATIC CITY (FILM201)	15
MULTILINGUAL LIVERPOOL: READING THE CITY (MODL234)	15
"DOES THE NATION MATTER?" THE BASQUES' WILL TO PERSIST IN THE GLOBAL CULTURE (HISP218)	15
SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN CINEMAS: AN INTRODUCTION (HISP229)	15
LATIN AMERICA IN ITS LITERATURE (LATI203)	15
ADVANCED PORTUGUESE 7+8 (PORT278)	15
ADVANCED CATALAN 7+8 (CATL278)	15
ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE 3+4, YEAR 1 (PORT134)	15
ELEMENTARY CATALAN 3+4, YEAR 1 (CATL134)	15
WOMEN IN IBERIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE (HISP219)	15
LANGUAGE TEACHING: THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL200)	15
GLOBAL PUBLIC SPACES: RESISTANCE, JUSTICE AND HERITAGE (MODL230)	15

Optional modules	Credits
SPAIN IS NOT SPAIN: NATIONALISMS & IDENTITIES IN SPANISH LITERATURE (HISP216)	15
PROPAGANDA AND CENSORSHIP (FILM202)	15

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Year Abroad (Year Three)

You will spend one year abroad as an assistant in a school, as a student at a university or on a work placement. You are encouraged to split the year between two countries/regions to be fully immersed in all the languages that you study.

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Year four

All students must take four language modules and four optional modules. This normally means continuing with the two languages studied in Years One and Two. Optional modules include a dissertation, an independent translation project, film, linguistics and digital cultures among others.

Students take 30 credits of language modules and 30 credits of optional modules in each semester.

Students can only take one of **MODL321**, **MODL322** or **MODL307**.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
PROFICIENT SPANISH 11 (SPAN311)	15
PROFICIENT SPANISH 12 (SPAN312)	15
Optional modules	Credits
PROFICIENT PORTUGUESE 11, YEAR 3 (PORT311)	15
PROFICIENT CATALAN 11 (CATL311)	15
INTERMEDIATE PORTUGUESE 5+6, YEAR 2 (PORT256)	15
INTERMEDIATE CATALAN 5+6, YEAR 2 (CATL256)	15
RESEARCHING DIGITAL CULTURES IN THE AMERICAS (HISP348)	15
RESISTANCE AND RENEWAL: SPANISH POETRY FROM THE FOLK SONGS OF THE FRONTIER TO THE SLAM SESSIONS OF MADRID (HISP327)	15
CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS (LATI307)	15
TERROR REMEMBERED: REPRESENTING TRAUMATIC HISTORIES IN LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA (MODL304)	15
REMEMBERING SLAVERY (MODL332)	15

Optional modules	Credits
TRANSLATION THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL311)	15
RESEARCH PROJECT 1 (MODL321)	15
BEGINNERS' CATALAN 1+2 (CATL322)	15
BEGINNERS PORTUGUESE 1+2 (PORT322)	15
PROFICIENT PORTUGUESE 12, YEAR 3 (PORT312)	15
PROFICIENT CATALAN 12 (CATL312)	15
ADVANCED PORTUGUESE 7+8 (PORT278)	15
ADVANCED CATALAN 7+8 (CATL278)	15
TRANSNATIONAL CINEMA (FILM301)	15
COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS: MEMORY AND TRANSCULTURAL MOBILITY (MODL326)	15
SCREENING TEXTS (MODL328)	15
SCREENING SPAIN: CONTEMPORARY SPANISH FILM AND TELEVISION (HISP344)	15
THE SOCIOLINGUISTICS OF CONTEMPORARY SPAIN (HISP329)	15
TRANSLATION PROJECT (MODL312)	15
RESEARCH PROJECT 2 (MODL322)	15
ELEMENTARY CATALAN 3+4, YEAR 3 (CATL324)	15

Optional modules	Credits
ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE 3+4, YEAR 3 (PORT324)	15
DISSERTATION (MODL307)	30

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Combined degree

Choosing this subject as a combined degree

If you split your degree between Hispanic Studies and another subject area, you will study a Spanish language module, at beginners or advanced level, and another language or cultural module per semester, alongside two other modules in your other subject.

In year one, you will study two Spanish language modules at the appropriate level and two foundational modules. During your second and final year you will study two Spanish language modules at the appropriate level plus two content modules from a range of options on Latin American literature, Latin American and Spanish cinema, Spanish literature from medieval to modern times, or Catalan or Portuguese as a second language.

You will spend one year in a Spanish-speaking country (or if relevant, a Catalan speaking region or Portuguese speaking country) as an assistant in a school, as a student at a university or on a work placement.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught in a mixture of formal lectures, seminars and small group tutorials where a friendly environment prevails and great attention is paid to giving feedback on assessed work.

In language classes, we make every effort to ensure that we have a small number of students compared to competitor institutions, which means that academic staff are able to support students to achieve their full potential. All language modules involve continuous assessment such as oral presentations, listening tests and grammar tests as well as exams. Tuition takes place in small groups with first-language speakers playing a prominent part and includes a range of skills such as listening, writing, speaking, interpreting and translation.

Students are also expected to make regular use of our fully-refurbished Language Lounge to enhance their own study. We encourage our students to become independent learners, and support them through our dedicated library resources in the Sydney Jones Library which is open 24-hour in term time. We also make extensive use of our virtual learning environment VITAL where students can complete structured tasks outside the classroom.

How you're assessed

Performance throughout the year is carefully monitored and used to supplement examinations. For language, such a programme of continuous assessment involves evaluating performance in a variety of written and oral exercises. Other modules have a mix of essay and exam assessment. Our aim is always to assess by methods of evaluation appropriate to the skills being developed and to allow students to gain credit for good work done during the year.

Exams take place at two points in the academic year: at the end of semester one in January and at the end of the session in May, so that the workload is evenly distributed. As regards the final degree result, for language programmes, the second year's work counts for 20%, the work done during the year abroad (foreign exams or extended essay or portfolio) counts for another 10%, and the final year's work counts for 70%.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching – learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning – taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment – assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

Studying Hispanic Studies is not designed to prepare students for a specific career, but the skills learnt offer a wide range of possibilities. The Higher Education Statistics Agency consistently records high levels of employment for language graduates, and the employability of graduates from Hispanic Studies is very good. The programme produces students who are able to communicate effectively in Hispanic languages and English, to identify and suggest solutions for problems, to absorb and synthesise material from a variety of sources and to be able to construct cogent and coherent arguments based on these sources. You will be equipped for graduate opportunities requiring competence in Hispanic languages, breadth of outlook, sympathetic understanding of other cultures, efficient selection and deployment of information from written sources, critical and evaluative judgements and excellent standards of literacy.

We are justifiably proud of our excellent record on graduate employment. Our graduates go on to careers in all sectors worldwide. These include:

- media
- industry and commerce
- finance
- local and central government
- translation
- interpreting
- teaching in schools and universities

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £10,050

Year in industry fee – £2,010

Year abroad fee – £1,508 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £27,000

Year in industry fee – £1,955

Year abroad fee – £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The UK fees shown are for the academic year 2027/28. The international fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27 and will be subject for change for the academic year 2027/28. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

BBB
including Spanish.

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBC** from A levels, with **B** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

Requirements for 100%:

A Level in Spanish at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50% with another subject outside Modern Languages and Cultures:

A Level in Spanish at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50%/50% with two languages:
A Level at Grade B in either of the two languages

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Applications encouraged. We evaluate each BTEC application on its merits, entry to Advanced language with an A level or equivalent in Spanish (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

International Baccalaureate

30 points overall with no score less than 4 including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language) or pass the IB Diploma plus 5,5,5 in 3 HL subjects including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Irish Leaving Certificate

H2, H2, H2, H3, H3, H3 (including H2 in relevant language for Advanced)

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

BBB in Advanced Highers including grade B in relevant language for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' language) combinations of Advanced Highers and Scottish Highers are welcome.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus BB at A level to include Spanish grade B (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 30 at Distinction and 15 at Merit for entry to Beginners' language.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
 - If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year [Go Higher diploma](#) qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
 - [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.
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English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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