

Spanish

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



CAO Code

DN500

Joint Hons
Full time

DN501

Joint Hons
Part time

CAO Points Range 2013 335 — 575

Length of Course BA Hons (3 years)

Average Intake BA Intl (4 years, including one year of study abroad)

150

Entry Requirements

English • Irish • A third language • Three other recognised subjects

Leaving Certificate

Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3

A-Level/GCSE 2013

ACC [A-Level] or equivalent

Passes [GCSE Grade C or above] in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C or above at A-Level

Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175

Other EU Applicants

See www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu

Non-EU Applicants

See www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu

Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes — Yes, see www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Routes — None

Mature Entry Route — Yes, see p178

Special Entry

Recommendation

In first year, two streams are offered: one for absolute beginners, and another for non-beginners. For the non-beginners' level a minimum of HC3 grade in Leaving Certificate Spanish, or equivalent, is strongly recommended.

Choosing Spanish

Spanish may be taken as part of a BA Joint Honours degree [DN500], or on a part-time basis [DN501]. We accept absolute beginners (taught separately in first year) and non-beginners. Opportunities exist for suitably qualified students to spend an extra year abroad and graduate with a BA [International]. If you wish to reach the level of linguistic proficiency required by employers, we recommend that you opt for the four-year BA [International] degree. Alternatively, if you wish to study more than one language, with a year abroad, consider DN541 International Languages (see page 48). Review the other subjects you can study with Spanish by looking at the diagram on page 33. Details of how to apply for these combinations, as part of DN500, are on page 185.

Why is this subject for me?

Spanish is a truly global language, spoken by more than 400 million people around the world. Taught through interactive language classes, Spanish is not only accessible in the initial stages of learning, it is also richly rewarding for those interested in the more advanced subtleties of linguistic study. In tandem with learning to communicate effectively in Spanish, a combination of lectures, tutorials and group work enables you to pursue your own readings of and reflections upon works by major authors, from Cervantes to Lorca, García Márquez and beyond. This will deepen your knowledge of Hispanic culture as well as sharpening your critical faculties. Opportunities will be available to study Portuguese and acquire translation skills.



La Casa Milà
[La Pedrera] in
Barcelona

What will I study?

We aim to train you in the four main skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. A complementary objective is to focus on the analytical study and understanding of Hispanic literatures and cultures. If suitably qualified, students have the opportunity to study for an Erasmus year in Spain, Latin America or Portugal.

First Year

Language • Study Skills • Stories, Poetry, Drama, Short Texts • Electives, including Portuguese Language

Second & Third Year

Language • Cervantes & the Golden Age • Modern Novel & Film • Modern Poetry • Commercial Spanish • Translation • Advanced Oral Language • Erasmus Opportunities • Electives, including Portuguese Language

Spanish is taught in lectures and classes and there is an emphasis on independent study.

Assessments are varied and may include end-of-semester examinations, coursework, presentations and projects.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Our graduates are flexible, articulate and eminently employable people who can enjoy careers in:

Civil service • Journalism • Banking and business • Teaching • Tourism

They are also eligible to apply for the MA in Modern Languages and other taught master's programmes in the School of Languages & Literatures and College of Arts & Celtic Studies. MLitt and PhD programmes are also available.

International Study Opportunities

We operate exchanges with several partner institutions, in Spain, Latin America and Portugal including:

Deusto, Bilbao, Spain • Zaragoza, Spain • Valladolid, Spain • Salamanca, Spain • Castilla-La-Mancha [Ciudad Real], Spain • Seville, Spain • Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile [Santiago], Chile • Monterrey, Mexico • Austral, Buenos Aires, Argentina • Montevideo, Uruguay • Lisbon, Portugal • Coimbra, Portugal

Places may be limited with preference given to those with better results.



Anita
Hyland
STUDENT

Spanish in UCD is an intimate and friendly degree which I would definitely recommend. I took part in Spanish language plays, run by students and staff, which were a huge highlight of my year. Lecturers were enthusiastic and supportive, encouraging us to open up and debate in small groups.

Find out more

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