Study Spanish and Portuguese languages as well as Hispanic and Lusophone cultures on a degree in the heart of London. Our department is active in all fields of Hispanic and Lusophone studies, offering an unrivalled variety of topics for study, from the medieval to the contemporary, on literature, linguistics, art, history, popular music, film, theatre and translation. The degree accepts applications from those with A Levels in Spanish or Portuguese or complete beginners in one of the languages. The degree is based in London whilst the year abroad is normally split between Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries.

**Key benefits**

- Our courses are taught by world-class lecturers in a friendly and well-resourced environment.
- Our wide range of modules cover language, literature, history, film, visual arts, music, from the Middle Ages to our present day.
- The King’s College London library provides all the resources you need, including the most complete collection of material on Portugal, Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa available in any UK university.
- Our central London location offers you access to the wealth of London’s research institutes, cultural centres and events.
- The year abroad requirement helps you become fluent speakers and enhance your awareness and experience of cultural difference. We have exchanges with a number of Spanish-speaking partner universities currently including Alicante, Cadiz, Carlos III (Madrid), Córdoba, País Vasco, Pompeu Fabra, PUC (Chile), Tec (Querétaro, Mexico), Santiago de Compostela (Lugo Campus), UNAM (Mexico), Pacifico (Peru), Salamanca and San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador). Our Portuguese-speaking partner universities currently include Lisboa, Nova de Lisboa, Coimbra, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Universidade de São Paulo and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. The year abroad also offers the opportunity to undertake an internship/work placement in a Spanish-speaking or a Portuguese-speaking environment (typically sourced by students themselves).
- We expect and enable you to take an active role in all aspects of your education, help you become independent, lifelong learners, participating fully in department life through student societies and the Student-Staff Liaison Committee.
Course details

The Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies is active in all fields of Spanish and Portuguese languages, as well as Peninsular, Spanish American and Brazilian literatures and cultural histories from the earliest times to the present day. Beginning with the module Global Iberias in first year, we will give you a broad introduction to the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking worlds, and you will explore a broad range of topics covering literature, history, film, music and visual arts from the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds.

In your second and final year, you will further develop your interests through a variety of optional modules. The required language modules each year will help you deepen the linguistic knowledge essential to all fields of study, and enable you to graduate with near native fluency.

Your year abroad will be split between Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries and will support your progress towards fluency as well as providing an immersion into the cultures of your host countries. We have exchange arrangements with a number of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking partner universities. Your year abroad also offers the opportunity to undertake an internship or work placement.

Teaching

Our courses are taught by world-class lecturers in a friendly and well-resourced environment. Through lectures, interactive seminars and individual tutorials we help students to become independent, lifelong learners who contribute to the quality of their own education.

You will be studying with leading academics who are experts across a wide variety of fields. As you progress, you will be able to pursue your particular interests and gain exposure to disciplines such as History, Political Science, Comparative Literature, Popular Music, Gender and Cultural studies, as well as Film and Visual Arts.

Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. Each year you will normally take modules totalling 120 credits.

Year 1

Required modules

You are required to take the following modules:

- Core Spanish Language (30 credits)
- Core Portuguese Language (30 credits)
- Global Iberias (30 credits)

Optional modules

You are also required to take two optional modules (totalling 30 credits) from a range of optional modules which may typically include:

- Image: Visual Culture in the Global Iberias (15 credits)
- Introduction to Modern Hispanic Culture (15 credits)
- From Frontier to Empire: Cultures in Contact in the Medieval & Early Modern Iberian Worlds (15 credits)
- Music of the Lusophone & Hispanic Worlds (15 credits)

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of examination and coursework, the exact weighting of which will depend on your choice of modules. This allows you to develop different approaches to work and research.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Regulating body

King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.
Year 2
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:

- Spanish Language II (30 credits)
- Portuguese Language (30 credits)

Optional modules
You are required to take two modules (totalling 30 credits) from a range of optional Spanish modules which may typically include:

- Catalan Language (15 credits)
- Bodily Desires: Love & Sexuality in the Medieval & Early Modern Iberian Lyric (15 credits)
- Culture & Identity in Spanish America (15 credits)

In addition, you are required to take a further two optional Portuguese modules (totalling 30 credits) from a list which may typically include:

- Fatherlands: Spain and Portugal under the Dictators (15 credits)
- Nineteenth-Century Fiction in Brazil and Portugal (15 credits)
- Visuality, Literature and Modern Life in Latin America (15 credits)
- Modernism: Outside In (15 credits)

Year 3
Your third year will be spent abroad, normally for one semester in a Spanish-speaking and one in a Portuguese-speaking country. If you choose to study, then we have an extensive list of partner institutions which you may attend, which currently include:

**Spanish institutions**
- Alicante
- Cadiz
- Carlos III (Madrid)
- Córdoba
- País Vasco
- Pompeu Fabra
- PUC (Chile)
- Tec (Querétaro, Mexico)
- Santiago de Compostela (Lugo Campus)
- UNAM (Mexico)
- Pacífico (Peru)
- Salamanca
- San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador)

**Portuguese institutions**
- Lisboa
- Nova de Lisboa
- Coimbra
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
- Universidade Federal da Bahia
- Universidade de São Paulo
- Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Alternatively, you may choose to apply for the English Language Assistantship Programme, or to undertake an internship or work placement in a Spanish or Portuguese-speaking environment, allowing you to explore career prospects and fields of personal interest. You will arrange this yourself.

Year 4
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:

- Core Spanish Language IV (30 credits)
- Core Portuguese Language (30 credits)

Optional modules
You are also required to take up to two modules (totalling 30 credits) from a range of optional Spanish modules, which may typically include:

- Advanced Topics in Applied Linguistics (15 credits)
- Advanced Catalan Language (15 credits)
- Myth & Archive: 19th & 20th Century Rewritings on Colonial Latin America (15 credits)
- Stereotypes in Modern Spanish Cinema (15 credits)
- Comparing Romance Languages (15 credits)
- Catalan Culture (15 credits)
- The Writer and the Public: Journalism in Spain (15 credits)

In addition, you are required to take up to two more modules (totalling 30 credits) from a range of optional Portuguese modules, which may typically include:

- Brazilian Poetry & Song: 1958 to the present (15 credits)
- Lusophone African Literature II: The Postcolonial Experience (15 credits)
- Peripheral Europeans: Modernity, Traditionalism & National Identity (15 credits)
- Cross-Cultural Exchanges between Africa & the Americas, 16th-20th Centuries (15 credits)

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore modules may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location
We are located on the Strand Campus in the heart of London, within easy access to a wide range of institutes and centres (e.g., the Instituto Cervantes, Camoes Institute) that promote Hispanic and Lusophone culture, including theatre, music, and art. The Maughan Library contains an extensive collection on the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds, including in the Rare Books collection. Within London there are other important collections in the libraries and research institutes of the University of London and the British Library.
Career prospects

Your degree will equip you with the language skills, cultural awareness and critical independence necessary to compete successfully in an almost limitless range of careers. Recent graduates have gone on to gain employment in areas including business and commerce, finance, marketing, accountancy, law, the Civil Service, the media, charitable and non-governmental organizations, while others have remained in higher education to gain a teaching qualification or continue their studies at postgraduate level.

Fees and funding

Full time tuition fees UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2018-2019 academic year are available on the course web page: kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/spanish-and-portuguese-with-a-year-abroad-ba.aspx

Please note that the UK tuition fees and the fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full time tuition fees EU

Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

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Full time tuition fees International

The international tuition fees for the 2018-2019 academic year are available on the course web page: kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/spanish-and-portuguese-with-a-year-abroad-ba.aspx

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

In addition to the costs above, you can also expect to pay for:

• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• clothing for optional course related events and competitions
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopies
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• graduation costs
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

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