Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies

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This degree gives you the chance to explore the rich linguistic, social and cultural diversity of the Hispanic world.

We cover cultures and countries from the Iberian Peninsula to Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean.

You will achieve a high level of spoken and written Spanish, and develop a strong level of Portuguese from beginner’s level. There are also options in Quechua and Catalan.

You spend a year abroad, working or studying, immersed in the culture and societies of the countries that fascinate you.

A broad choice of research-informed modules on the vibrant cultures and histories of Spain and Latin America complement your language learning.

Highlights of this degree

Quality and ranking

Newcastle University is ranked

- 6th in the UK – The Complete University Guide 2020 (Iberian Languages category)
- top 10 in the UK in The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020 (Iberian Languages category)
- Ranked 5th in the UK with a 95% overall student satisfaction score (Iberian Studies category) - The National Student Survey 2019

Year abroad

All of our modern languages degrees include a compulsory year abroad.

Students studying a European language can:

- study at one of our partner universities
- undertake a work or voluntary placement
- or do a combination of the above (ensuring that they do not overlap)

You usually divide the year between the two countries relating to your chosen languages, although it may be possible to spend the whole year in one country.

If you are studying three languages we encourage you to spend some time during the summer vacation in the country of your third language.

Support for year abroad

We offer lots of help to prepare you for your year abroad, including:

- briefings covering practicalities like insurance, visas and student safety
- support to find a work placement
- a Tandem Learning Scheme, to practise conversation in your foreign language and make contacts in the country before you travel
- a training course for language assistants

We also run social events for second-year students to meet finalists who have already done their year abroad, Erasmus students from our partner universities in Europe, and Chinese and Japanese exchange students from our host universities in East Asia.

Our Year Abroad team will keep in close touch with you while you are abroad. You will communicate regularly with your personal tutor. You'll also complete blog posts through our e-portfolio system. This will help you reflect on your linguistic, personal and professional development.

Facilities and support

You will join the School of Modern Languages at Newcastle. We're a small and friendly School with around 50 staff, 30 of whom are native speakers of the languages they teach. We have been teaching languages at Newcastle for over 100 years. This mark of quality and heritage is reflected in the reputation that the School holds.

Facilities

Facilities include state-of-the-art language laboratories and an award-winning Language Resource Centre, with self-study resources for over 50 languages. You’ll also have access to specialist language software, dictionaries, DVDs, films and live satellite TV channels.

Find out more about our facilities on the School website.

Resources

We have excellent links with other institutions, including the Centro de Língua Portuguesa (Instituto Camões) which is a major regional and national resource, supporting the teaching of Portuguese.

Support

You’ll be supported by a personal tutor throughout your degree – an academic member of staff who can help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have

Social activities

There are lots of opportunities within the School for you to meet new people and get involved with different activities, including joining our student-run Modern Languages Society.

There are opportunities for translation through our Real Translation scheme. Alternatively, you can get involved with our student-led publications Flying Solo and Gift of the Gab.

Take a virtual tour at www.ncl.ac.uk/tour
Course Details

Modules for 2019 entry

Please note
The module and/or programme information below is for 2019 entry. Our teaching is informed by research and modules change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, student feedback, or insufficient numbers of students interested (in an optional module). To find out more read our terms and conditions.

Module/programme information for 2020 entry will be published here as soon as it is available (end of May 2020).

Our degrees are divided into Stages. Each Stage lasts for an academic year and you need to complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each Stage. Further information, including the credit value of the module, is available in each of the module descriptions below.

Stage 1
Building on your current language skills, you study intermediate Spanish and entry-level Portuguese, and choose from a range of optional cultural modules.

Compulsory modules
POR1065  Level A (HE Entry Level) Portuguese I
POR1066  Level A (HE Entry Level) Portuguese II
SPA1071  Level B (HE Intermediate) Spanish

Optional modules
You also take three of the following optional modules:
LAS1010  An Introduction to Latin America
SML1018  Introduction to Literature
SML1019  Introduction to Linguistics
SML1021  Introduction to International Film
SML1022  Introduction to Cultural Studies
SPA1019  Introduction to History, Culture and Society of the Iberian Peninsula

Stage 2
Building on your Stage 1 language study, you take advanced Spanish and intermediate Portuguese, and choose from a range of optional cultural and language modules.

Compulsory modules
POR2010  Level B (HE Intermediate) Portuguese
SPA2061  Level C (HE Advanced) Spanish
### Stage 2

**Optional modules**
You also take four of the following optional modules:

- LAS2028 Diversidad Cultural en America Latina
- LAS2030 Comparative History of Hispano-America and Brazil from Independence to the Mexican Revolution (1789/1810-1917)
- LAS2032 Caribbean Imaginaries: Image, Text, Music
- POR2001 Cultures and Societies of the Portuguese-Speaking World
- SPA2019 World Spanish
- SPA2021 Introduction to Catalan
- SPA2025 Representations of Revolution, Dictatorship and Democracy in Spain and Latin America

### Stage 3 (Year abroad)

You spend a year abroad in an approved Spanish- and/or Portuguese-speaking country either:

- studying at a university
- working as a language teaching assistant
- on an approved work placement

During your year abroad, you take the following compulsory module:

- SML3004 Year Abroad ePortfolio
- Plus, one of the modules below:
  - SML3006 Study Abroad
  - SML3007 Year Abroad Placement Report 1
  - SML3008 Year Abroad Placement Report 2
  - SML3009 Year Abroad Project 1
  - SML3010 Year Abroad Project 2

### Stage 4

You study further advanced Spanish, and choose from a range of optional cultural and language modules.

**Compulsory modules**

- SPA4081 Level D (HE Further Advanced) Spanish: Advanced Writing Skills
- You take one of the following modules:
  - SPA4082 Level D (HE Further Advanced) Spanish: Language for Professional & Academic Purposes
  - SPA4083 Level D (HE Further Advanced) Spanish: Translation & Interpreting

**Optional modules**
You take five of the following optional modules:

- LAS2028 Diversidad Cultural en America Latina
- LAS2030 Comparative History of Hispano-America and Brazil from Independence to the Mexican Revolution (1789/1810-1917)
- LAS2032 Caribbean Imaginaries: Image, Text, Music
- LAS4001 Inter-American Relations from Spanish-American War (1898) to the end of the Cold War (1989/1991)
- LAS4005 Multilingualism and Society in Latin America
- LAS4010 Cultura y Política en Colombia
- POR4003 Lusophone Borderlines: Borders and Crossings in Portuguese-Speaking Cultures*
- POR4010 Level C (HE Advanced) Portuguese
- SML4003 Communicating and Teaching Languages for Undergraduate Ambassadors
- SML4099 Dissertation
- SPA4002 Intermediate Catalan**
- SPA4005 Cultura Popular en Latinoamérica y España
- SPA4006 Spectres of the Past: Memory in Contemporary Spanish Culture
- SPA4007 Spanish and Romance Word Analysis

*You must also be studying POR4010 to take this module  ** You must have taken SPA2021 at Stage 2 to take this module

### Teaching and assessment

#### Study at the cutting edge

The School of Modern Languages produces high-level original research in the cultures of the contemporary societies with which it engages. This research feeds directly into our teaching, giving you the chance to really get to know the modern societies connected to your chosen languages.

We have particular research expertise in:

- Film Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Medieval Studies

#### Teaching methods

The majority of practical language modules are taught through classes led by native speakers. You also work in language laboratories and undertake self-study in our Language Resource Centre.

#### Assessment methods

Assessment involves oral and language laboratory work and written examinations at the end of each Stage, as well as coursework submitted during the year.

During your year abroad in Stage 3 you are required to complete a personal learning record (a diary exercise consisting of three short pieces of work) and either write a project in the relevant language or submit marks from modules taken at the exchange university.

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Find out more
Visit our Teaching and Learning pages to read about the outstanding learning experience available to all students at Newcastle University

Careers

Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies careers
Most people study modern languages because of their interest and ability in the subject. Comparatively few go directly into careers in which a language degree is essential – such as translating, interpreting, aspects of publishing or teaching. Many graduates instead go into jobs in which their language skills are desirable, such as the media, hospitality and leisure, areas of finance or journalism.

With ever more European and international connections, such skills will grow in importance and can give you a real advantage in applying for a wide range of graduate jobs.

Ability in languages is increasingly valued by a wide range of employers across all sectors, including industry and business. They recognise that a degree in modern languages is evidence not only of linguistic skills and cultural awareness but also of other personal transferable skills needed in employment.

You will develop the self-confidence to communicate orally as well as on paper, to work effectively in a group, to organise and plan your work and to find solutions to problems by critical, logical and creative thinking. Consequently our graduates find work in diverse areas such as tourism, marketing, management, civil service, advertising and the media, teaching and banking.

The School of Modern Languages works with the University’s Careers Service to run an annual Employability Week, including an opportunity to network with recent graduates. We also collaborate on the Modern Languages careers blog, Careers Translated. The blog gives you access to a range of relevant jobs, training and work experience opportunities, as well as interviews with alumni and employers, and general advice.

Find out more about the career options for Modern Languages from Prospects: The UK’s Official Careers Website.

Careers and employability at Newcastle
Newcastle University consistently has one of the best records for graduate employment in the UK.

96% of our 2017 UK-domiciled UG/PG graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating.

85.5% of our graduates are in graduate level employment or further study within six months of graduating.

We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through an initiative called ncl+. This enables you to develop personal, employability and enterprise skills and to give you the edge in the employment market after you graduate.

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers.

Fees & Funding

Tuition Fees (UK students)
2020 entry: £9,250
For programmes where you can spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad, you will receive a significant fee reduction for that year.
Some of our degrees involve additional costs which are not covered by your tuition fees.

Please note:
The maximum fee that we are permitted to charge for UK students is set by the UK government.
As a general principle, you should expect the tuition fee to increase in each subsequent academic year of your course, subject to government regulations on fee increases and in line with inflation.
See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Tuition Fees (EU students)
2020 entry: £9,250 You will pay the same tuition fees as UK students for the duration of your course.
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For programmes where you can spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad, you will receive a significant fee reduction for that year.
Some of our degrees involve additional costs which are not covered by your tuition fees.

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Tuition Fees (International students)
2020 entry*:
£18,000

*Please note:
You will be charged tuition fees for each year of your degree programme (unless you are on a shorter exchange programme).
The tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year as a result of inflation.
If you spend a year on placement or studying abroad as part of your degree you may pay a reduced fee for that year.
See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Scholarships and Financial Support (UK students)
You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government financial support.

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Scholarships and Financial Support (International students)
We offer a range of scholarships to eligible international students:
Vice-Chancellor’s International Scholarships

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Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarships
Vice-Chancellor’s Global Scholarships
We also offer International Family Discounts which are available for all international students with a close family member who has graduated from or is now studying at Newcastle University.
Newcastle University offers Sanctuary Scholarships for eligible undergraduate students (excludes MBBS and BDS students) from asylum-seeker and refugee backgrounds.
Some of our subject scholarships and sports scholarships are also available for international students.

Apply

Applying to Newcastle University through UCAS
To apply for undergraduate study at Newcastle you must use the online application system managed by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

UCAS codes for Newcastle University
- institution name - NEWC
- institution code - N21

UCAS buzzword
Ask your teacher or adviser from your school or college for the UCAS buzzword. You need the buzzword when you register on the Apply system. This makes it clear which school or college you are applying from.
All UK schools and colleges and a small number of EU and international establishments are registered with UCAS.
If you are applying independently, or are applying from a school or college which is not registered to manage applications, you will still use the Apply system. You will not need a buzzword.

Making your application
On the UCAS website you can also find out more about:
- application deadlines and other important dates
- offers and tracking your application

Application decisions and enquiries
Find out more about our admissions process and who to contact if you need help with your application.
Notes

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Go online for information about our full range of degrees
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate

To watch videos about student life in Newcastle, visit
www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle

Visit www.ncl.ac.uk/tour to take virtual tours of the campus and the city

Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday

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www.ncl.ac.uk/pre-arrival/regulations