

**Kingston
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Spanish BA(Hons)

joint honours (minor field)

■ FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Spanish is a language in great demand from employers in the UK and abroad. Studying Spanish at Kingston will not only give you the opportunity to develop oral and written fluency in the language, but will also allow you to explore some of the major social, cultural and historical landmarks in the shaping of present-day Spain and its people.

Flexibility is a key feature of the Spanish course at Kingston. You can start with a GCSE pass at grade A–B or an A-level pass in Spanish.

Our programme

The Spanish minor field at Kingston University offers you an exciting opportunity to study a language in combination with another subject. A good working knowledge of Spanish will both complement and enhance your specialist area of study and open up new perspectives in researching your subject.

You will:

- develop your Spanish skills to fluency level;
- study aspects of Spanish culture and society; and
- enjoy the advantage of a period of study in Spain.

A highlight of the course is the exciting experience of living in Spain. We have long-standing links with different Spanish universities where we can arrange a placement for you.

Teaching and support

The teaching quality of the languages programmes at Kingston was rated 'excellent' in the last national assessment exercise. Pastoral care and academic support during your course are also high priorities.

Your learning will be assessed in a variety of ways, including take-home assessments and in-class oral presentations, as well as some examinations.

Language resources

You will have access to a state-of-the-art digital language laboratory equipped with networked multimedia PCs, which will allow you to interact with Spanish videos and Spanish language software. The language laboratory provides a digital and an analogue teaching environment via a computer network.

Careers

Businesses need employees with foreign language skills. They also need people who are happy operating across cultures, who are flexible, good at teamworking and excellent communicators. You will develop all these skills at Kingston in your language degree course.

Careers followed by recent graduates include those in the areas of business services, marketing, banking and finance, journalism, education, translating, tourism, public administration and international organisations (particularly in EU institutions).



Why study Spanish at Kingston University?

- This course enables you to study Spanish as a minor field alongside another subject of your choice.
- You will become fluent in written and spoken Spanish.
- You will also gain an understanding of the Spanish culture, enabling you to appreciate all aspects of Spanish society.
- You will have the opportunity to perfect your Spanish by studying abroad at a Spanish university.
- The teaching quality of Kingston's language programmes has been rated 'excellent' in government assessments.

What you study

Examples of the modules currently offered are shown below. The number of modules taken each year and the choices available will vary. The module list also varies from year to year as the course structure is reviewed and refined. Spanish modules are studied in combination with another (major field) subject of your choice.

Year 1

Spanish language modules

- You will take two Spanish language modules (one in each semester) – these will depend on your level of entry.
- You will be taught in interactive groups and will develop your comprehension and communication skills in Spanish.
- Your reading in Spanish will range from brief reports on topical issues to longer articles reflecting aspects of modern Spanish society.
- You will learn to analyse and reflect upon the structure and uses of Spanish and the importance of variation in language.
- You will extend your knowledge of issues relating to contemporary life and culture in Spain, and practise your oral skills.

Introducción al mundo hispánico y a la España contemporánea

This module will further extend your range of grammatical structures and specific topic-related vocabulary. You will study topics related to Hispanic culture as well as contemporary Spanish culture and society; you will be encouraged to express ideas related to these topics. The module places special emphasis on spoken Spanish.

Introduction to Intercultural Communication

This module introduces you to the interface between culture, communication and language. It will enhance your ability to operate within and between contemporary multicultural societies. It will also cultivate your awareness of the way in which language develops, and explores links between Spanish and English.

Kingston Language Scheme

You can also substitute a non-core module from your major field of study for a language module from the Kingston Language Scheme (KLS). This provides a unique opportunity to incorporate another language into your programme of studies. As well as Spanish, we offer modules in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. You can learn a new language from the beginning or continue with the study of a language you have previously learned. Each module is credit-rated and will count towards your degree.

Year 2

In the second year you will continue to study modules covering language skills and culture and society. You will also have the opportunity to spend a semester studying in Spain.

Language skills

Modules practising advanced language skills (eg translation, report writing, oral discussion) ensure that, by the time you graduate, you will have learned how to operate successfully in a professional capacity in Spain.

Identidades Hispánicas

This module will examine the socio-historical processes that have shaped modern-day Spain and its relationship with other Spanish-speaking regions. You will explore concepts surrounding issues of nation, identity and colonisation. You will also learn about key artistic figures and movements that reflect important periods in Hispanic culture.

Semester abroad

In Year 2 you will be offered the opportunity to spend a semester studying in Spain. The chance to live and study or work in a foreign country is one that is not available to many people, and we aim to make sure that your time in Spain will be as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. For many students, the prospect of spending time abroad constitutes one of the main reasons for choosing this course. It will enable you to familiarise yourself with aspects of Spanish culture, to speak and write more fluently in a variety of registers, and will help you to manage your own learning more effectively.

The period abroad is usually spent at one of our Spanish partner universities in Cadiz or Valladolid.

The number and selection of modules you take will be agreed between your Kingston tutors and the Spanish university. They will normally include language modules and modules relating to your major specialism (eg Spanish cinema or politics courses). The modules you take at the Spanish university are credited and they are compulsory.

Year 3

You will continue to develop your language skills during your final year. By the end of the final year you will be a fluent communicator, confident in both spoken and written Spanish and possessing the necessary skills to operate in a professional environment both in the UK and abroad.

In addition to the language classes, you will also be able to choose an additional module: Temas de España, which aims to provide you with a deeper appreciation of the society, politics and history of modern Spain.



Centre for Academic Skills and Employability (CASE)

CASE offers students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences one-to-one help with their studies, supporting both undergraduate and postgraduate students with:

- researching and presenting;
- structuring and editing traditional academic writing;
- structuring and editing multimedia texts; and
- referencing.

CASE also provides a range of resources to enhance employability, including help with writing CVs, application forms and preparing you for interviews. Results show that students who use the centre are significantly more likely to complete their degree. As they are better equipped to act on feedback, they also tend to do better in their studies.



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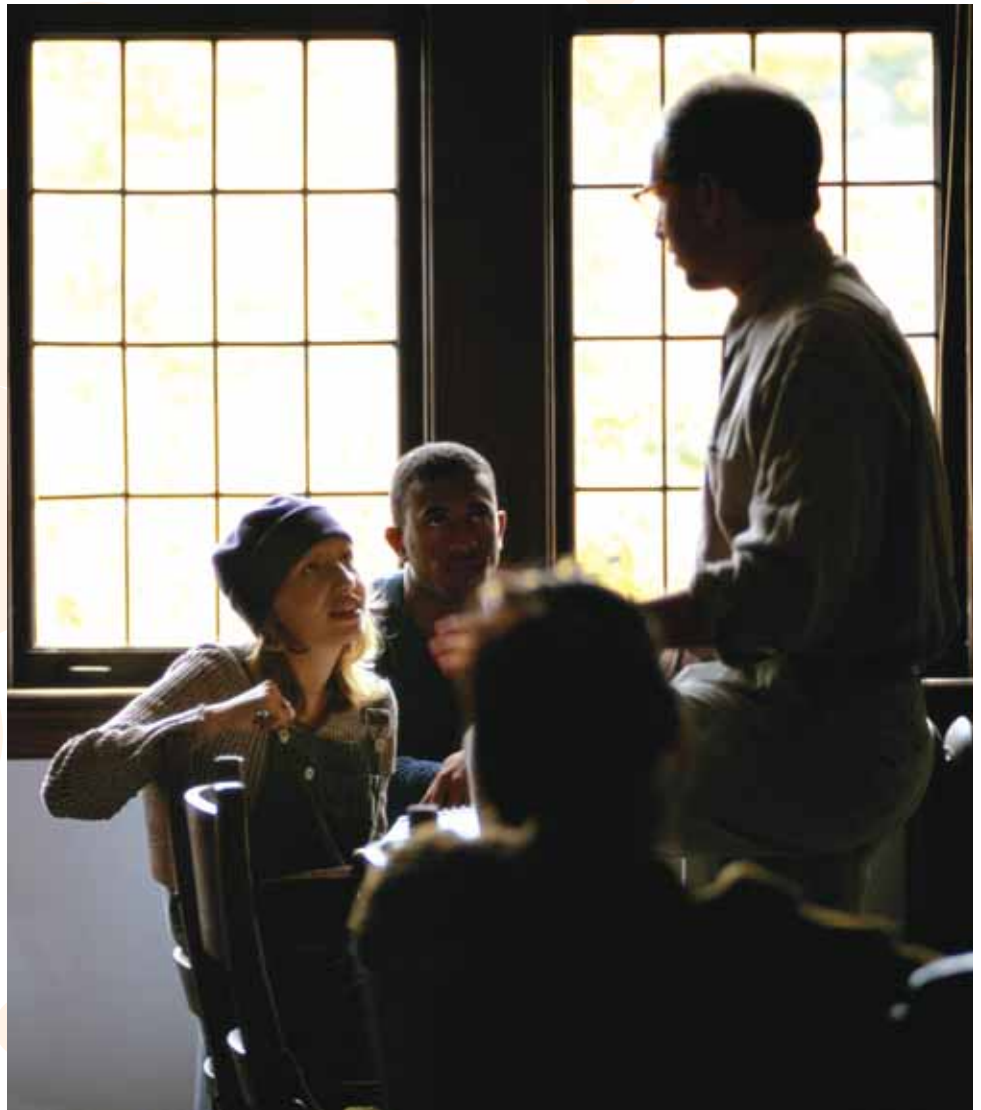
You will be taught by a team of language experts who are all active researchers in their field. These research interests inform teaching on the degree. Current research interests of Spanish staff include Spanish business and economy, Spanish language and literature, contemporary Spanish society, women in Spain and Spanish politics.

The front cover depicts the Hogueras (Bonfires) of San Juan. This is Alicante's largest fiesta and features gigantic papier-mâché figures, music and parades. The papier-mâché monuments are set up on the night of June 19th, and stay up for only five days. They are burnt down at midnight on Saint John's eve, the summer solstice, in a ceremony that dates back to primeval times.

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"Our emphasis on teaching subjects relevant to the world today, and producing graduates able to make a positive contribution to that world, makes the educational experience on offer in our Faculty at Kingston unique among universities in the United Kingdom."

Professor Martin McQuillan
Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



Entry requirements

Typical offer

Spanish requirements: 80 points at A-level in Spanish or 40 points at AS-level or GCSE Spanish grade A–B.

Please see your chosen major field for full entry requirements.

Further requirements for combinations

Please see the course webpage for details.

International students

All non-UK applicants must meet our English language requirements. For this course it is IELTS of 6.5 overall with 6.5 in Writing and special conditions for students who require a Tier-4 student visa. Please make sure you read our full guidance about English language requirements on the course webpage, which includes details of other qualifications we'll consider.

Other entry routes

- Access course
- International applicants and mature applicants with relevant qualifications are welcomed.

Joint honours combinations

You can combine your study of Spanish with a major field in a wide variety of subjects in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

- Criminology
- Drama
- Economics (Applied)
- English Language & Communication
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Human Rights
- International Business
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Media & Cultural Studies
- Politics
- Psychology

UCAS codes

For UCAS codes, please see the course webpage.

Open days

Several open days are held each year. Please contact the admissions office or visit the University website for more details.
www.kingston.ac.uk/opendays

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