Spanish and Latin American Studies

ABOUT SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

At Monash we offer an innovative, world class approach to Spanish and Latin American Studies with leading international researchers in the diverse fields of modern and contemporary Spanish, Catalan, and Latin American cultures and identities, transatlantic encounters between Spain and Latin America, historical memory and race and gender.

Why choose Spanish and Latin American studies?

Spanish is spoken by over 400 million people across twenty-three countries. It is one of the most important languages for cultural exchange and business, especially as Australian trade with Latin America steadily increases. Upon completion of a major in Spanish and Latin American Studies you will have acquired a proficient level of the Spanish language, with progression tracked against an international benchmark (European Framework for Languages). You will also gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary Spanish and Latin American cultures and societies, focused on four general topics: identities (gender, race, and nationalisms), historical memory, multiculturalism, and tradition and modernity. Monash is also the only Australasian university that teaches Catalan.

What are some topics Spanish and Latin American studies explores?

During your first year you will be introduced to the Spanish language and culture through units such as:

- Spanish Introductory 1
- Spanish Introductory 2

In your second or third year of study (or if you have prior experience and knowledge) as well as language units there is a wider selection of units to choose from that may reflect your interests. Here are a few examples:

- Imagining Ibero-America: Travels, texts and transnational encounters
- Contesting cultures and identities in modern Spain
- Film and society in Spain and Latin America
- Catalan introductory 1 & 2
- The idea of Europe
- Cultures of remembrance

How Spanish and Latin American studies fits into your Arts degree

Spanish and Latin American Studies is offered as an extended major, a major, a minor or as elective units within your degree.

Career prospects

The linguistic and cultural knowledge of Spanish and Latin American cultures and societies, and the skills acquired during their study has led graduates to exciting careers in:

- Interpreting/translating
- Marketing, import/export, business
- Communications and the media
- Travel, tourism and hospitality
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- International organisations and NGOs
- Teaching

Overseas opportunities

Students can apply for a Spanish Government Assistantship. This paid position enables students to spend an academic year in Spain giving English conversation classes in a school.

For students in third and fourth year, an assistantship may be combined with Study Abroad.

Entry levels

- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Proficient

To ascertain which level would be best for you, there are online language placement tests: monash.edu/arts/language-entry-level/

Keep in mind that even if you have no language experience at all, you can still enrol to learn a language. You would enter at the introductory level.

Complementary areas of study

To make the most of your Spanish and Latin American Studies, we strongly recommend that you also enrol in:

- International Literatures
- Linguistics
- European Studies

For more information: future.arts.monash.edu/ug-spanish-latin-american-studies