

The Centre for Galician Studies



The Centre for Galician Studies at Birmingham was created in 1991 as part of a collaborative programme between the Galician government (Xunta de Galicia) and the University of Birmingham.

The aim of the Centre is to promote the Galician language and culture and to make known Galicia as well as its history abroad.

The Centre holds a very important library which is accessible to the students.

Year abroad, bursaries and summer courses

The students of Galician can spend their year abroad in the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela [image above], the capital of Galicia. They also have the opportunity to take part in the summer courses organized for foreign students by the universities of Galicia and the **Secretaría Xeral de Política Lingüística** (<http://www.xunta.es/linguagalega/>), the **Instituto de Lingua Galega** (<http://ilg.usc.es/>) and the **Real Academia Galega** (<http://www.realacademiagalega.org/>). The students have the possibility of applying for student bursaries to do such summer courses. You may also have the opportunity to apply for a grant to do postgraduate studies at the **Centre Ramon Piñeiro** (<http://www.cirp.es/>).

Apart from having the usual final exam at the end of the academic year, the students have the possibility of taking part in an official exam recognized by the Galician government (provas Celga) so that they can obtain an international validation of their level of Galician.

Other Centres for Galician Studies

Along with the Centre for Galician Studies at Birmingham, there are many other Galician Centres around the world. In the UK you can study Galician in England at the University of Birmingham and at the University of Oxford and in Wales at the University of Bangor.