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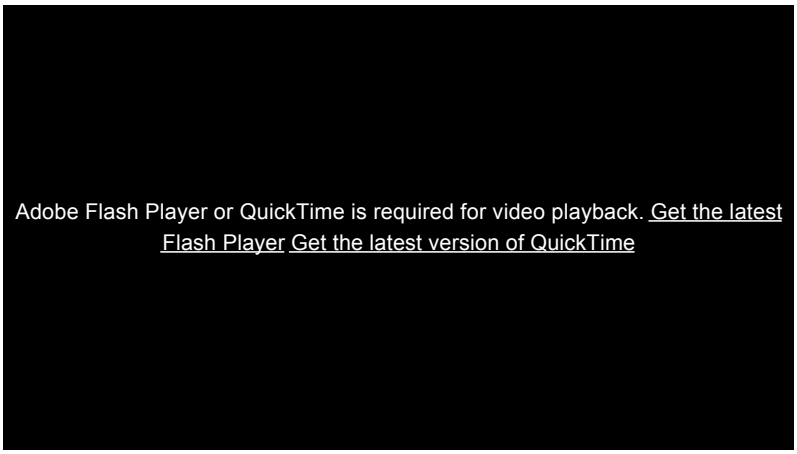
Year abroad - Hispanic Studies



One of the most exciting elements of any degree in Modern Languages is the opportunity to spend your third year abroad, perfecting your language skills, developing a thorough appreciation of another culture and acquiring all manner of transferable skills.

As a student of Hispanic Studies, you will spend time in a country within the Iberian Peninsula or Latin America – typically Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina or Brazil. Students of Galician, Catalan and Basque can spend their Year Abroad at a University in the respective Iberian region, studying both Spanish and their second Iberian language. Students of Portuguese can benefit from one of our new Brazilian placements (the University has invested around 2 million pounds in building up contacts with Brazilian academic institutions). You will spend your time studying at a university, working at a school as an English Language Assistant or undertaking a work placement. The options for your Year Abroad in Hispanic Studies are the same, regardless of whether you entered the University with A-level Spanish or not.

If you are studying more than one language, you will split your Year Abroad between different countries.

Studying at a University

Studying at one of our partner institutions in a country where your target language is widely spoken is the most popular choice for the Year Abroad. Students staying within the European Union will be eligible to take part in the Erasmus scheme. This means that you will be eligible for a bursary (usually about £2000 for the year), and tutorial support.

Our partner institutions include:

Argentina

- **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina (http://www.uca.edu.ar/index.php/home/index/es)**, Buenos Aires;

Brazil

- **Universidade Federal de Santa Caterina (http://en.ufsc.br/)**, Florianópolis;

Chile

- **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (http://www.uc.cl/en)**, Santiago;

Ecuador

- **Universidad San Francisco de Quito (https://www.usfq.edu.ec/Paginas/Inicio.aspx)**, Quito;

Mexico

- **Universidad de Guadalajara (http://www.udg.mx/en/welcome-university-guadalajara)**, Guadalajara;
- **Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), (http://www.itesm.mx/wps/wcm/connect/ITESM/Tecnologico+de+Monterrey/English)** Monterrey;
- **Universidad Veracruzana (http://www.uv.mx/)**, Veracruz;

Portugal

- **Universidad de Coimbra (http://www.uc.pt/en)**, Coimbra;
- **Universidade de Lisboa (http://www.ulisboa.pt/)**, Lisbon;

Spain

- **Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (http://www.usc.es/)**, Santiago de Compostela;
- **Universidad del País Vasco (http://www.ehu.eus/p200-shenhm/en/)**, 3 locations in the Basque Country;
- **Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (http://www.uab.cat/)**, Barcelona;
- **Universidad de Valencia (http://www.uv.es/)**, Valencia;
- **Universidad de Murcia (http://www.um.es/)**, Murcia;
- **Universidad de Granada (http://www.ugr.es/en/)**, Granada;
- **Universidad de Málaga (http://www.uma.es/)**, Málaga;
- **Universidad de Cádiz (file:///C:/Users/guestlr/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/KPWHSJNC/Universidad%20de%20Cádiz)**, Cadiz;
- **Universidad de Huelva (http://www.uhu.es/index.php)**, Huelva;
- **Universidad de Sevilla (http://www.us.es/)**, Séville;
- **Universidad Complutense (http://www.ucm.es/)**, Madrid;
- **Universidad de Salamanca (http://www.usal.es/webusal/en)**, Salamanca;

- **Universidad de Zaragoza (http://www.unizar.es/EN)**, Zaragoza;
- **Universidad de Extremadura (file:///C:/Users/guestlr/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/KPWHSJNC/Universidad%20de%20Extremadura)**, Extremadura;
- **Universidad Pontificia de Comilla (http://www.upcomillas.es/en/)**, Madrid;
- **Universidad de Oviedo (http://www.uniovi.es/en)**, 3 locations in Asturias;

Interactive maps

These are the universities in the Iberian Peninsula with which the department has developed links:

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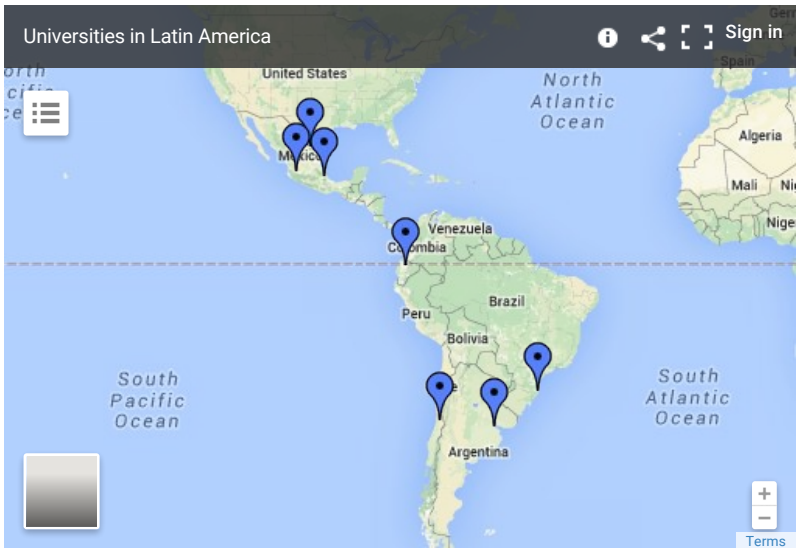
These are the universities in Latin America with which the department has developed links:



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Teaching English

Some students prefer to spend their year abroad as a teaching assistant in a school. This is a salaried placement of between seven and nine months at a school in a country where your target language is spoken. This scheme is supported by the British Council.

Work Placements

Another option is to spend your year abroad completing a work placement. Many students use this year to gain valuable experience in an industry that they hope to enter post-graduation. You will need to be accepted by a company and have your place approved by the year abroad tutor. Examples of recent placements by students studying Hispanic Studies include a media communications company in Spain and a hotel in Chile that is part of a global chain of luxury resorts and hotels. Further examples of recent placements across the whole of Modern Languages include a football magazine based in Munich, a European-wide fashion brand based in Dusseldorf, a PR agency in Paris and a top fashion house in Milan.

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