

Spanish and Linguistics

University of Edinburgh

Venues

Central Campus

Content

Spanish is the official language in 20 countries and widely spoken in four more territories, including the United States.

This flexible programme gives you the opportunity to study Spanish while developing your social scientific understanding of language.

Year 1:

You will study either Spanish 1A or 1B, depending on your language skills. Typically, students on Spanish 1B come to University with substantially more experience of studying Spanish than students on Spanish 1A.

You will take two semester-long introductory courses in linguistics:

Linguistics and English Language 1A - this offers a brief introduction to the study of language in general and of English in particular.

Linguistics and English Language 1B - this will help you develop the tools and knowledge needed to investigate the different subsystems of language in a systematic way.

Year 2:

Students of 1A and 1B will come together in the Spanish Language 2 course. This course will help you communicate your ideas in Spanish using more nuanced grammatical structures, vocabulary and syntax. In both your spoken and written work, you will gain confidence in expressing yourself in Spanish, ready to study or work abroad in Year 3.

You can also opt to begin, or continue, studying Portuguese, Basque or Catalan, expanding your knowledge of Iberian languages and cultures.

Year 3:

You will spend Year 3 in a Spanish-speaking country, deepening your knowledge of Spanish by speaking it daily and immersing yourself in local cultures.

Year 4:

You will study advanced Spanish written language, spoken language and translation into English.

In addition to these core skills courses, you will also choose from a range of specialist, honours-level courses in both Spanish and Linguistics.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

RQ41

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AAAB (first sitting) or AAAA (two sittings) including a language other than English plus English at National 5 at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) including a language other than English plus English at National 5 at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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