

Academic Year 2026/27

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies

UCAS Code: RT47 (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies (3-Year Programme)

Internal code: 1424U (3 years)

Bachelor of Art with Honours in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies with Placement Year

Internal code: 1919U (4 years)

Notes

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of candidates who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years, and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a candidate is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a candidate must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the Board of Studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (vii) Each Stage is made up of 120 credits. Candidates must ensure they choose a 60/60, 50/70 or 70/50 split of credits per semester.*

General Principles

1. Candidates must take Spanish and Portuguese all the way through.
2. The choice of all modules is subject to any pre-requisites.
3. Candidates are only permitted to take 20 credits of Level 4 modules in Stage 2 and 20 credits of Level 5 modules in Final year.
4. Modules taken at Stage 1 cannot be repeated at Stage 2. Modules taken at Stage 2 cannot be repeated at Final Stage.

Section 1 – Module information for all candidates in Stages 1, 2 and final year
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1. Stage 1

- (a) Unless otherwise stated modules are not core.
- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POR1065	Level A (HE Entry Level) Portuguese I	20	20		4		
POR1066	Level A (HE Entry Level) Portuguese II	20		20	4		

(c) All candidates shall take ONE of the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SPA1070	Level B.1 (HE Intermediate) Spanish	20	10	10	5	CORE	
SPA1071	Level B.2 (HE Intermediate) Spanish	20	10	10	5	CORE	

(d)

All candidates shall take 60 credits of optional modules from the following list:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
LAS1010	Introduction to Latin America	20	10	10	4		
SML1019	Introduction to Linguistics	20	10	10	4		
SML1021	Introduction to International Film	20	10	10	4		
SML1022	Introduction to Cultural Studies	20	10	10	4		
SML1025	Language and Cross Cultural Communication	20		20	4		
SPA1019	Introduction to History, Culture and Society of the Iberian Peninsula	20	10	10	4		

(e) All candidates must take the following non-credit bearing module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SML1099	Academic Study and Research Skills	0	0	0	4		

2. Stage 2

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POR2010	Level B (HE Intermediate) Portuguese	20	10	10	5		
SPA2061	Level C (HE Advanced) Spanish	20	10	10	6		

(b) All candidates shall take 80 credits of optional modules from the following, at least 20 of which must be from a module with Lusophone content:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
LAS2028*	Cultura y poder en América latina: debates desde la antropología	20	10	10	5		

LAS2030*	Comparative History of Hispano-America and Brazil: From Independence to the Mexican Revolution (1789/1810-1917)	20	20		5		
MUS2055**	Translation for Singing	20		20	5		
POR2001*	Cultures and Societies of the Portuguese-Speaking World	20	10	10	5		
SML2016**	Reading in Translation	20	20		5		
SPA2021**	Catalan I	20	10	10	5		
SPA2026	Language Diversity in the Hispanic World	20	10	10	5		
SPA2027	Food, Football and Fiction: Constructing Catalan Cultural Identity	20	10	10	5		

*Modules with Lusophone content

**Candidates may take only ONE from MUS2055 Translation for Singing, SML2016 Reading in Translation and SPA2021 Catalan.

(c) All candidates must take the following non-credit bearing module:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
SML2099	Year Abroad Preparation	0	0	0	5		

Non-attendance at the relevant briefings for this module may mean that candidates could be prevented from starting the Intercalating Year.

Candidates have the option to complete a Year Abroad between Stage 2 and final year. This decision is confirmed with School of Modern Languages during Stage 2. Candidates who opt not to take a Year Abroad can choose one of the following options:

1. Transfer to 1424U BA (Hons) Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies (3-year programme) after completing Stage 2.
2. Transfer to 1919U BA (Hons) Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies with Placement Year after completing Stage 2.

The Degree Programme Director will approve the transfer in each case.

3. Year 3 Optional Intercalating Year. See Section 2 below.

4. Final Year (Stage 4 for those taking a Year Abroad/Placement Year or Stage 3 for those not taking a Year Abroad/Placement Year)

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
POR4010	Level C (HE Advanced) Portuguese	20	10	10	6		

(b) All candidates shall take ONE of the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SPA4086	Level D (HE Further Advanced): Spanish for Professional and Academic Purposes	20	10	10	6		
SPA4087	Level D (HE Further Advanced): Spanish Translation and Interpreting	20	10	10	6		

(c) All candidates shall take 80 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following list, at least 20 credits of which must be from a module with Lusophone content:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
LAS2028*	Cultura y poder en América latina: debates desde la antropología	20	10	10	5		
LAS2030*	Comparative History of Hispano- America and Brazil: From Independence to the Mexican Revolution (1789/1810-1917)	20	20		5		
LAS4001	Inter-American Relations from the Spanish-American War (1898) to the end of the Cold War (1989/1991)	20		20	6		
LAS4005	Language Endangerment and Revitalisation in Latin America	20	20		6		
LAS4007*	Latin American Art	20	20		6		
LAS4010	Cultura y Política en Colombia	20		20	6		
POR2001*	Cultures and Societies of the Portuguese-Speaking World	20	10	10	5		
POR4003*	Identidades Pós-Coloniais Luso- Afro-Brasileiras	20	10	10	6		
SML4003***	Advocating and Teaching Languages in Schools	20	10	10	6		
SML4008**	Memory and Storytelling Across Borders	20	20		6		
SML4099*	Dissertation/T&I Project	20	10	10	6		
SPA2026	Language Diversity in the Hispanic World	20	10	10	5		
SPA2027	Food, Football and Fiction: Constructing Catalan Cultural Identity	20	10	10	5		
SPA4002**	Catalan II	20	10	10	6		
SPA4005	Cultura Popular en España y Cuba	20	20		6		

SPA4007	Spanish and Romance Word Analysis	20	20		6		
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**Modules with Lusophone content*

***You may only take SPA4002 Catalan II at final year if you took and passed SPA2021 Catalan I at Stage 2. Candidates may only take ONE from SML4008 Memory and Storytelling Across Borders and SPA4002 Catalan.*

****To take SML4003, candidates must have achieved a Stage 2 Level C average of above 60% in Spanish.*

- (d) Candidates may be granted permission to take ONE Careers Service NCL module over the duration of the degree programme. Please note that this can be in either Stage 2 or final year (not both). Candidates interested in this option must seek approval from their DPD. The module on offer for final year is:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NCL3007	Career Development for final year students	20	10	10	6		

Section 2 – Optional Intercalating Year Abroad/Placement Year

Optional Intercalating Year Abroad

- (a) Candidates can opt to take a Year Abroad, between Stage 2 and Stage 4 (final year), in an approved Spanish- and/or Portuguese-speaking country, either pursuing a course of study at a University or other comparable institution, or working as a language teaching assistant in schools under the auspices of the British Council, or undertaking an approved work placement.

- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SML3004	Year Abroad Tutor Posts	100	50	50	6		<i>Distance E-Learning</i>

- (c) Candidates shall take 20 credits from the following:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
SML3006	Study Abroad	20	10	10	6		
SML3007	Year Abroad Placement Report (Semester 1)	20	20		6		
SML3008	Year Abroad Placement Report (Semester 2)	20		20	6		
SML3009	Year Abroad Project (Semester 1)	20	20		6		

SML3010	Year Abroad Project (Semester 2)	20		20	6		
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Optional Placement Year

- (d) Candidates wishing to take a placement with an approved organisation will transfer to 1919U BA (Hons) Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies with Placement Year. Permission to undertake a placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Candidates who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Candidates who fail Stage 2 may not complete a placement year.
- (e) The placement must be based in the UK or can be the candidate's home country if they are not from the UK.
- (f) During their placement year, candidates are required to take the following module:

Code	Descriptive Title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6		Blended Learning

Candidates who fail the module will be required to transfer to final year of 1424U.

NB. Placement opportunities will be guided by governmental and institutional policy at the time.

Section 3 – Other information for all Candidates

5. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline. A variety of methods are used: oral assessment; essays; unseen written examinations; in-course assessed work; on-line assessments; dissertation/T&I project. Candidates may be awarded a Distinction in Spoken Spanish or Spoken Portuguese as a result of performance in the oral examination at Level D (in Spanish) or the oral examination at Level C (in Portuguese), respectively.

6. Degree classification

RT47 [4-year programme]: Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of results achieved in 260 credits across Stages 2, 3, and 4. At stages 2 and 4, Candidates must obtain marks for 120 credits; in Stage 3 (the intercalating year), 120 credits must be studied and passed, but only the mark gained for the 20-credit modules (SML3006, SML3007, SML3008, SML3009 or SML3010) will count towards the degree. Modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 will be single-weighted and modules obtained at Stage 4 will be double-weighted. Stage 2 counts 28.54%, Stage 3 4.76% and Stage 4 66.7% towards the Final Degree Classification.

1424U [3-year programme]: Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of results achieved in 240 credits across Stages 2 and 3 (final year). Candidates must obtain marks in 120 credits in each of these Stages. Modules taken at Stage 2 will be single-weighted and modules obtained in Stage 3 (final year) will be double-weighted. Stage 2 counts 33.3% and Stage 3 (final year) 66.7% towards the Final Degree Classification.

1919U [4-year with Placement]: Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of results achieved in 240 credits across Stages 2 and 3 (final year). Candidates must obtain marks in 120 credits in each of these Stages. Modules taken at Stage 2 will be single-weighted and modules obtained at Stage 3 (final year) will be double-weighted. Stage 2 counts 33.3% and Stage 3 (final year) 66.7% towards the Final Degree Classification. The placement year is assessed on a pass/fail basis but does not contribute to the degree classification.

7. Programme Transfer

Any candidate who chooses to drop Portuguese will be transferred to T901 Modern Languages/1420U Modern Languages (3-Year Programme) or 1919U Modern Languages with Placement Year as appropriate. It is not possible to drop Spanish and continue studying a degree programme in the School of Modern Languages.