How many language courses will I be taking?

You will take one language course per semester, out of the four courses you take each semester.

What culture courses will I be taking?

In years 1 and 2, we offer one introductory Spanish and Latin American culture course in each semester. To fulfil your degree requirements for any Spanish and Latin American Studies degree, you need to take at least one of these courses. However, we strongly recommend you take both courses as it will give you a solid foundation for further studies. The courses available are:

Year 1
Semester 1—SP1038 Encountering the Other in Iberia and the Americas
This course introduces students to colonial encounters ranging from Muslim Iberia to the pre-conquest Americas and continuing into the period of the Spanish Empire. From the nineteenth century, conquest and colonial encounters continued as newly-independent Spanish American states seized indigenous territories, while colonial mentalities resurfaced in contexts as diverse as the Spanish Civil War and Southern Cone dirty wars. These examples show how colonial encounters helped shape contemporary Spain and Spanish America.

Semester 2—We are the People! Democracy and Nationalism from Tlatelolco to Chile and Catalunya
The course will introduce students to the cultural, historical, social and political aspects of struggles for democracy across Mexico, Chile and Spain. It will range from the 1968 massacre of student demonstrators in Tlatelolco, Mexico to the ongoing waves of Chilean protests, with students also to the fore, and the long-running saga of the Catalan independence movement.

Year 2

- Rebels, Outsiders and Conformists: Narratives of Community from Spain and Latin America
- Beyond the Columbian Exchange: Food, Objects and Culture in the Atlantic World

Years 4 and 5

When you return from your year abroad, you will take specialised courses in the areas of our staff on Translation, History, Anthropology, Literature and Film.

Some examples are: Women in Chile and Mexico, Chronicles of Spanish America, Theoretical Approaches to Translation, Advanced Translation Skills, Citizenship in Latin America, The Golden State: History, Culture and Politics of California, Contemporary Spanish film, Youth in the Fiction and Films of the Spanish Dictatorship

When will I go abroad and what options do I have? (five-year degree)

You will go abroad in your third year of study.
You may choose to do a university exchange at one of our several partner institutions in Mexico and Spain. You may also choose to work as a paid English Language Assistant in schools in Spain or Latin America through the British Council. Alternatively you can make an independent plan with the help of the year abroad coordinators, gaining volunteer or work experience during your stay in a Spanish-speaking country. You will be informed in detail of all these options during the first semester of your second year of study and we will aid you with all the planning required.

If you studying a joint degree with French or German, you will spend one semester of your year abroad in each country. If you are studying a single degree or a joint degree with other departments, you will spend your year abroad in Spanish-speaking countries (with the option of a single exchange or a different exchange in each semester).

**When will I go abroad and what options do I have? (four-year degree)**

You will go abroad in the second semester of your second year. You will participate in a university exchange at one of our several partner institutions in Mexico and Spain. You will be informed in detail of all these options during the first semester of this year and we will aid you with all the planning required.

**Who should I contact for questions about my courses or other aspects of the programme?**

Any questions **about the department** can be directed to the undergraduate programme coordinator:

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