



## Minor subjects in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

### SPANISH

#### 1. Why study Spanish as minor?

Spanish is the native language of over five hundred million people. It is second only to English in the number of countries in which it is officially spoken. Spanish is an exciting and growing area of study. It is the second language in the United States, an official language in the European Union, the African Union, and the United Nations.

#### 2. Entry requirements and available language levels

In order to be eligible to take up Spanish as a minor you will need to have achieved H4 or equivalent in Spanish language for non-beginners' option. If you are interested in taking up Spanish from beginners' level, you will need H4 or equivalent in a language other than English.

#### 3. Minor in Spanish – what you'll study

**Three modules (20 ECTS) in your Senior Fresh Year:**

SPU1100Y Spanish Grammar and Syntax for Beginners (10 ECTS)

OR

SPU1101Y Spanish Grammar and Syntax for Non-Beginners (10 ECTS)

SPU11031 Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Cinema (5 ECTS)

SPU11032 Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Literature (5 ECTS)

**Two modules (20 ECTS) in your Junior Sophister Year:**

SPU2200Y Spanish Grammar and Syntax (10 ECTS)

SPU2210Y Hispanic Texts 1 (10 ECTS)

**If you return to the Single Honours Pathway, you may still take one module in your Junior Sophister Year (10 ECTS):**

SPU2200Y Spanish Grammar and Syntax (10 ECTS)

**If you continue with Spanish as your Minor Subject, you will take a combination of language, culture and literature modules in your Senior Sophister Years (20 ECTS)**

## 4. Your Time Abroad

A semester studying abroad is a highlight of a student's Trinity experience. Immersing oneself in the language and culture is one of the most valuable ways of achieving fluency when you are studying a language. Minor subject students, who choose Major with Minor pathway, will have an opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Hilary term of their Junior Sophister year\*. At a minimum, you will be required to spend two months in a Spanish - speaking country prior to taking your final exams. We currently have exchange agreements with the Universities of Alcalá, Autónoma of Barcelona, Granada, Oviedo, Salamanca, Seville and Zaragoza.

*\* Study abroad opportunities depend on availability of modules in your major and minor subjects at the host university and availability of places.*

## 5. Graduate skills

A degree in Spanish opens up many career opportunities in education, journalism, the diplomatic service, business administration, banking, publishing, interpreting, translation, advertising, public relations, digital communication, and visual media. Recent graduates have started careers in Google, Oracle, Telefónica, Ryanair, Central Bank of Ireland, Gerson Lerhman Group, NGOs, and the European Union. Many students have also pursued postgraduate degrees in Hispanic Studies and related fields.

## 6. Student testimonials

As part of the Department of Hispanic Studies at Trinity, I have benefited immensely from a leading programme of undergraduate study, deepening my knowledge of culture, history, literature and language. Spanish at Trinity, while both challenging and rewarding, offers essential critical skills and endless opportunities.

Philip McGuinness, TSM Spanish and History, 2019

## 7. Get in touch

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