Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
University of Galway

Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

Spanish

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Subject Overview

Spanish forms part of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. Spanish is offered in many courses in University of Galway including the Bachelor of Arts (International), Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience), Bachelor of Commerce International, Bachelor of Civil Law and Business and the Bachelor of Arts Global Languages.

Course Name:	Bachelor of Arts (International) / BA (Global Experience)	Bachelor of Commerce International (Spanish)	Bachelor of Civil Law and Business (Spanish)	Bachelor of Arts Global Languages
CAO Code:	GY101 / GY129	GY204	GY250	GY128
Duration:	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, Mathematics, and another language, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
Additional Requirements:	None	Minimum H4 in a modern European Language other than Irish or English	None	Minimum H4 in a modern European Language other than Irish or English

Study Abroad / Work Placement

Third year is typically spent studying abroad at a university in Spain or Chile, or working as a language assistant in Spain, depending on the programme taken. Students study courses relating to aspects of the Spanish language, literature and culture, together with courses in their other degree subject. They benefit greatly from working side-by-side with Spanish speaking students and return for their final year with a greater knowledge and understanding of the language and culture as well as some great memories.

Career Opportunities

Knowledge of Spanish equips graduates for work in the Europe of today, and Spanish also opens up employment possibilities both in the USA and Latin America. Former students have found employment in areas such as international business, banking, language and literature teaching, journalism, arts administration, interpreting and tourism.

What Our Students Say

“My languages in secondary school were English, Irish and French, but in University of Galway I took on the challenge of studying Italian and Spanish for my degree. Both languages have opened up new doors for me. I had the opportunity to spend my Erasmus year in Granada, completely immersed in the Spanish language and the culture. The Spanish department at University of Galway offers a wide variety of courses, such as Spanish and Latin American literature, culture, cinema and history, as well as the study of linguistics. I hope to travel to Latin America when I have finished my degree, and I am sure that knowing the Spanish language will transform my travel experience, and give me further insights into the local people and culture.”
-Caoilfhionn de Bhaldraithe (Student of BA Arts International)

Did You Know

- Spanish is a first language to almost 500 million people across the world.
- Spanish is one of the main languages of international business and communication.

How Can I Study Spanish:

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

First year Arts students combine Spanish with two other subjects. Subjects are organised in seven groups and not more than one subject may be taken from any one group. In second year and final year, students study two subjects, one of which is Spanish. As well as studying language, students take a range of courses in Spanish and Latin American Literature and Culture. Options include Short Stories, Theatre and Latin American Cinema.

Bachelor of Commerce International (Spanish)

First year Commerce International students study courses such as Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Management and Mathematics as well as Spanish. Students develop an active command of the language with an emphasis on the business world, incorporating the study of business matters and aspects of social and economic life in Spain. Third year is spent either in a university in Spain or the University of Santiago de Chile, with courses in Spanish language and business. In final year students advance the written and spoken abilities developed during their year abroad, while focusing on topics relevant to the business world and current affairs in Spain.

Bachelor of Civil Law and Business

First year students study a range of Law subjects as well as Spanish. In second year business matters in Spanish are introduced, including marketing, banking and Human Resources. Third year is spent either in the University of Granada or the University of Salamanca, with courses in Spanish language and business and legal studies. The final year is spent in Galway, where Spanish is studied to degree level in conjunction with courses in Corporate Law.

Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)

This degree programme aims to produce graduates with a high level of competency in at least two languages, choosing from French, German, Irish, Italian and Spanish. French and Irish are available at post-Leaving Certificate level, Italian is available at beginners level and German and Spanish are available to beginners and post-Leaving Certificate students. This innovative language programme also offers additional modules in Translation and Linguistics, Media and Technology and Cultural Studies. Students spend their Third year studying in a third-level institution abroad or on an approved placement.

Find Out More

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