

Introducing Spanish

You can now learn Spanish at UWA



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For the first time and by popular demand Spanish will be taught at The University of Western Australia (UWA) commencing in the summer break 2016/17 and then available in normal university teaching semesters in 2017 as part of any undergraduate degree. It will complement the suite of seven modern Asian and European languages already on offer at UWA.

Why learn Spanish?

As the world's number 2 language, it is estimated that more than 560 million people around the world speak Spanish as a native or second language! It is the official language of Spain, naturally, but also of Argentina and 10 other countries in the Americas. It is also one of the six official languages of the United Nations and used as an official language of the European Union, the Organisations of American States and many other international organisations like the World Rugby Association and the World Trade Organisation. Learning Spanish

not only helps appreciate Spanish cultures but also opens the doors to worldwide career opportunities. Spanish learning is on the rise in China and around the world.

Spanish is a Romance language which evolved from Latin and since its beginning the vocabulary has been influenced by contact with Germanic languages like English. It is relatively easy to learn particularly if you have previous knowledge of other European languages such as French or Italian.





When to learn Spanish

Two units will be available to study: Spanish Studies 1 and Spanish Studies 2 which will provide an introduction to grammar and vocabulary to enable students to communicate both orally and in writing in simple situations. The units will also teach awareness of traditional and popular Hispanic cultures, and focus on contemporary language used in Spain. There will be a combination of interactive lectures, formal instruction, class discussions, group and pair work and presentations.

Summer course –9 January to 24 February 2017

Spanish Studies 1 will be taught over a six-week intensive period with 8 hours of tuition per week. There are no prerequisites for this course and anyone with no prior knowledge of Spanish is eligible to apply.

Semester 1 and Semester 2 courses

Spanish Studies 1 and 2 will be offered as follows:

- Spanish Studies 1 and 2 will be offered in each semester however Spanish Studies 1 is the prerequisite of Spanish Studies 2 and must be studied first.
- Students who have studied Spanish Studies 1 during the Summer will be able to continue with Spanish Studies 2 in semester 1 or semester 2.
- Students of Spanish Studies 1 during Semester 1 will be able to do Spanish Studies 2 in Semester 2.
- Students may take up Spanish Studies 1 in Semester 2, and continue in the following Summer break or Semester 1, 2018.

Elective or Broadening Units

Both units will be available to all undergraduate students with no prior knowledge of Spanish as either an elective or broadening Category A unit. Each unit will be taught over the 13 week semester, except during the Summer break (7 weeks). There are no prerequisites other than you are an enrolled student in an undergraduate degree.

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The addition of Spanish to our existing range of languages will further strengthen the University's specialisation in teaching both European and Asian languages. Other languages taught are French, German, Italian, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean.



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