



Spanish as a New Minor Subject

Details for 2025/26

Why take this New Minor Subject?

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.

[Link to course video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgjRqGfrvOE&ab_channel=TrinityCollegeDublin]

What will I learn?

You will learn Spanish language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking), which you will use to access and explore the vibrant, diverse cultures and traditions of the Spanish-speaking world. You will have the opportunity to study literature, film, culture, history, and linguistics, among other topics.

What will I do?

20 ECTS in your Senior Fresh Year:

- SPU1105Y First Year Spanish (Beginners) (10 ECTS)
OR
SPU1107Y First Year Spanish (Non-Beginners) (10 ECTS)
- SPU11031 Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Cinema (5 ECTS)
- SPU11032 Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Literature (5 ECTS)

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

SPU2212Y Second Year Spanish (10 ECTS)

If you continue with Spanish as your Minor Subject, you will take 20 ECTS in your Junior Sophister Year:

- SPU2212Y Second Year Spanish (10 ECTS)
- SPU22101/SPU22102 Hispanic Texts 1 & 2 (10 ECTS)

You will then take a combination of language and culture modules in your Senior Sophister Year (20 ECTS)

SPU4414Y Final Year Spanish (10 ECTS) and Two Optional Modules (5 ECTS + 5 ECTS)

Classes are taught through a combination of large-group lectures, smaller interactive language and oral tutorials, and optional module seminars.

How will this be assessed?

Your Spanish language skills will be assessed through written and spoken exercises, including formal written and oral exams and continuous assessment. Non-language modules will be assessed through a combination of continuous assessment, oral presentations, exams, and essays.

Contact Hours and Indicative Workload

- Beginner’s Spanish – 4 contact hours/week
- Non-Beginner’s Spanish – 3 contact hours/week

Requires extensive independent study in addition to class time using resources available on Blackboard and in the College Library.

Entry Requirements

- Requires H4 or A-level Grade C in Language other than English for Beginner’s Spanish
- Requires H4 or A-level Grade C in Spanish for Non-Beginner’s Spanish

Please note that if you are eligible for Non-Beginner’s Spanish, you may find the content more challenging than you initially expect if it has been more than a year since you studied the language. You should be prepared to work hard to catch up to the required level and are encouraged to spend time revising your Spanish over the summer.

Contacts

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