

## Programme Specification

**BA Spanish and English Literature**

**For students entering Part 1 in September 2016**

**UCAS Code: QR3K**

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**This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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| Awarding Institution | University of Reading |
| Teaching Institution | University of Reading |
| Length of Programme  | 4 years               |
| Accreditation        |                       |

### **Programme information and content**

The Programme aims provide you with subject-specific knowledge, including knowledge of a variety of different kinds of Spanish and English literary, cultural and historical texts from a range of periods, together with perspectives on different methods of critical analysis, the ability to understand native-spoken Spanish within an educated Spanish environment and to communicate orally with fluency and accuracy, to read with understanding and critical judgement and to write accurately in Spanish with an appropriate understanding of register and style. More generally, the course also aims to foster an independent approach to formulating problems and arguments, using the close reading and analytical skills that are fundamental to both disciplines. Throughout the programme, individual modules come with the option of an academic placement which complements and develops the learning on a module.

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| Part 1: | Introduces you to debate about approaches to the study of literature, through critical and research exercises and close study of selected English and Spanish texts from a number of different periods and develops your practical language skills in your core language module in all four areas (speaking, writing, reading, listening). You will also have the opportunity to understand and apply key terms in the structural analysis of language. |
| Part 2: | Provides you with greater breadth of coverage, and studies texts within historical periods and generic traditions. It further develops your practical language skills in your core language module, building on the work done in Part 1 and provides the opportunity to encounter and critically engage with a range of texts in Spanish.   |
|         | An integral part of this degree is the opportunity for you to spend up to a year abroad, studying at a partner institution through the Erasmus+ programme, or undertaking a work placement. You will further develop your adaptability and self-reliance as well as your sensitivity to cultural difference.  |
| Part 3: | Gives you the opportunity to undertake more specialized and independent literary study, choosing your modules from a wide range of options. The dissertation module develops your skills in research, planning and writing. Part 3 also builds on your existing Spanish language skills, refining your use of more complicated structures as well as variation in register and style.   |

### **Module information**

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

**Part 1 Modules:**

| Module | Name                   | Credits | Level |
|--------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| EN1GC  | Genre and Context      | 20      | 4     |
| EN1PE  | Poetry in English      | 20      | 4     |
| EN1RC  | Research and Criticism | 20      | 4     |

**In Spanish**

Students must take one 20 credit module in Beginners or one 20 credit module Advanced Spanish language.

Students must take at least one 20 credit content module in Spanish.

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the Department of Modern Languages and European Studies and modules from elsewhere in the University.

**Part 2 Modules:**

| Module | Name | Credits | Level |
|--------|------|---------|-------|
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**In English Literature**

Students must select 60 credits of optional modules from the Department of English Literature, with at least 20 credits selected from a list of pre-1800 modules.

**In Spanish**

Students must take one 20 credit language module which will be dependent on the level studied at Part 1.

Students must select at least 20 credits of optional modules in Spanish from the Department of Modern Languages and European Studies.

Remaining modules may be selected from the Department of Modern Languages and European Studies and from the School of Literature and Languages.

*Students may replace 20 credits with modules available across the University, with the permission of the Programme Director.*

**Modules during a placement year or study year (if applicable):**

| Module  | Name   | Credits | Level |
|---------|--|---------|-------|
| ML2YL5  | Year Abroad Language                                 | 40      | 5     |
| ML2YSWA | University study/Work placement/Assistantship abroad | 80      | 5     |

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

**Part 3 Modules:**

| Module | Name                          | Credits | Level |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| SP3L6  | Advanced Spanish Language III | 20      | 6     |

**In English Literature**

Students must select 60 credits from the Department of English Literature.

### **In Spanish**

Students must take 40 credits of optional modules available in the Department of Modern Languages and European Studies, with at least 20 credits selected from optional modules in Spanish.

*Students may replace 20 credits with modules available across the University, with the permission of the Programme Director.*

### **Additional costs of the programme**

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar resources:

**In English Literature:** we recommend that you budget between £150 to £250 a year.

**In Spanish:** we recommend that you budget between £50 to £75 a year. The core textbook(s), which most students normally purchase, cost(s) £25 new, and there may be other books/resources which you would find it convenient to buy.

Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost of £0.05 per page.

For students studying on a year abroad, a discounted fee of 15% of the normal Tuition Fee is payable to the University for the year abroad, as detailed in the Fees Policy. No Tuition Fee is paid to the host institution abroad for which there is a valid exchange agreement in place.

**Year Abroad:** You may incur additional costs, in addition to those which you would normally expect to pay at the University, during your year abroad, in accordance with clause 6.4 of the Terms and Conditions for Undergraduate Students. These additional costs will depend on your host institution and destination, but may include the purchase of a visa and mandatory medical insurance. Students will be briefed on these issues prior to them submitting the form detailing the institutions to which they would like to be allocated, and general information on additional costs is discussed in the Year Abroad preparatory meetings. *Further indicative details on costs and funding are available on the UoR Erasmus & Study Abroad webpages and the webpages of the host institution.*

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2016.

### **Optional modules:**

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

### **Placement opportunities**

You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be required to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

### **Teaching and learning delivery:**

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminar discussion and essay tutorials. Spanish language modules are taught in small groups, and include use of language laboratory resources. The Dissertation module is supported by workshops and individual supervision.

Students either study at a university with which the University of Reading has an agreement under the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and Erasmus University Charter or go on a placement which may be either a teaching placement or a work placement. Full details of potential destinations can be found on both the departmental and the Erasmus & Study Abroad websites.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 1 - 300 hours, Part 2 - 192 hours, Part 3 - 204 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

### **Assessment**

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework (including class tests) and oral examinations. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

### **Progression**

The University-wide rules relating to 'threshold performance' as follows

### *Part 1*

- (i) Obtain an overall average of 40% over 120 credits taken in Part 1; and
- (ii) Obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2, a student must achieve a threshold performance; and

- (iii) Obtain a mark of at least 40% in all specified language and content modules at Part 1; and
- (iv) Obtain a mark of at least 40% in at least 40 credits of specified compulsory modules in English Literature at Part 1

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 1 qualifies a student for a Certificate of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

### *Part 2*

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

- (i) obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2; and
- (ii) obtain marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and
- (iii) obtain marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance; and obtain the following in the Year Abroad:

- (i) obtain a weighted average of 40% over the 120 Year Abroad credits; and
- (ii) obtain a mark of at least 40% in Year Abroad modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and
- (iii) obtain marks of at least 30% in Year Abroad modules amounting to at least 120 credits.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 2 qualifies a student for a Diploma of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

## **Classification**

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

| Mark       | Interpretation         |
|------------|------------------------|
| 70% - 100% | First class            |
| 60% - 69%  | Upper Second class     |
| 50% - 59%  | Lower Second class     |
| 40% - 49%  | Third class            |
| 35% - 39%  | Below Honours Standard |
| 0% - 34%   | Fail                   |

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

*Four year programmes with a year abroad (MFL)*

Part 2: one-sixth

Year abroad: one-sixth

Part 3: two-thirds

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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