

QR24 Hispanic Studies and Comparative Literature

Programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and modules

Overall requirements for students entering in Year 1 of this programme in or after September 2015

You must take 120 credits in each year of study, meeting all programme and pathway requirements, and will only be able to progress to the next developmental year if you have met the progression requirements. To be eligible for the award of your degree you must have passed a minimum of 315 credits, including 90 credits at level 6, but not including credits taken as part of the Year Abroad.

You must take a minimum of 165 credits in Hispanic Studies modules and a minimum of 135 credits in Comparative Literature modules, in addition to the Year Abroad module(s) over the period of your studies.

Some of these credits will be from core or compulsory modules. You must pass core modules to progress to the next year of study. You must take compulsory modules, but may be able to progress with a fail mark.

Some of your credits will be from optional modules within your subject area which you can choose each year. You may also take up to 60 credits outside your subject area in the course of your degree.

The Year Abroad is a compulsory and integral part of the degree programme. Exceptionally the School can exempt students from the Year Abroad with the agreement of the Year Abroad Committee. If exempted, you will submit a change of programme form to change your degree to a 3-year degree. The programme requirements for the 3-year variant are exactly the same as for the 4-year programme but without the Year Abroad requirements.

You will be assigned to one of the pathways below according to your knowledge of the Spanish language. This pathway will be confirmed during Welcome Week when you first enrol at Queen Mary, taking your entry qualifications and, in some cases your performance in a language test, into account.

Please select your pathway from the list below and go to the relevant page. The regulations in each section outline the requirements for which modules you have to take in each year of study, and what you have to achieve to progress to the next year.

Hispanic Studies (ab Initio) and Comparative Literature **2**

Hispanic Studies (post-A Level) and Comparative Literature **4**

Hispanic Studies (ab Initio) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is intended for students with little or no prior knowledge of Spanish language.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Introductory Spanish (**core** module)
- 30 credits Introduction to Hispanic Studies (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken. You must pass Introductory Spanish with a grade C or above in order to progress to Year 2 on this pathway.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **75 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish II Intensive (**core** module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT- and POR- coded modules at level 5. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **45 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Hispanic Studies
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. At least 15 credits of these modules must be at level 5. You may choose up to 30 credits at level 4 or level 6 with the agreement of your adviser.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad / Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students), you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2 including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you

have taken. Exceptionally the School may permit you to progress to the Year Abroad if you have not yet passed the core level 5 language module, but have met all of the other progression requirements. You must pass the core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to Final Year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad to progress to the final year of the programme. Successful completion of the year abroad assessment is not a hurdle to progression but all marks will count towards degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **105 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish III (**core** module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT-, and POR- coded modules. At least 15 credits of these modules must be at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6.

You will choose the remaining **15 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Hispanic Studies
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. You may choose these credits at level 5 or level 6. You are not allowed to take level 4 modules in your final year. Note that the programme structure only requires you to take a minimum of 90 credits at level 6; you must also pass a minimum of 90 credits at level 6 to be eligible for your degree and may wish to bear this in mind when making module choices.

Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Hispanic Studies (post-A Level) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is intended for students with A-Level or equivalent knowledge of Spanish.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish I (**core** module)
- 30 credits Introduction to Hispanic Studies (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **75 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish II (**core** module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT- and POR- coded modules at level 5. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **45 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Hispanic Studies
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. At least 15 credits of these modules must be at level 5. You may choose up to 30 credits at level 4 or level 6 with the agreement of your adviser.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad/Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students), you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2 including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken. Exceptionally the School may permit you to progress to the Year Abroad

if you have not yet passed the core level 5 language module, but have met all of the other progression requirements. You must pass the core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to Final Year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad to progress to the final year of the programme. Successful completion of the year abroad assessment is not a hurdle to progression but all marks will count towards degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **105 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish III (**core** module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT-, and POR- coded modules. At least 15 credits of these modules must be at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6.

You will choose the remaining **15 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Hispanic Studies
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Hispanic Studies (native speaker) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is intended for students with native speaker competence in Spanish.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 15 credits Engaging Critically with Writing 1 (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Exploring Spoken English (compulsory module)
- 30 credits Introduction to Hispanic Studies (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **75 credits**:

- 15 credits Language Myths (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT- and POR- coded modules at level 5. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **45 credits** from:

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- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
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Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **105 credits**:

- 30 credits Spanish III (**core** module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from HSP-, CAT-, and POR- coded modules. At least 15 credits of these modules must be at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6.

You will choose the remaining **15 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Hispanic Studies
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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