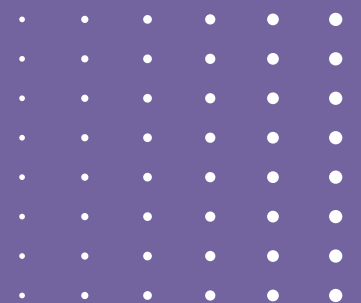




# CAREERS FOR SPANISH, PORTUGUESE & LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES GRADUATES



## SPANISH AT UCC

As the world's second language with 470 million speakers in over 20 countries across four continents, Spanish opens a window on a vast world of opportunity. Our degree programmes will help you to develop a deep knowledge of the language, cultures and histories of the Spanish-speaking world. Most of our programmes involve study abroad in either Spain or Latin America so that you learn to develop cultural awareness, adapt to new and changing surroundings and work both in teams and independently. Employers place a high value on graduates with international experience, particularly those who can show strong linguistic and intercultural competence.



Department of  
**Spanish, Portuguese  
& Latin American Studies**

# WHAT CAN SPANISH GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

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Your degree is a stepping stone to employment in many professions – education, tourism, heritage, foreign affairs, the global communications industry (translation and interpreting), media and journalism, international trade, finance, marketing and retail. These are some of the skills you can acquire:

- A deep knowledge of Spanish and exposure to other languages of the Iberian Peninsula (Portuguese, Catalan, Galician, Basque).
- A grounded understanding of the cultures and histories of Spain and Latin America.
- Advanced communication skills including translating and summarising.



- Advanced writing and oral presentation skills.

- Advanced intercultural competence and understanding of cultural differences.

- High levels of critical thinking and interpretive skills, showing awareness of ways of creating and interpreting meaning.

- Strong familiarity with information technology.

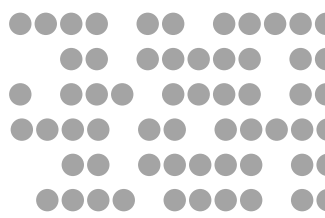
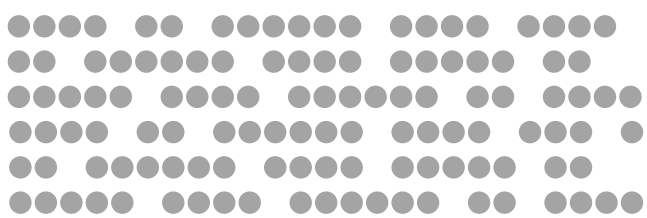
- An ability to work in teams showing initiative, time management, problem solving, and emotional intelligence.



# GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR SPANISH

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UCC Career Services produces an annual Graduate Outcomes Report based on a survey of graduates six months after graduation. UCC students take Spanish as a subject offered within the Bachelor of Arts (BA), the BA International, BA World Languages, and the BComm International programmes. Over the last 4 years 90%+ of BA graduates progressed to employment or further study, as shown at this link on the UCC Careers website:



## GRADUATE STUDIES

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Your BA degree provides a foundation for many further courses of study. The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers a one-year Higher Diploma in Advanced Languages and Global Communication with a work placement component. Our one-year MA in Translation Studies, accredited as part of the European Master's in Translation network, has a specific focus on graduate integration into the marketplace. The MA in Languages and Cultures also combines practical training with academic learning. For those interested in research, there is a one-year MREs, a two-year MPhil degree and a four-year PhD programme.

# AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR SPANISH GRADUATES

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There is a critical shortage of graduates with foreign language skills in Ireland and Spanish is in high demand from employers. From education to digital marketing, as well as international business and finance, translation, tourism, and many more in between, a degree in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies opens up innumerable career avenues, helping you develop highly sought-after skills that are applicable in a wide range of areas both in the public and private sectors. Employers of UCC graduates in Spanish include:

The European Commission

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The European Central Bank

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Bord Bia

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Enterprise Ireland

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Google

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Dell EMC

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Bank of Ireland

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Non-Governmental Organizations

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## Graduate Profile 1

### **BEN KRASA**

I work in a consultancy in Brussels called Teneo, where I deal with a wide range of issues from digital to transport and environmental; all intertwined with EU legislation. Any extra language in Brussels is a positive, and I use Spanish as it is the first language of many of our clients. My Erasmus year in Spain taught me how to live in and appreciate different cultures, a lesson that is particularly useful in a very international city such as Brussels, where I constantly meet people from all corners of the world coming from different cultures.



## Graduate Profile 2

### **AILSARUMLEY**

I currently work as an accounts executive for Banco Santander Select in Santiago de Chile and I use Spanish every single day both at a professional level and in my leisure time. Studying Spanish opened so many doors for me and the most beneficial experience for me was definitely my Erasmus year in Alicante, where I completely immersed myself in the Spanish lifestyle and rediscovered my love for the language and the culture.



### Graduate Profile 3

## **NIKESH CHOPRA**

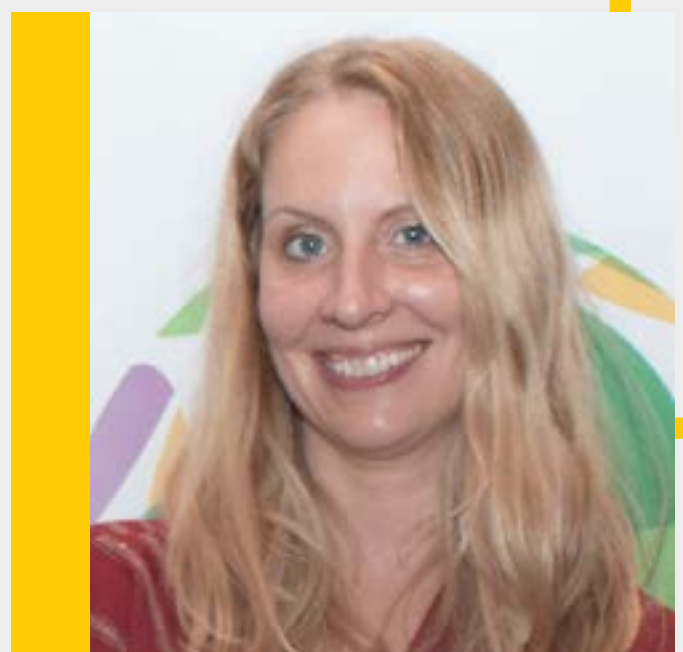
I work as a teacher trainer curriculum developer for a Non-Governmental Organization in Cambodia that delivers English lessons to children in impoverished communities. I previously worked in China as a foreign teacher in a language academy where I became a Regional Support Officer for the company's franchise division. Learning Spanish, Portuguese and Galician at UCC gave me the building blocks for learning Mandarin, making my linguistic journey less of a challenge. I look back at my university years fondly and the many skills that have stuck to me and helped shape my social, cultural and professional development.



### Graduate Profile 4

## **ANGELA BURKE**

I am currently teaching Spanish in Cork Educate Together Secondary School. I am responsible for promoting student-centred learning; developing subject plans, collaborating with colleagues and developing cross-curricular links. I have also organised exchanges to Madrid and created links with a school in Mexico. After spending three years living, working and travelling in Latin America and gaining teaching experience in UCC, I became convinced that teaching was an appealing career. I can affirm that there is an ever-increasing interest in Spanish as a subject, and it is generally viewed in an extremely positive light by students.





# WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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**SPANISH,  
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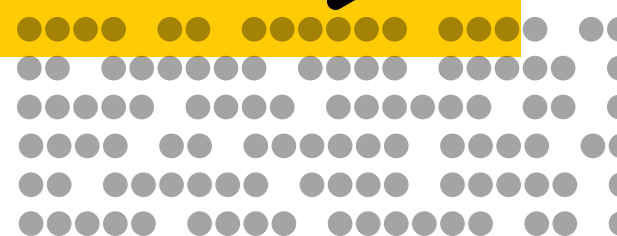
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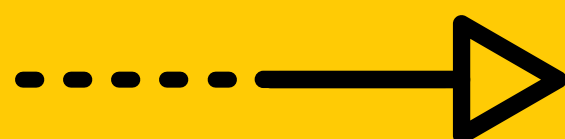
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ASSOCIATION**



# 12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR SPANISH DEGREE TO WORK

[MORE INFO](#)

01

Immerse yourself in a Spanish-speaking cultural experience with our study abroad opportunities and scholarships.

02

Gain practical experience through summer or part-time jobs in local organisations or abroad (eg. tourist attractions, local papers, summer schools).

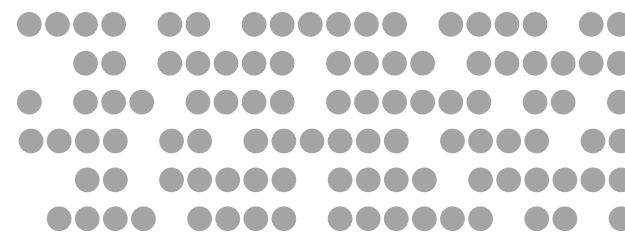
03

Put your skills to practice by participating in language exchanges through the Language Centre or engaging with the local Spanish-speaking community.

04

Acquire transferable skills with an active role in a club or society or by volunteering in Ireland or a Spanish-speaking country.





**05**

Enhance your writing, editing and presentation skills at the Skills Centre.

**06**

Develop entrepreneurial and professional skills with UCC Works Awards and business mentoring at Blackstone LaunchPad.

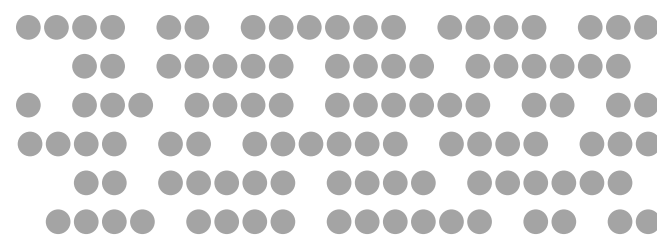
**07**

Attend employer events and participate in talks given by past graduates and qualified professionals.

**08**

Boost your multilingual profile with our evening language courses.





**09**

Build an updated CV and professional social media presence.

**10**

Avail of professional and impartial careers advice at UCC Career Services.

**11**

Obtain a globally recognised Spanish language qualification (DELE Diploma) from our official examination centre.

**12**

Build on your degree with an MA in Languages and Cultures or Translation Studies.

**MORE  
INFO**



# DID YOU KNOW?

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The US is the second largest Spanish-speaking country and Spanish is in high demand in many of its multinationals, which employ thousands in Ireland including giants like Google, Facebook, and Pfizer.



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## **Volunteering Opportunities**

