



School of Historical and European Studies



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Spanish Program (with Portuguese and Catalan)

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“Of all the subjects that I undertook over the course of my arts degree, I enjoyed Spanish the most. Spanish classes were always fun and were about much more than just the language: I have made friends, learnt about Spanish and Latin American culture and have had the chance to see the world through other eyes. My language skills served me very well in my travels around Latin America, and being bitten by the travel bug would be reason enough for a student to incorporate Spanish into their degree.

Especially rewarding was the 4th-year Honours programme. In a supportive environment with ongoing staff contact, I had the opportunity to delve into an area of personal interest (in my case, sport and politics in Cuba). The challenge of writing a thesis in a second language is something I never would have imagined I would be capable of when I commenced my degree!

I intend to continue studying at a postgraduate level, and look forward to directly applying what I have learnt in my Spanish course. My experience of studying Spanish leaves me very well positioned for the future. Speaking a second language is highly regarded by employers and opens up a huge number of opportunities in business, government or in the not-for-profit sector, both here in Australia and overseas.”

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