



WELCOME CLASS OF 2025

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SPANISH & PORTUGUESE



Save the date!! 11th September

- All your tutors in the Department of Modern Languages are looking forward to meeting you in person. We hope you are as excited as we are to be welcoming the class of 2025, the next generation of language graduates!

- School Welcome: Whitla Hall, Thurs 11th September 9.30 - 12am

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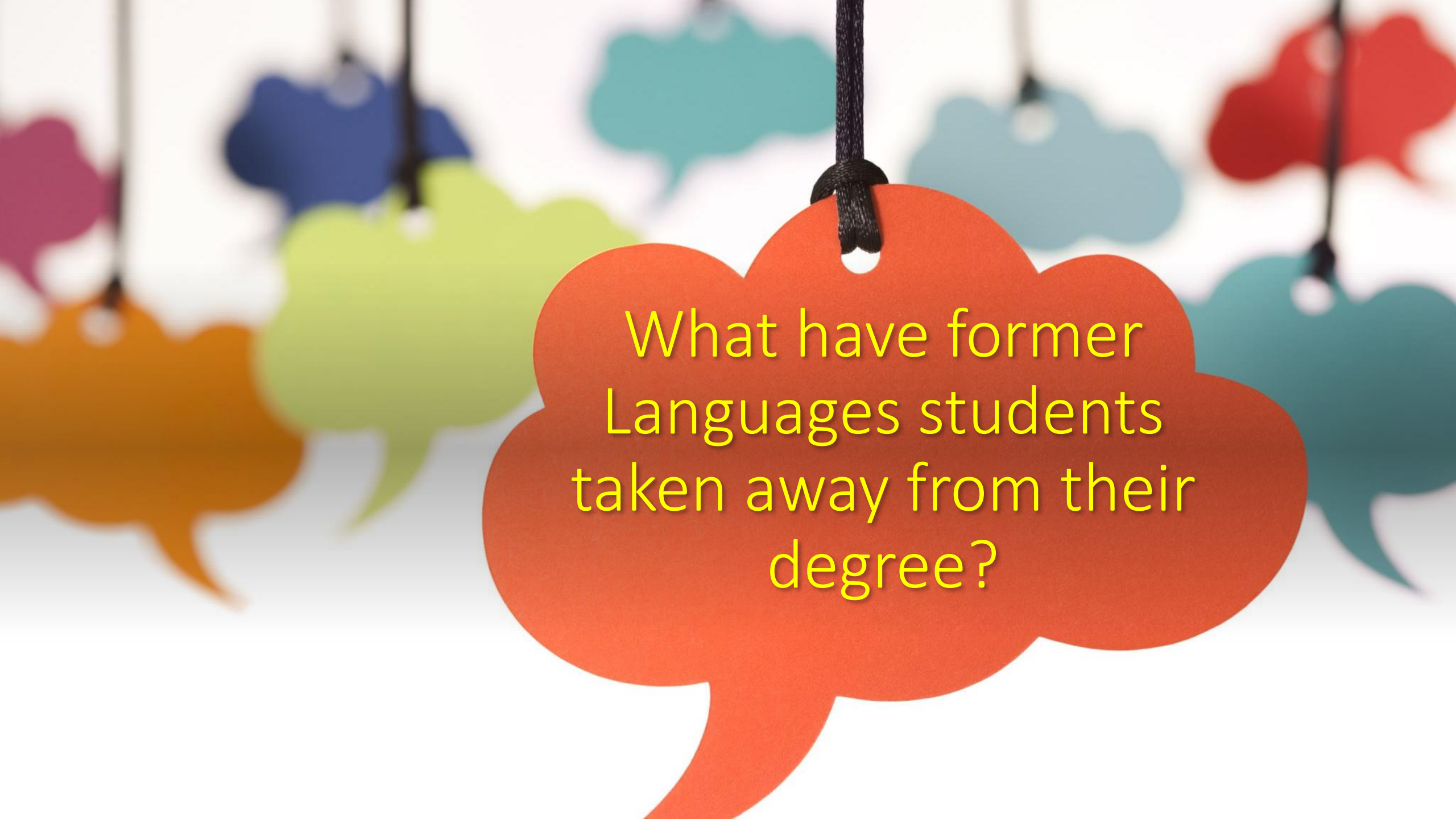
- Modern Languages Welcome: Wolfson Lecture Theatre 12.00-2.00pm.




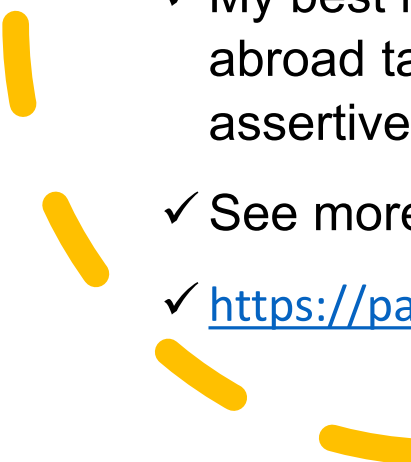


Thursday 11th September

- **All students** taking Spanish or Portuguese as part of your degree pathway are encouraged to attend this event.
- This is an opportunity to:
 - Meet your new tutors and classmates.
 - Ask questions about your modules and check anything you are not sure about.
 - Ask about adding a second language to your degree pathway.



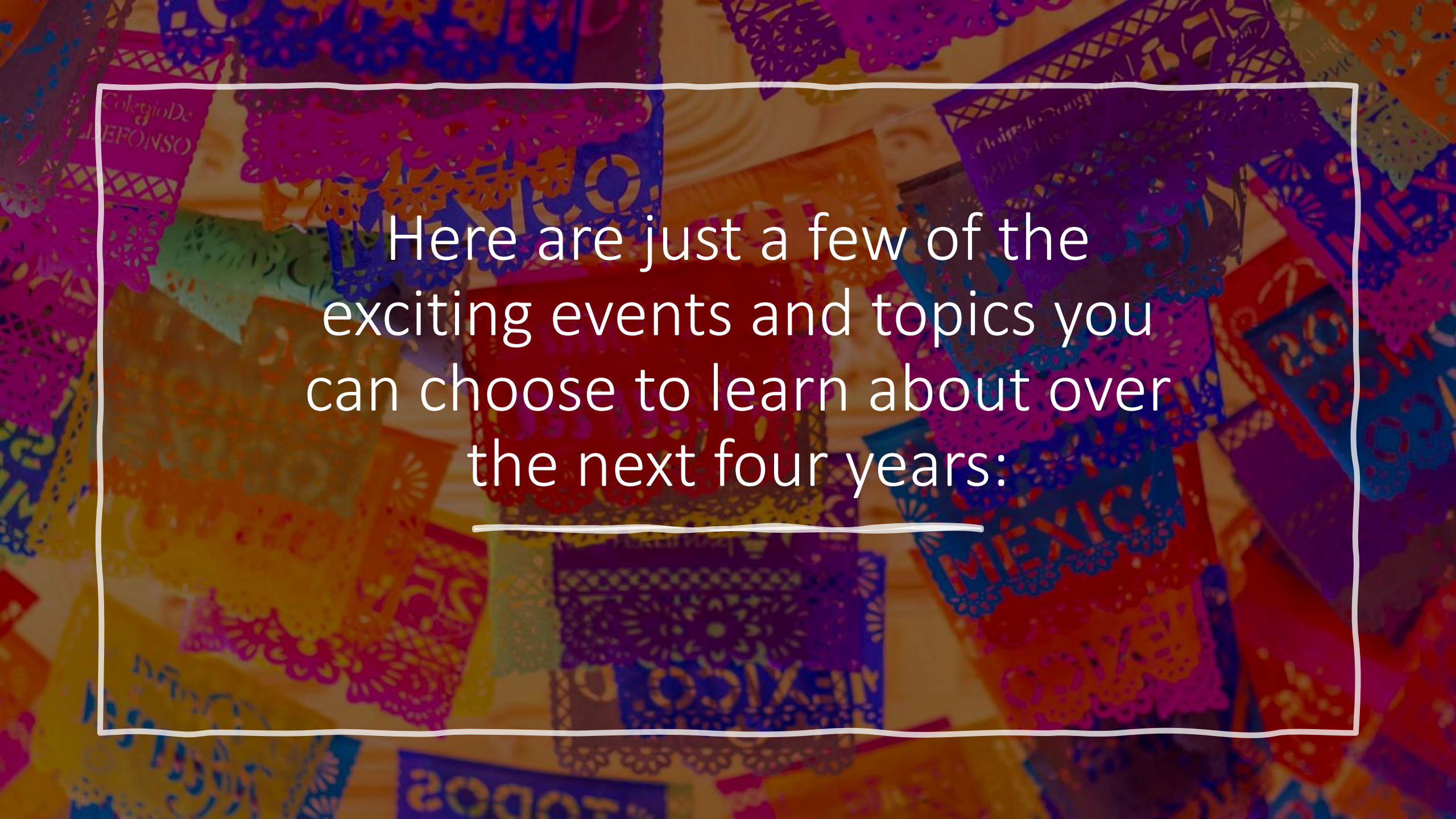
What have former
Languages students
taken away from their
degree?

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- ✓ Learning languages is more important now than ever. Learning another language, along with other cultures and traditions, leads to greater tolerance and respect for others, and a more open mind.
 - ✓ Languages don't just help with communicating directly with non-English speakers but more broadly with understanding people from across the world.
 - ✓ My language degree profoundly shaped the way I think and process information to such an extent that I believe I would be a very different person if I had chosen an alternative path of study.
 - ✓ My best memory from my degree was my year abroad. Despite a bumpy start, my year abroad taught me countless skills that I still use a decade later. I am a much more assertive, resilient, and confident person.
 - ✓ See more here:
 - ✓ <https://padlet.com/ael14/what-can-i-do-with-a-modern-language-degree-wi1aefw7780pp3wl>

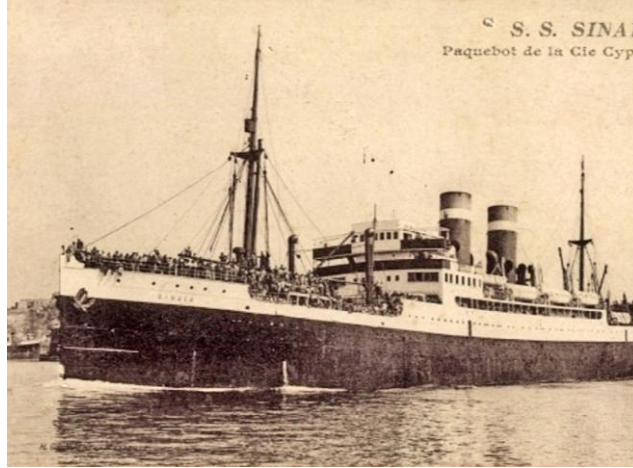
Congratulations!

- By choosing to do Spanish and/or Portuguese, you have opened yourself up to an unimaginable variety of histories, cultures, literatures and ways of being in the world.





Here are just a few of the
exciting events and topics you
can choose to learn about over
the next four years:



- The Mexican Revolution
- Al-Andalus, Islamic Spain
- How twitter changed Brazil
- US-Mexican relations along the border
- Rogues and Mystics of the Spanish Golden Age
- Exiles from the Spanish Civil War
- Love poetry from the Spanish Renaissance
- Cinema and decolonization in Portugal and Portuguese-speaking Africa
- Arpilleras in Chile, Peru... and Belfast
- Ecofiction, pollution and corruption in Argentina

The McClay Library

In-person Welcome Tours:

Delivered by the Library's Customer Experience Team the tours will last approximately 30 minutes. The aim of the tours is to give new students an opportunity to find out about the Library, its study spaces, facilities, services and resources, to see how to find things, borrow books, use the printers, and to know where to ask for help.

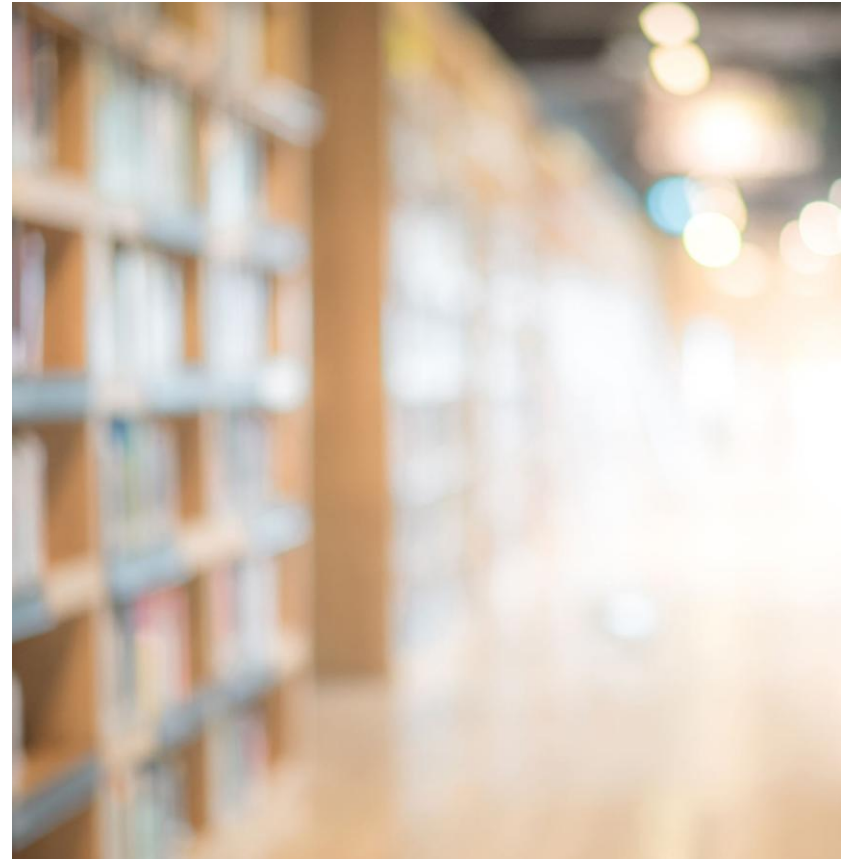




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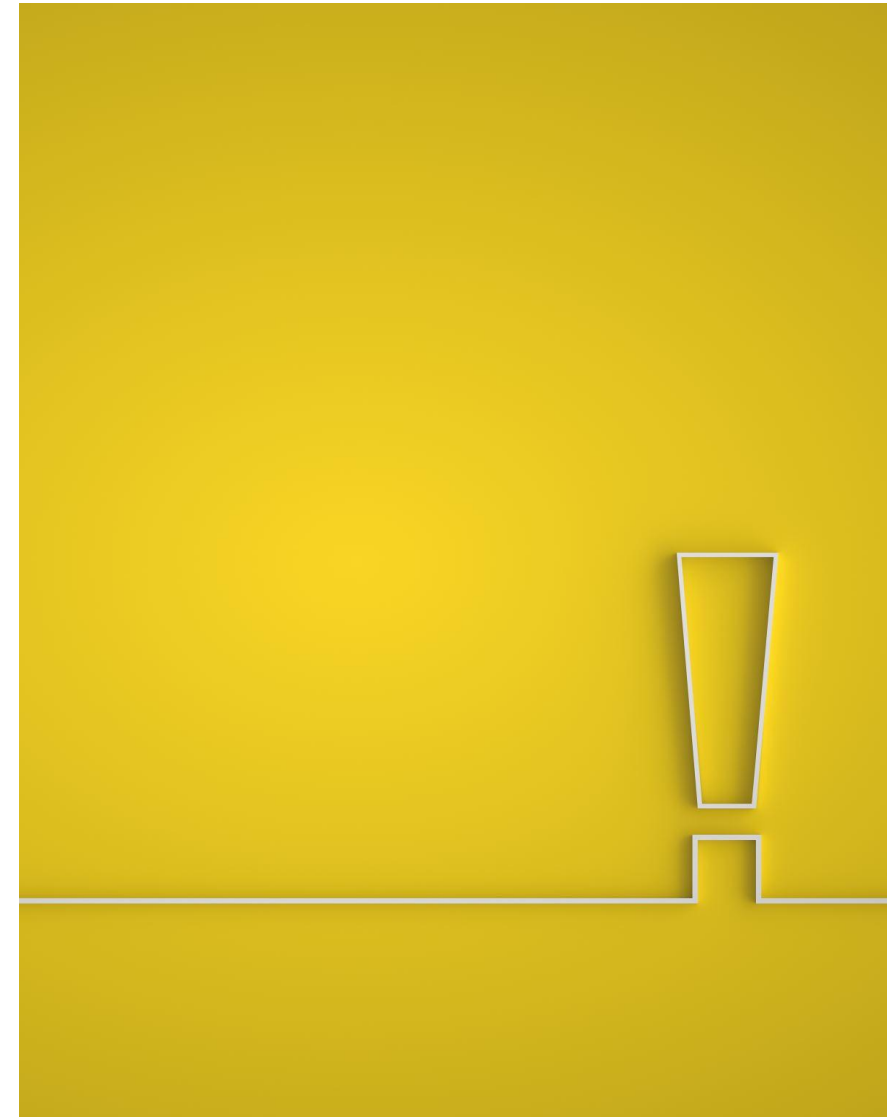
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¡Hola a todos y a todas!
Welcome to Queen's. We
are the **Spanish and
Portuguese Society** and
we offer a range of different
events throughout the year,
such as our intercambios,
our pub crawl and our
annual formal.

Join as a member and come
along to our events to meet
new like-minded language
enthusiasts while practicing
your target language and
having fun!



Follow us on social media to
keep up to date on events!
We will also be on the look
out for some first year reps
very soon :)

Instagram: @qubspanportsoc
Facebook: QUB Spanish and
Portuguese Society
Twitter/X: @qubspanportsoc




VIBRANT STUDENT SOCIETIES – FRENCH SOCIETY AND SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SOCIETY

- Wine and Cheese event
- Tinto y Tapas
- French Film night,
- ‘Día de los Muertos’ movie night
- Portuguese film night
- Café Français
- Intercambios
- Pub Crawl (Trans-Pyrenees collaboration!)
- Salsa night



Dates for your diary

- The first day of teaching in semester 1 is **Monday 15th September** (Week 1). The last day of semester is **Friday 12th December** (week 13).
- Week 7 (27th October) for all modules in languages is Independent Study Week or *Reading Week*: no classes are scheduled this week, to allow you to work on assessments.
- Weeks 12 and 13 are used for assessments.
- The University closes for Christmas: **Wednesday 24th December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026 (inclusive)**
- Semester 2 teaching will commence on **Monday 19th January**.
- Week 4 (9th February) Independent Study Week in Semester 2.
- Easter break: 23rd March- 10th April
- The formal Examination period runs from the **27th April to the 16th May 2026**. You must be available during this period, including on Saturdays.



Extra- curricular activities

**Making the most of your time at
university**

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Meet new friends,
have lots of fun and
get a bit of a break
from your uni work.



LEARNING DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

REACH YOUR ACADEMIC POTENTIAL

The Learning Development Service offers academic skills support to help you reach your potential.



Future Ready Awards

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/future-ready-award/>

Volunteering

<https://www.qubsu.org/VolunteerSU/>

Careers Service & My Future

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/careers/>

A few facts and figures

- Your first year counts as 10% of your final degree.
- A typical student in Modern Languages can expect to have 10-12 contact hours per week.
- You should expect to spend 31-40 hours per week studying. That equates to about 12 hours per module.
- The University considers **10-15 hours per week to be the maximum** a student can spend at a part time job. If you are working more hours than this, you will struggle to meet university expectations and may not complete your degree.

Practical
information.
Your modules.

Students taking: Single Honours Spanish

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1 CORE LANGUAGE MODULE (double-weighted 40 credits)	
SPANISH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE: Introduction to Latin American Studies (20 credits)	SPANISH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE: Introduction to Iberian Studies (20 credits)
★ MODULE IN OTHER SUBJECT ★ Why not learn a new language?	★ MODULE IN OTHER SUBJECT
★ SINGLE HON STUDENTS WHO TAKE A NEW LANGUAGE AS THEIR 3 RD OPTION IN 1 ST YEAR MAY ENQUIRE ABOUT CONTINUING THIS SECOND LANGUAGE IN 2 ND YEAR.	

Students taking: Spanish and Portuguese

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
1 SPANISH CORE MODULE (double-weighted)			
1 PORTUGUESE CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE: Introduction to Lusophone Studies (20 credits)		1 SPANISH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE: Introduction to Iberian Studies (20 credits)	
★ 1 PORTUGUESE CORE MODULE (double-weighted)			

Joint Honours French and Spanish

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1 SPANISH CORE MODULE (double-weighted)	
FRENCH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE	SPANISH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE
1 FRENCH CORE MODULE (double weighted)	

OR

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1 SPANISH CORE MODULE (double-weighted)	
FRENCH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE	SPANISH CONTEXTUAL STUDIES MODULE
1 FRENCH CORE MODULE (double weighted)	

X 'WITH' SPANISH

(Law, Economics, International Business,
Chemistry, Maths, Archaeology...)

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1 SPANISH CORE MODULE (double-weighted)	
MODULE IN OTHER SUBJECT	MODULE IN OTHER SUBJECT
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See you soon!

Thursday 11th September

9.30 – 12pm **AEL School Welcome:** Whitla Hall

12 - 2pm **Modern Languages Welcome Lunch:** Wolfson
Lecture Theatre, Seamus Heaney Centre