Presentation

This Master’s programme of study aims to produce students who are adept at carrying out multidisciplinary research across a collection of themes and subjects related to al-Andalus and to the Islamic West more generally, both past and present. Al-Andalus covers the regions of the Iberian Peninsula that were occupied by Arab Muslim peoples from the eighth century to the end of the fifteenth century.

Objectives

This Master’s programme in Al-Andalus Studies includes theory-based, methodology-based and applied course units. The objective of this programme of study is to encourage students to:

* gain a good command of and ability to implement the theoretical and methodological tools used in the study of countries with historical links to the concept of al-Andalus, on the subject of languages, literatures, societies, cultures, thought, the arts and the history of texts and techniques;
* gain awareness of the principal fields in the scientific study of the cultures and societies of al-Andalus, as well as the main theories and key findings in these fields;
* have a full understanding and be able to apply the rules of scientific procedure (observation, formulation of research questions, critical analysis of sources, data collection, formulating hypotheses, interpretation, application of theories etc.);
* be competent in finding and using scientific publications;
specialise in a scientific field on the basis of properly led research.

Joint degree establishments and partnerships

Training content

Two years of study: Master 1 (M1) and Master 2 (M2)
The main course units include:
* Memory and Historiography of Al-Andalus
* Powers, Societies and Religions in the Muslim West
* Legacies of Al-Andalus: Spain and Portugal
* Literary Heritage of Al-Andalus
* Palaeography and the Art of the Book in Al-Andalus
* Methodology and Didactics of Languages
* Linguistic Histories and Practices – Linguistic Interplay in Al-Andalus
* Practice and Improvement of Language Skills: Arabic, Spanish or Portuguese (students choose two languages).
The dissertation can be carried out within the field of Portuguese-speaking, Hispanic or Arabic-speaking studies, or within the field of medieval history. In all cases, students must demonstrate a cross-disciplinary approach in their work.

Entry requirements

Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies:
* Independent Stay
* Exchange Programme