

What is a PhD programme?

A PhD programme provides an advanced training in research methods that comprises courses, seminars and other activities. It culminates in the presentation of a PhD thesis, which entails an original scientific piece of work.

Why is our PhD programme useful?

This programme...

- helps you acquire new information which will prove useful for a globalised society.
- provides you with the necessary skills to lead research projects.
- improves your professional expertise and equips you for a working situation of a good quality.
- offers new professional careers. The unemployment rates for PhD doctors are lower than those of BA or MA graduates.
- prepares researchers in English as a language of international communication in professional and academic settings, as well as in the fields of teaching and translation.

To whom is this programme addressed?

- Graduate Students in English, Linguistics, Tourism, Translation and Interpretation, etc. coming from MASTERS PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH LINGUISTICS.
- Students coming from other professionalising or academic Masters programmes, in the areas of Social Studies and Humanities (Translation, Tourism, Journalism, History, etc.), who wish to investigate current globally considered issues concerning the English language and be able to compete for job positions in similar conditions to other European graduates.

How long does a PhD programme last?

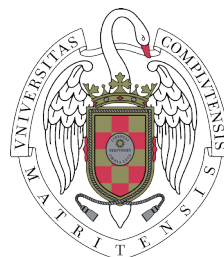
The training period can be carried out on a full-time (maximum three years) or part-time basis (maximum five years). Although it requires effort and dedication, this PhD programme is particularly suitable for those who have a clear vocation for teaching at a university level or for developing a research career.

How many positions does the programme offer?

20 positions are offered. If the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the programme, the Academic Committee of the PhD Programme will evaluate the applications, individually, in compliance with the existing regulations and taking the academic profile of the applicants and their thesis proposals into consideration.

How should one apply?

- **Admission process.** Through the Internet, at <http://www.ucm.es/doctorado>
- **Fees** (subject to modification): **206 €** (following current regulations on Public Prices 66/2012 of 5 July).
- **Period for registration:** still unpublished. Find more information at <http://www.ucm.es/admision-y-matricula>



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What do we offer?

- **QUALITY:** quality award.
- **A TEAM WITH TRADITION, EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH PROJECTION:** 15 research groups working in 28 national and international projects.
- **A STRONG INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION:** expert advice by professors from 23 prestigious international universities.
- **HIGH LEVEL OF ENGLISH:** required for the training activities. We encourage doctoral theses written in English.
- **AS A DYNAMIC, SOCIALLY NEEDED OBJECT OF STUDY, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:**
 - is a **TESTING FIELD** of theoretical models and new applications, given the **NUMBER OF SPEAKERS INVOLVED** in a large variety of socio-cultural situations and the **FUNDS** devoted to its investigation.
 - is **CHANGING** the local cultures, bringing about multiple possibilities of research.
 - is linked to the main interests, worries and **PRIORITIES** of our country.
 - is placed within the **SOCIAL SPHERE**, outside the disciplinary barriers of the traditional Philology studies in Spain.

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AWARD

The programme offers the possibility of carrying out part of the investigation in a prestigious international centre. 38% of the theses presented have obtained a European distinction.

What kind of research can one carry out?

RESEARCH PROFILES / AREAS: English analysed from cognitive, functional, discourse-pragmatic, pedagogical or computational perspectives.

LINES OF RESEARCH: Bilingualism and integrated learning; learning identities; academic (in)equality, immigration and bilingualism; self-learning and specialised translation; intercultural communication in multilingual professional settings; sign language; historic-linguistic construction of identity; language, belief and behaviour; evaluation of reality; intersubjectivity; cultural conceptualisation; history and translation; localised and advertising translation; subtitling; language, tourism and global life; tourism, linguistic adaptation and group cooperation; automatic processing of English and Spanish; creation and use of corpora; language, use and context; linguistic-metaphoric projections; multimodal metaphors; processes of poetic or fictional creation; linguistic strategies in contrast; etc.

RECENTLY PRESENTED DOCTORAL THESES

Conflict talk as a social act: discourse-pragmatic strategies and the construction of social identities.

Evidentiality markers in the political discourse of Oliver Cromwell.

The generation of tense and aspect in English and Spanish: a functional contrastive study.

A phraseological study of the use of grammatical collocations and lexical groups in native and non-native argumentative texts: an analysis of students' corpora.

C-Test as an alternative or complementary test in the acquisition of English as a foreign language.

Verbal forms in evolution: the perfect and the progressive in English and Spanish.

Terminology of statistics and data mining in English.

Alternative uses of 2nd-person singular pronouns ('you' and 'thou') in Early Modern English and their translation into Spanish.

Grammatical objects in English and Spanish: a study of prototypical and peripheral cases with special reference to verbs of teaching, knowledge and learning.

Writing cognitively: analysing the writer-reader dynamics in creative writing.