

**Department of European Languages and Cultures**  
Lectureship in Spanish Studies (Grade 7/8)

**Further Particulars Ref A828**

The Post: The post holder will teach on undergraduate modules in Spanish Studies and other areas, including one or more of the following: cultural/historical modules relating to peninsular Spain, contribute to comparative courses across the department in related fields such as cultural studies from a European and/or global perspective and teach Spanish language.

The post holder will be expected to pursue research in Spanish Studies, and will be encouraged and mentored by the Department to develop their research. The post holder will also contribute to departmental administration.

The Department: We are a medium-sized department in a lively university which is in the premier league for teaching and research. We are pioneers in multi-disciplinary language studies, offering combinations of language studies with European and 'national' societies and cultures. In both teaching and research we have a strong commitment to intercultural studies and we believe that in today's global world the language, culture and history of the countries of Europe are best understood in a trans-national (European and/or global) perspective. The Department enjoys strong links with a number of key research centres and groups within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Undergraduate students are recruited at a high level, with a standard UCAS offer of AAB, so we are well placed for the changes coming to the sector.

The University: Lancaster University is approaching its 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. It is currently ranked in the top one per cent of universities in the world, listed at 145 in the Times Higher Education international table and 156 in the 2013 QS World University Rankings. The growing reputation of Lancaster is reflected by high ratings year on year in each of the UK's major university league tables – The Times (12<sup>th</sup>), the Guardian (11<sup>th</sup>) and the Complete University Guide (11<sup>th</sup>).

The University is set near to the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. More than £450m has been invested into the estate since 2002, transforming the campus. Key developments include: new academic centres of excellence, student social facilities, improved teaching spaces and one of the largest student residences projects in the UK : [www.lancaster.ac.uk](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk)

The City: The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. Lancaster is a city of about 55,000 people, with a largely Georgian and Victorian core of sandstone buildings, overlooked by a medieval castle and priory church. It has independent shops, an alternative cinema and theatre, lively markets on Wednesday and Saturday, and easy access to the surrounding countryside on paths, bikeways, and canals. Lancaster is easily accessible by road (M6 Junction 33) and rail (west coast mainline). It is approximately an hour to Manchester International Airport, and about 2.5 hours by train to London.

Contact: For more about the Department, see our web pages at <http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass/eurolang/>

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