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Master's Degree  
Faculty of Geography and History

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HISTORY OF THE  
SPANISH MONARCHY

# MASTER'S DEGREE HISTORY OF THE SPANISH MONARCHY

Field of Knowledge: **History, Archaeology, Geography, Philosophy and Humanities**

Responsible center: **Faculty of Geography and History,  
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)**

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Orientation: **academic-scientific**

Credits: **60 ECTS**

Duration: **1 year  
(2 semesters)**

Modality: **face-to-face**

## OBJETIVES

The Master's Degree in History of the Spanish Monarchy responds to the need to provide advanced training that makes it possible to specialise in the History of Spain and its area of political, economic, and cultural influence during the period between the 15th and 19th centuries both in Europe and in the rest of the world.

Its main purpose is for students to obtain greater academic specialisation by broadening their knowledge in this area and, at the same time, to initiate them into the scientific activity of the historical discipline, offering the training and techniques necessary for work in the field of research. All of this may be oriented towards the completion of a future doctoral thesis and the initiation to research, as well as other related professional activities in the field of publishing, cultural management, historical heritage, analysis and description of sources, scientific dissemination, or specialised teaching.

The agreements that the University Master's Degree has established with different archives, libraries and cultural and scientific entities for students to carry out external internships, also gives it the social and professional projection that postgraduate studies currently require, linking the University with other important public institutions.

## PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Graduates in History, History of Art and Humanities, but, due to its openness to specialisation and its multidisciplinary nature, it can also include graduates in other social and humanistic sciences who wish to acquire the ability to analyse the history of Spain and its relationship with Europe and the rest of the world in the period of its greatest political influence and cultural splendour.

The admission process, in the case of people who do not have a degree in History, will establish, according to the curricula presented by the candidates, the relevance or not of a personal interview, in which the candidate will demonstrate a general education, a command of the spoken language and a sufficient knowledge of history to undertake these advanced studies, as well as their educational aspirations. Most of the lectures are given in Spanish.

## WHY STUDY THIS MASTER'S DEGREE?

Because of the quality of the teaching, which is backed by extensive experience in the field of university teaching, together with the intense and diversified research work of the lecturers in the Department of Modern and Contemporary History at the UCM who teach on the University Master's Degree. The conception of the contents and the way they are transmitted by means of agile and avant-garde procedures together with a work methodology that combines theoretical sessions and practical work. This Faculty of Geography and History and the UCM have didactic resources and facilities suitable for teaching of these characteristics (high quality computer rooms and library).

Among the professional and academic opportunities offered by this postgraduate course are: professional work in areas such as cultural and heritage management in institutions and companies, both public and private; research in the field of Modern History and the History of the Spanish Monarchy; teaching; localisation, description and analysis of historical documentation; critical editing of historical texts; scientific dissemination (specialised dictionaries, historical-artistic exhibitions, reviews and chronicles; popular articles, etc.).

## STRUCTURE

The Master's Degree is organised according to a mixed structure of modules and subjects:

- Module 1. Fundamental: 24 compulsory ECTS
- Module 2. Advanced: 24 optional ECTS
- Final Master's Thesis: 12 compulsory ECTS

Students must take a total of 60 ECTS distributed as follows: 4 compulsory subjects, 4 electives or 2 electives and the External Work Placement, and the Final Master's Project.

There is no defined itinerary, so students can choose their elective credits from the optional subjects offered, depending on their training needs and their future professional orientation.

## SYLLABUS

SUBJECT TYPE	ECTS
Compulsory	24
Electives *	24
Master's Thesis	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

\* Includes External Internships.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTRE
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### Module 1. Fundamental

#### The Spanish Monarchy from the Habsburgs to the Bourbons

Centre and Periphery. Institutions of Government in the Spanish Monarchy	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Monarchy and State (15th-19th Centuries)	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Critic and Editing of Historical Texts	6	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Social Dynamics in the Spanish Monarchy	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	ECTS	SEMESTRE
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### Module 2. Advanced

#### Society and Politics in the Spanish Monarchy

Origins of the Spanish Monarchy	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Diplomacy and Warfare in the Spanish Monarchy	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Imperial Dynamics in the Modern Age	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Culture and Mentalities in the Spanish Monarchy

Material Culture and Beliefs in the Sphere of the Spanish Monarchy	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Written Culture and Power in the Hispanic World	6	1 <sup>st</sup>

#### Sources and Instruments for the Initiation to Research on the Spanish Monarchy

Methods for the Analysis of Historical Information	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Scientific Dissemination and Cultural Heritage	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
External Internships	12	2 <sup>nd</sup>

FINAL MASTER'S THESIS	ECTS	SEMESTRE
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Master's Thesis	12	2 <sup>nd</sup>
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