All students, regardless of their chosen itinerary, will be required to write a Master Thesis (12 credits ECTS) under the guidance of an academic advisor among the faculty members participating in the program.

**Internships:** Bilingual students with a high level of English can provide assistance with English conversation classes for English Studies degree students and in other academic tasks in the English Department.

**English Language Requirements:** Students are expected to be proficient in the English language at both oral and written levels.

**Admission, Application and Registration:** from March to mid September.

Students are required to apply to and register at only one of the two universities. All the information pertaining to the application process can be accessed through our website at www.masterenglishstudies.eu

**Tuition and fees:** Total tuition and fees for 60 credits: approximately 2400 € (payment by installments is accepted).

Students who already hold a Master’s degree may apply for an exemption of credits.

**Scholarships:** http://campus.usal.es/~becas/ http://rel-int.usal.es/estudiantes.php www.relint.uva.es/

The Program offers special scholarships for a three-month research period at other universities such as Cambridge University, University of Reading, etc.

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**Visiting Professors:**

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The Master in Advanced English Studies: Languages and Cultures in Contact (www.masterenglishstudies.eu), run by the University of Salamanca and the University of Valladolid, is an accredited program which meets the high standards of excellence of the European System of Higher Education. The program has been evaluated and approved by:

- the academic councils of both organizing universities
- the Spanish Ministry of Education
- the regional Quality Accreditation Agency of Castile and Leon (ACSUCyL)
- the National Quality Evaluation and Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (ANECA)

The Master’s is a one-year academic program consisting of 60 credits. Classes are held at the University of Salamanca during the Fall semester, and at the University of Valladolid during the Spring semester.

The Master’s allows students to pursue a PhD by providing the required coursework previous to writing a PhD dissertation. It constitutes the pre-requisite coursework for the PhD program that has been distinguished by the Spanish Ministry of Education for its Quality of Excellence.

The program has an inter-cultural and interdisciplinary orientation. Since its beginnings, in 2007, it has welcomed international students from all over the world.

The Master’s prepares students for the demanding standards of the international job market and is oriented towards the formation of specialists in the areas of English language and linguistics, and Anglo-American literature and cultural studies.

The Master’s aims to provide students with a broad knowledge in the field of English studies.

Students work with the most recent trends, systems of thought, theories and research methodologies in the fields of English language and linguistics and Anglo-American literature and culture. They develop important skills and fundamental tools of scholarship, bibliographic procedures, and editorial methods. The program also emphasizes the ability to write well, to produce relevant and innovative scholarly and critical work in a specialized domain, to teach effectively, and to make articulate presentations at conferences.

The Master in Advanced English Studies is an ideal program for B.A. degree holders with an interest in either teaching or research in the field of English Studies. Any graduates holding a B.A., 3-Year Diploma (240 credits), or University Degree in any area of the Humanities or Social Sciences from any European University or from any other international institution of Higher Education of a similar level can apply for admission.

The program addresses the needs of future researchers as well as teachers of English as a Second Language. It is especially geared towards teachers of English at all educational levels who are interested in bilingual education and who would like to enhance their command of the language and broaden their knowledge of Anglo-American Culture in the present economic context in which English has become the lingua franca and international communication has become ever more necessary.

Furthermore, the study plan addresses the curricular needs of future cultural mediators planning to work in the media, press, embassies, ministries, archives and libraries.

The Master in Advanced English Studies is a flexible program which allows for a wide variety of study and research interests in the field of English language and Linguistics, Anglo-American Literature and Culture, or both. Students are free to choose courses offered by three possible itineraries according to their academic or professional preferences. The courses offered reflect the main research and methodological trends in the field of English Studies.

Students can choose one of the three itineraries:

A. The English Language and Linguistics Program offers advanced specialization in fundamental aspects of English language and linguistics, grammar, phonetics and phonology, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, applied linguistics, corpus linguistics, English as a Second Language and Language teaching methodologies.

B. The Literature and Culture Program. Modernity and Postmodernity: Discourses and Cultures in Contact offers advanced studies in the field of English and American literature and culture, which includes a survey of the main trends in critical theory and various literary movements. It furthers students’ knowledge of all major literary periods seen in their respective socio-historical contexts, and of literary genres, comparative studies of different forms of artistic expression, interdisciplinary studies (literature and film), postcolonial, gender and genre studies (narrativity, drama, novel, poetry, short story, metafiction).

C. The Combined Program: English Language, and Anglo-American Literature and Culture offers students the opportunity to design their own itinerary according to their professional and academic goals. In addition to the compulsory requirements, students may design their own plan of study by choosing credits among the subjects offered in both itineraries.