Spanish (BA)

Spanish majors explore the language, literature, and cultures of the modern and historical Spanish-speaking world.

Students choose one of two concentrations. The literature and culture concentration offers classes in literature, film, visual arts, and other media from many different periods. This gives students the chance to explore the breadth and depth of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The language and society concentration exposes students to the historical and social contexts of Spanish-speaking communities. Students gain knowledge of the linguistic structure of the language and its different varieties, which highlights the social characteristics of communities where Spanish is used.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Language proficiency: RL majors should reach at least a level of Intermediate-High (speaking) and Advanced (writing) in the primary target language according to ACTFL proficiency standards.
- Analytical skills related to the field/target language (research and writing): RL majors should be able to: a) use basic tools/methods of analysis in either literary studies or linguistics, b) use technical vocabulary for literary analysis and criticism or linguistic analysis, c) demonstrate mastery of technical aspects of professional writing (manage bibliographic resources, document ideas using MLA or APA style, include in-line citations in writing, etc.)
- Content objectives (literature/culture): Demonstrate familiarity with examples of the cultural/artistic production in the target language from different historical periods. Identify authors, texts, themes, and literary/artistic/intellectual movements in the periods studied. Relate cultural artifacts (literature, film, fine arts) to the historical, cultural, and social contexts in which they were produced. Content objectives (language in society-Spanish): Identify the geographical distribution and historical origins of varieties of Spanish; recognize variation as a fundamental part of language, and explain the kinds of sociolinguistic variation (historical, social, geographic) that can occur in languages; explain the relationship between and language and identity; demonstrate understanding of methods of linguistic data collection and analysis.
- Discipline (humanities or social science): identify basic disciplinary questions that define literary analysis/cultural studies or sociolinguistics; apply or relate disciplinary questions to current debates in the arts, politics, social conflicts, etc.

Courses for the major are principally taught in the language of study and immerse students in a diversity of cultures and variations spoken. Cultural, linguistic and literary production – writing, film and other media – studied in RL courses reflect variations of race, gender, social class, climate, religion, and historical and artistic movements and counter-movements.

All courses for Romance Languages majors and minors must be *upper-division*, with the exception of one approved lower-division class within certain majors and minors. Courses used to fulfill the major requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C- or better. Coursework transferred in from Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams are acceptable with a mark of P*.

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Spanish Major - Language and Society Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Lengua y cultura		
SPAN 308	Cultura y lengua: comunidades bilingues	4
One from the following:		4
SPAN 301	Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas	
SPAN 303	Cultura y lengua: expresiones artisticas	
SPAN 305	Cultura y lengua: cambios sociales	
Advanced Writing		
SPAN 311	Advanced Writing in Spanish [1]	4
or SPAN 312	Spanish in the Media	
Survey Courses		
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review	4
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	4
SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics	4
Expertise and Mastery		
Three from the following: [2]		12
SPAN 348	United States Latino Literature and Culture	
SPAN 420	Spanish Linguistics: [Topic]	
SPAN 424	History of the Spanish Language	
SPAN 425	Literary Translation	
SPAN 428	Spanish in the United States	
Electives		
Upper-division courses in literature, film, or linguistics, taught in Spanish, that address the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world [3]		12
Experiential Learning		
Academic experience that involves using the Spanish language outside the classroom [4]		
Total Credits		**48**

1. Students cannot receive credit for both SPAN 311 and SPAN 312
2. One course may be RL 407 or LAS 407, with course work in the target language; student should discuss with an advisor.
3. May include up to 4 lower-division credits from LAS 200, SPAN 150, SPAN 238, or SPAN 299
4. Must involve at least 30 hours of work per term.

Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN 150	Hispanic and Latinx Cultures [1]	
SPAN 238	Spanish Around the World [1]	
SPAN 299	Special Studies: [Topic] [1]	
SPAN 301	Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas	
SPAN 303	Cultura y lengua: expresiones artisticas	
SPAN 305	Cultura y lengua: cambios sociales	
SPAN 308	Cultura y lengua: comunidades bilingues	
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review	
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	

SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics
SPAN 348 and above	
LAS 200	Introduction to Latin American Studies [1]
LAS 407	Seminar: [Topic] [2]

1 Only one course may be applied toward the Electives.

2 Seminar: [Topic] (LAS 407) counts if coursework is completed in Spanish.

Spanish Major - Literature and Culture Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Lengua y cultura		
Two from the following:		8
SPAN 301	Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas	
SPAN 303	Cultura y lengua: expresiones artisticas	
SPAN 305	Cultura y lengua: cambios sociales	
SPAN 308	Cultura y lengua: comunidades bilingues	
Advanced Writing		
SPAN 311	Advanced Writing in Spanish [1]	4
or SPAN 312	Spanish in the Media	
Survey Courses		
Three from the following:		12
SPAN 341	Hispanic Cultures through Literature I	
SPAN 342	Hispanic Cultures through Literature II	
SPAN 343	Hispanic Cultures through Literature III	
SPAN 344	Hispanic Cultures through Literature IV	
SPAN 350	Introduction to Poetry	
SPAN 351	Introduction to Theater	
SPAN 353	Introduction to Narrative	
Expertise and Mastery		
Three courses in literature, film, or translation in Spanish: one from SPAN 348 or above; two from SPAN 407, SPAN 448, or above. One course may be RL 407 or LAS 407.		12
Electives		
Upper-division courses in literature, film, or linguistics, taught in Spanish, that address the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world [2]		12
Experiential Learning		
Academic experience that involves using the Spanish language outside the classroom [3]		
Total Credits		**48**

1 Students cannot receive credit for both SPAN 311 and SPAN 312.

2 May include up to 4 lower-division credits from LAS 200, SPAN 150, SPAN 238, or SPAN 299.

3 Must involve at least 30 hours of work per term.

Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN 150	Hispanic and Latinx Cultures	
SPAN 238	Spanish Around the World	
SPAN 299	Special Studies: [Topic] [1]	
SPAN 301	Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas	
SPAN 303	Cultura y lengua: expresiones artisticas	
SPAN 305	Cultura y lengua: cambios sociales	
SPAN 308	Cultura y lengua: comunidades bilingues	
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review	
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	
SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics	
SPAN 348 and above		
LAS 200	Introduction to Latin American Studies [1]	
LAS 407	Seminar: [Topic] [2]	
RL 407	Seminar: [Topic] [2]	

1 Only one course may be applied toward the Electives.

2 Seminar: [Topic] (LAS 407) and Seminar: [Topic] (RL 407) count if coursework is completed in Spanish.

Departmental Honors

Approval for graduation with honors is granted to any student who meets one of the following requirements:

1. Maintains at least a 4.00 grade point average (GPA) in all upper-division department course work and at least a 3.50 GPA overall, ***or***
2. Maintains at least a 3.75 GPA in all upper-division department course work and at least a 3.50 GPA overall, and submits an honors thesis written under the guidance of a Romance languages faculty thesis advisor. The thesis adviser determines whether the thesis is acceptable and may require the student to register for up to 6 pass/no pass (P/N) credits in Thesis (FR, ITAL, SPAN 403)

If a student wishes to apply for honors by submitting an honors thesis, the application for graduation with honors must be submitted by the end of the term that immediately precedes the term of graduation. If a student is planning on graduating in the spring term, they must apply for graduation through their departmental advisor during the winter term.

Transfer credits and overseas-study work used to fulfill major graduation requirements are typically included in determining the major GPA.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (Focus in Language and Society)

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
SPAN 101	First-Year Spanish	5	
SPAN 150	Hispanic and Latinx Cultures	4	
General-education course in science		4	
Participate in Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
Take a lighter course load in your first term as you adjust to college			
	Credits	**13**	

Winter			
SPAN 102	First-Year Spanish		5
WR 121Z	Composition I		4
General-education course in social science			4
Study skills or time management course			4
Talk with advisors about study abroad or other experiential learning options			
	Credits		**17**
Spring			
SPAN 103	First-Year Spanish		5
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III		4
ARH 211	Survey of Latin American Arts		4
HIST 248	Latinos in the Americas		4
Meet with University Career Center advisor to discuss potential major(s) and career ideas			
	Credits		**17**
	Total Credits		**47**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
SPAN 201	Second-Year Spanish		4
LING 301	Introduction to Linguistics Analysis		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in science			4
Participate in Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
Talk with advisors about study abroad or other experiential learning options			
	Credits		**16**
Winter			
SPAN 202	Second-Year Spanish		4
LING 296	Language and Society in the United States		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in science			4
Apply for Romance languages scholarships (if you have already declared a major or minor in Spanish)			
	Credits		**16**
Spring			
SPAN 203	Second-Year Spanish	Declare Spanish major	4
General-education course in science			4
Courses of minor or second major			8
Confirm study abroad or internship plans, and work with advisor to verify progress toward degree			
	Credits		**16**
	Total Credits		**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
SPAN 301	Cultura y Lengua: Identidades Hispanas		4
SPAN 308	Cultura y lengua: comunidades bilingues		4
Courses for minor or second major			8
Participate in Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
	Credits		**16**
Winter			
Choose one from the following:			4
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review		
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics		
SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics		
SPAN 311 or SPAN 312	Advanced Writing in Spanish or Spanish in the Media		4
Courses for minor or second major			8
Apply for scholarships			
	Credits		**16**
Spring			
Choose one from the following:			4
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review		
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics		
SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics		
300-level course with SPAN subject code			4
Courses for minor or second major			8
Meet with advisor to confirm major progress and plan for senior year			
	Credits		**16**
	Total Credits		**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Choose one of the following:			4
SPAN 320	Intensive Spanish Grammar Review		
300-level course with SPAN subject code			4
Courses for minor or second major			8
SPAN 322	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics		
SPAN 324	Spanish Pronunciation and Phonetics		
Participate in Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
	Credits		**16**
Winter			
SPAN 348	United States Latino Literature and Culture		4
SPAN 424	History of the Spanish Language		4
Course for minor or second major			4
	Credits		**12**

Spring	
300-level course with SPAN subject code	4
Course for minor or second major	4
Credits	**8**
Total Credits	**36**