

## Spanish Major

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The Department of Foreign Language and Literature offers major and minor programs of study in Spanish as well as supporting course work for the College's general education program and majors in International Business, and Transnational Studies. The programs of the Department develop speaking, reading, writing, and listening proficiency in Spanish at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels as well as an appreciation of the literature and cultures of the people who speak this language. In addition to the practical application of such acquired skills and knowledge to professional fields such as education, business, and science, it is believed that students will gain insight into their own language and culture through firsthand knowledge of another people's means of expression and cultural heritage. Regular work in the development of audio-lingual skills is required of first-year students. A student wishing to major or minor in Spanish should consult Dr. Salas-Durazo. It is possible to major in a language without having studied it in high school.

The 30 hours required of a major exclude SPA 101 and 102. The three electives for the Major in Spanish can include a maximum of two 200-courses (6 credits), except for the travel courses approved by the department. Approved travel courses listed as SPA 200 will count as an elective in the major. Majors must earn a grade of C or better in all Spanish courses needed to satisfy major requirements. Native, near-native, or heritage speakers of Spanish need to take a total of 30 credits. Students are encouraged to participate in an approved off-campus program in a country where Spanish is spoken.

Students who intend to become language teachers or to do graduate work in Spanish or related fields are urged to complete course work through the intermediate level in a second foreign language.

To graduate with Honors in Spanish, a student must 1.) Complete five upper-level Spanish Courses, four of which must be literature courses, with at least a 3.6 grade average; 2.) Complete SPA 425 Senior Honors Thesis/Project with a grade of A; 3.) Have at least 3.2 overall GPA.

