Spanish

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students in the Spanish program acquire language proficiency and cultural competency that prepares them to work and travel where Spanish is spoken. Students at the end of their program will meet the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning.

Communicate in Languages Other Than English
Standard 1.1: Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
Standard 1.2: Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
Standard 1.3: Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures
Standard 2.1: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied.
Standard 2.2: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information
Standard 3.1: Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
Standard 3.2: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.

Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture
Standard 4.1: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
Standard 4.2: Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home & Around the World
Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Policies/Information

Admission to Major is granted by the department. Minimum University admission requirements are:
- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (“C”).
Contact the department for application and placement procedures.

GPA Policy. A grade of “C-” or better must be earned for major or minor credit.

P/N Grading Policy. Work done for a major or minor must be done for a letter grade above the second-year level. A grade of “P” must be earned for major or minor credit in all work done on a P/N basis.

Proficiency Policies. Students who wish to receive credit by examination may take tests to have their proficiency evaluated. Students may not take a proficiency test for a course in which they are enrolled. Students who have any previous Spanish experience must see a Spanish faculty member for placement advice before enrolling in a Spanish course. Contact the Department for details and see the department website for guidance.

Fulfilling BA Language Requirement. Students who wish to validate the BA Language requirement for previous study in French, German, Spanish, Swedish or Norwegian may do so by taking credit by exam. Students do not meet the BA language requirement merely because they have taken two years of high school language.

Residency Requirement. Transfer credits will be applied only if they are the equivalent of work offered by the Department of World Languages & Cultures for the major or minor in that language. In addition, a minimum of work must be taken at Minnesota State Mankato as follows. Major: A minimum of three upper division courses other than SPAN 492 or SPAN 499, for a total of at least 8 credits. At least two of these courses must be at the 400 level. Minor: A minimum of two upper division courses other than SPAN 492 or SPAN 499, for a total of at least six credits.

Courses not required for a student’s specific baccalaureate degree should be chosen according to these general guidelines:
- BA: Emphasis on literature in upper-division courses; students will most likely pursue their education beyond the baccalaureate level.
- BS: Emphasis on the ability to communicate in the language; presupposes knowledge of culture and civilization; students frequently have career goals in other disciplines for which a language is either required or recommended.

- BS Spanish Education:
  Emphasis is on meeting the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning and Minnesota Board of Teaching competencies.
- BS Spanish for the Professions:
  Emphasis is on the development of communicative competency, cultural competency and literacy to work in the 21st century workplace where Spanish is required.

SPANISH BA
Degree completion = 120 credits

Pre-requisites to the Major
SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (4)
SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II (4)
SPAN 193 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (1-6)
SPAN 194 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (1-6)

Major Common Core
SPAN 210W Composition & Conversation (4)

Major Restricted Electives
Language/Linguistics (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 301 Topics in Language (1-4)
SPAN 394 Supervised Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish II (1-6)
SPAN 401 Topics in Linguistics (1-4)

Conversation (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 310 Conversation and Composition (1-4)
SPAN 393 Individual Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish I (1-6)

Reading (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 365 Selected Readings (1-4)
SPAN 395 Individual Study Abroad: Readings in Hispanic Lit. (1-6)
SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)
Spanish Peninsular Civilization (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 497 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Culture (1-6)

Spanish American Civilization (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)
SPAN 496 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture (1-6)
Spanish Peninsular Literature (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)
SPAN 495 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Lit. (1-6)

Spanish American Literature (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)
SPAN 494 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Lit. (1-6)

Major Unrestricted Electives (choose 1-11 credits)
SPAN 201 through SPAN 499

Other Graduation Requirement

Required for Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree: Language (8 credits)
or other proof of proficiency

Required Minor: Yes. Any
SPANISH CONTINUED

SPANISH BS
Degree completion = 120 credits

Pre-requisites to the Major
Language (8 credits) or other proof of proficiency
SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (4)
SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II (4)
SPAN 193 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (1-6)
SPAN 194 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (1-6)

Major Common Core
SPAN 210W Composition & Conversation (4)

Major Restricted Electives
Language/Linguistics (choose 3-6 credits)
SPAN 301 Topics in Language (1-4)
SPAN 394 Supervised Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish II (1-6)
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Conversation (choose 3-6 credits)
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SPAN 494 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Lit. (1-6)

Major Unrestricted Electives (choose 1-11 credits)
SPAN 201 through SPAN 499

Required Minor: Yes. Any.

SPANISH FOR THE PROFESSIONS BS
Degree completion = 120 credits

Spanish for the Professions is a degree that prepares students to work in a variety of careers where a high level of Spanish language and cultural competency associated with the Spanish-speakers of the 21st century are required. The required coursework emphasizes the development of communicative competency, cultural competency and literacy (reading skills, translation of documents for the professions, etc.) to work in the 21st century workplace where Spanish is required. Required general education courses in a variety of areas (geography, ethnic studies, anthropology, philosophy, environmental studies, for example) and advanced courses in culture, civilization and history enhance the student’s understanding of the people, cultures, and environments where Spanish is used in the workplace (here in the US and in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America and South America). Core competencies include demonstration of skills in written and oral communication and competencies in literacy and cultures. This program requires study abroad immersion in a Spanish-speaking country.

Required General Education
ANTH 240 Language and Culture (4)
CMST 203 Intercultural Communication (3)
CMST 212 Professional Communication and Interviewing (3)
ENVR 101 Perspectives in Environmental Science (4)
ETHN 150 Multi-Cultural/Ethnic Experience (3)
ETHN 204W Perspectives on Latinos/Hispanics (3)
GEOG 103 Introductory Cultural Geography (3)
Select two (choose 6-8 credits)
BLAW 131 Consumer Law & Ethics (3)
PHIL 224W Business Ethics (3)
PHIL 240W Law, Justice & Society (3)
PHIL 321W Social & Political Philosophy (3)

Pre-requisites to the Major
Spanish language equivalency (choose 4-5 credits)
Students must have the equivalent proficiency level of 102 to enter the major. One language course 101-202 may be used in General Education. Students whose proficiency level exceeds the minimum required should complete an elective course in Spanish or course at the appropriate level in another language of their choice.
SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (4)
SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II (4)
SPAN 193 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (1-6)
SPAN 194 Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (1-6)
SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I (4)
SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II (4)
SPAN 293 Individual Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I (1-6)
SPAN 294 Individual Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II (1-6)

Major Common Core
ENG 272W Business Communication (4)
SPAN 210W Composition & Conversation (4)
SPAN 450 Spanish for the Professions (4)

Major Restricted Electives
Integrative Skills (choose 14 credits)
SPAN 393 Individual Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish I (1-6)
SPAN 394 Supervised Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish II (1-6)
SPAN 396 Experiencing Diverse Cultures (1-3)
SPAN 407 Topics in Translation (1-4)
SPAN 498 Internship: Spanish for the Professions (1-4)

Cultural Competency (choose 7-8 credits)
HIST 442 History of Latin America (4)
SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)
SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)
SPAN 496 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture (1-6)
SPAN 497 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Culture (1-6)

Literacy Competency (choose 8 credits)
SPAN 365 Selected Readings (1-4)
SPAN 395 Individual Study Abroad: Readings in Hispanic Literature (1-6)
SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)
SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)

Major Unrestricted Electives
Spanish Electives (choose 8-11 credits)
Choose electives in consultation with an advisor.
SPAN 256 Individual Study Abroad: Supervised Project (1-6)
SPAN 301 Topics in Language (1-4)
SPAN 310 Conversation and Composition (1-4)
SPAN 365 Selected Readings (1-4)
SPAN 395 Individual Study Abroad: Readings in Hispanic Literature (1-6)
SPAN 401 Topics in Linguistics (1-4)
SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)
SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)
SPAN 464 Internship: FLES (1-6)
SPAN 492 Independent Study (1-3)
SPAN 493 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Language and Linguistics (1-6)
SPAN 494 Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-6) (choose 0-3 credits)

Number of elective credits will depend upon total number of credits completed in the core and restricted and unrestricted electives.
SPAN 201 through SPAN 499

Required Minor: Yes. Any
Recommended minors for Spanish for the Professions vary in credit length. The following minors fit within the 120 credit limit as they are 20 credits or less and pair well with this major: Corrections, Environmental Studies, Financial Planning, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Political Science, Social Welfare and Technical Communication. Other minors that exceed 20 credits that would also be an appropriate pair for this major are: Business Administration, Community Health, French, German, International Relations, Nonprofit Leadership, Psychology, Scandinavian Studies, Social Welfare, Sports Medicine.

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**Required for the Major**: Students must demonstrate “Intermediate-high level speaking proficiency” as defined in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages or equivalent.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SPAN 101 (4) Elementary Spanish I
An introduction to the basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing; presentation of condensed cultural notes.
GE-8

SPAN 102 (4) Elementary Spanish II
An introduction to the basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing; presentation of condensed cultural notes.
Pre: SPAN 101 or equivalent
GE-8

SPAN 193 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I
Introductory work toward proficiency in reading, writing speaking and listening skills. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.

SPAN 194 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II
Introductory work toward proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.

SPAN 201 (4) Intermediate Spanish I
A review of the fundamentals of grammar, practice in written and oral expression, development of listening and reading skills, brief cultural components.
Pre: one year university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 202 (4) Intermediate Spanish II
A review of the fundamentals of grammar, practice in written and oral expression, development of listening and reading skills, brief cultural components.
Pre: one year university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 210W (4) Composition and Conversation
Includes basic communication exchanges, common vocabulary and experiences. Emphasis is on improving written expression through compositions related to socio-cultural topics of the countries in which Spanish is the primary language.
WI, GE-8

SPAN 256 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Supervised Project
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

SPAN 293 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I
Development of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills at the intermediate level. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: One year university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 294 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II
Development of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills at the intermediate level. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: One year university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 299 (1-4) Individual Study
Variable topics.

SPAN 301 (1-4) Topics in Language
Topics will vary and course may be repeated for credit. Language topics include pronunciation and intonation, advanced grammar, Spanish for the marketplace, etc. The focus is on advanced oral or written communication.
Pre: Two years of university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 310 (1-4) Conversation and Composition
Emphasis on development of oral communication skills and improvement in writing.

SPAN 311W (4) Intensive Reading and Writing for Spanish Speakers
Develop writing and reading skills for academic and professional settings for students with intermediate/high oral language proficiency who would like to develop their critical reading skills and improve their writing for academic and professional purposes. Practice of orthography, stylistics, compositional elements characteristic of writing in Spanish for a variety of cultural settings, etc. and development of communicative competence for a Spanish-speaking audience based on multicultural readings.
Variable

SPAN 355 (1-4) Spanish Civilization
Major cultural and historical aspects of Spain from ancient times to the present.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 356 (1-4) Latin American Civilization
Major cultural and historical aspects of Latin America from pre-colonial times to the present.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 365 (1-4) Selected Readings
Discussion and analysis of major themes and movements based on selected readings from representative authors from the Spanish speaking world.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 393 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish I
Increase proficiency of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 394 (1-6) Supervised Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish II
Emphasis is on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish or equivalent

SPAN 395 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Readings in Hispanic Literature
An introduction to reading literature in Spanish. Discussion and analysis of representative works by major authors from the Spanish speaking world.

SPAN 396 (1-3) Experiencing Diverse Cultures
This course will focus on acquisition of cultural, personal & universal dimensions of cultural learning that will lead to recognition and (appropriate) response to conditions of marginalized populations as they experience first-hand diverse cultures.
Pre: SPAN 201, SPAN 202
Fall, Spring, Summer
Diverse Cultures - Gold

SPAN 401 (1-4) Topics in Linguistics
Topics may vary. Course may be repeated for credit. Discussion and analysis of Spanish linguistics (syntax, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, translation theory and practice.)
Pre: Completion of 4 credits of 300 level or equivalent

SPAN 402 (1-4) Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature
Topics vary: Spanish Literature from Medieval to Modern Times. May be repeated for credit.
Pre: Completion of 4 credits of 300 level or equivalent

SPAN 403 (1-4) Topics in Spanish American Literature
Topics vary: major writers from Spanish America; Spanish American novel; Spanish American poetry; Spanish American drama; Spanish American short story; romanticism, the Mexican novel. May be repeated for credit.
Pre: Completion of 4 credits of 300 level or equivalent

SPAN 407 (1-4) Topics in Translation
Introduction to the theory and practice of translation. This course is targeted at Spanish students and language professionals interested in developing translation skills, as well as in finding out what is involved in becoming a professional translator.


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SPAN 450 (4) Spanish for the Professions
This course is targeted at language professionals including teachers, business professionals, health professionals, law enforcement professionals. The purpose is to improve overall oral proficiency and address communication issues and vocabulary associated with the students' field of expertise.

SPAN 464 (1-6) Internship: FLES
Field Experience in the Elementary School setting for students earning licensure in Spanish or Elementary Education Teaching Specialty in Spanish.

SPAN 492 (1-3) Independent Study
Variable topics.
Pre: Completion of eight 300-level credits, or equivalent

SPAN 493 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Language and Linguistics
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish

SPAN 494 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Lit.
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit. Study for credit must be approved by the department prior to departure.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish

SPAN 495 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Lit.
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish

SPAN 496 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.
Pre: Two years university level Spanish

SPAN 497 (1-6) Ind. Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Culture
Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

SPAN 498 (1-4) Internship: Spanish for the Professions
Internship in Spanish is designed to provide opportunities to apply classroom learning to practice and enhance skills, to experience the workplace and professional demands, and to explore a career.
Fall, Spring

SPAN 499 (1-4) Individual Study
Variable topics.
Pre: completion of eight 300-level credits, or equivalent