

# Spanish

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Education in the Spanish language provides insight into the literature and culture of Spain, Mexico and the Spanish speaking countries of the Caribbean and Central and South America. It also gives students a knowledge of language that enables them to work and travel in areas where the target language is used. To facilitate these goals, the department has sponsored a study abroad program in Mexico since 1973, and Spain and Ecuador since 2003. Students who choose to take advantage of these programs, or of other accredited study abroad experiences in Spanish speaking countries, may receive credit if departmental approval is obtained in advance. Study abroad meets the state-mandated requirement for first-hand experience with target cultures for the BS, T. Study abroad is highly recommended for all majors and minors.

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 procedures.

## SPANISH BA, BS (36 credits)

Required for Major:

Elementary and intermediate Spanish or other proof of skill is needed.

Required for Major (24 credits):

SPAN 365 Selected Readings (1-4)

SPAN 395 Readings in Hispanic Literature (1-6)

Choose at least two of the following:

SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 496 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture (1-6)

SPAN 497 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Peninsular Spanish Culture (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 301 Topics in Language (1-4)

SPAN 310 Advanced Conversation and Composition (1-4)

SPAN 393 Individual Study Abroad: Spanish I (1-6)

SPAN 394 Individual Study Abroad: Spanish II (1-6)

SPAN 401 Topics in Linguistics (1-4)

SPAN 493 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Language and Linguistics (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)

SPAN 495 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)

SPAN 494 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-6)

Required for Major (Electives, 12 credits)

Choose electives from approved list at the end of this section.

Required Minor: Yes. Any.

## SPANISH BS, TEACHING (44 credits)

Required for Major:

Elementary and intermediate Spanish or other proof of skill is needed.

Required for Major (24 credits):

MODL 460 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages (3)

MODL 461 Applied Modern Language Teaching Methods (1)

MODL 462 Foreign Language Elementary School Methods (3)

MODL 463 Applied Foreign Language Elementary School Methods (1)

SPAN 365 Selected Readings (1-4)

SPAN 395 Readings in Hispanic Literature (1-6)

Choose at least two of the following:

SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 496 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture (1-6)

SPAN 497 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Peninsular Spanish Culture (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 301 Topics in Language (1-4)

SPAN 310 Advanced Conversation and Composition (1-4)

SPAN 393 Individual Study Abroad: Spanish I (1-6)

SPAN 394 Individual Study Abroad: Spanish II (1-6)

SPAN 401 Topics in Linguistics (1-4)

SPAN 493 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Language and Linguistics (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)

SPAN 495 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-6)

Choose one at least of the following:

SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)

SPAN 494 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-6)

Required for Major (Electives, 12 credits)

Choose electives from approved list at the end of this section.

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.

Required for the Major:

First-hand experiences with the target cultures.

Required for Major (Professional Education, 30 credits):

See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education courses.

Required Minor: None.

## SPANISH MINOR (24 credits)

Required for Minor:

Elementary and intermediate Spanish or other proof of skill is needed.

Required for Minor (12 credits):

Choose at least two of the following:

SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)

SPAN 395 Readings in Hispanic Literature (1-6)

SPAN 496 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Culture (1-6)

SPAN 497 Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Peninsular Spanish Culture (1-6)

Choose at least one of the following:

SPAN 301 SPAN 310 SPAN 365 SPAN 393 SPAN 394

SPAN 395 SPAN 493

Required for Minor (Electives, 12 credits)

Choose electives from approved list at the end of this section.

Approved Elective List:

SPAN 201 or SPAN 293 SPAN 202 or SPAN 294 SPAN 210

SPAN 255 SPAN 256 SPAN 257 SPAN 293 SPAN 294

SPAN 299\*\* SPAN 301 SPAN 310 SPAN 393 SPAN 394

SPAN 395 SPAN 401\* SPAN 402\* SPAN 403\* SPAN 493\*

SPAN 494\* SPAN 492 SPAN 495\* SPAN 496 SPAN 497

SPAN 499

\*may be repeated if different topic

\*\*up to 6 credits may be used toward the major or minor.

## POLICIES/INFORMATION

**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 or instruction must take the computerized Spanish Placement Test in the Academic Computer Center and/or see a Spanish faculty member for placement advice before enrolling in a Spanish course at an appropriate proficiency level. Students who have already mastered the material for a particular course.

**Fulfilling BA Language Requirement.** Students who wish to validate the BA Language requirement for previous study in French, German, or Spanish may do so by taking a language competency exam under the rules for credit by exam (see above section). 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 Modern Languages for the major or minor in that language. In addition, a minimum of work must be taken at Minnesota State University, Mankato as follows. Major: A minimum of three upper division courses other than Independent or Individual Study, 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 Independent or Individual Study, 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 (teaching): Emphasis on communication (four skills plus culture and language analysis).

## 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 expres-

sion, development of listening and reading skills, brief cultural components. Pre: one year university level Spanish or equivalent  
GE-8

### 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  
GE-8

### SPAN 210 (1-4) Composition & Conversation

Designed for students who have completed elementary Spanish or for those who are in the intermediate sequence at the university level or equivalent. Includes basic communication exchanges; common vocabulary and experiences. Emphasis is on improving written expression through compositions related to topics of conversation. Goal: intermediate level of written and oral proficiency.

Pre: One year university-level Spanish or equivalent

### SPAN 255 (1-6) Topics in Cultural Preparation for Study Abroad

Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

### SPAN 256 (1-6) Individual Study Abroad: Supervised Project

Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

### SPAN 257 (1-6) Cultural Involvement Project in Mexico

Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit. Development of cultural awareness.

Pre: One year university level Spanish or equivalent

### 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) Advanced Conversation & Composition

Designed for students who have completed intermediate Spanish at the university level or the equivalent. Course begins with intermediate proficiency level and progresses to advanced level functions. Expansion of vocabulary. Goal: Improved level of oral proficiency.

Pre: Two years of university level Spanish or equivalent

### 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  
CD-Related

### 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) Individual 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 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 492 (1-3) Independent Study

Variable topics.

Pre: Completion of eight 300-level credits, or equivalent

### SPAN 493 (1-6) Individual 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) Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish American Literature

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) Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature

Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

Pre: Two years university level Spanish

### SPAN 496 (1-6) Individual 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) Individual Study Abroad: Topics in Spanish Peninsular Culture

Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

### SPAN 499 (1-4) Individual Study

Variable topics.

Pre: completion of eight 300-level credits, or equivalent