

## SPANISH FOR THE PROFESSIONS BS

### Spanish for the Professions

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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 programs 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

#### Academic Map/Degree Plan at [www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All](http://www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All)

#### 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 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)

#### Prerequisites 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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### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS SEE SPANISH