

Four-Year Degree Plan for Major in Spanish

SPT 250 and SPT 251 may not be counted toward the major. Spanish majors are encouraged to pursue the study of another foreign language. Students whose native language is Spanish may not enroll in courses below the 300 level.

Note that this is a sample four-year plan. There are other course sequences that will allow a student to graduate within four years as long as prerequisite courses are taken in the proper sequence. This sample plan does not guarantee course availability, and adjustments to students' plans may be necessary if they are unable to take specific courses during specific semesters. Students who are placed into lower level AWR, MAT or other prerequisite courses will need to adjust their four-year plans accordingly. Similarly, students who bring in Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment or transfer credit for courses will need to adjust their four-year plans. A minimum of a 2.0 GPA both overall and in the major is required for graduation. In addition to major requirements, all components of the Baccalaureate Experience must be completed in order to successfully graduate.

Forty credits at the 200 level or above plus two capstone courses are required to complete the Spanish major. SPA 300 and/or SPA 301 should be taken prior to enrolling in upper-division courses. Courses at the 300 and 400 level are non-sequential and may be taken in any order unless otherwise specified in the course description. For example, 400-level courses usually require one or more 300-level courses as a pre-requisite, although these may be waived through instructor consent. The plan that follows is only a sample; there are many different course progressions that can lead to the completion of the Spanish major. It is also recommended that Spanish majors complete coursework in a second foreign language and participate in a study abroad experience; however, these are not requirements for graduation. If you are a freshman without a Spanish background, you may begin by taking Spanish 101 and 102 in your first two semesters. A student must earn a minimum of 124 credit hours to qualify for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Degree Requirements

First (Freshman) Year - Fall Semester

SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	4
MAT 155	Finite Mathematics for Liberal Arts	4
	or	
MAT 160	College Algebra	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts (Bacc. Exp.)	4
AWR 101	Writing and Inquiry	4
BAC 101	First-Year Seminar I	1
	or	
HON 101	Pathways to Honors 1	1
		Subtotal: 17

First (Freshman) Year - Spring Semester

SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4
AWR 201	Writing and Research	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts (Bacc. Exp.)	4
	Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
BAC 102	First-Year Seminar II	1
	or	
HON 102	Pathways to Honors 2	1

Subtotal: 17

Second (Sophomore) Year - Fall Semester

LIN 210	Basic Linguistics	4
	or	
	Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
	Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
SPA 300	Advanced Spanish I	4
	or	
SPA 301	Advanced Spanish II	4
LIN 320	Second-Language Acquisition	4

Subtotal: 16

Second (Sophomore) Year - Spring Semester

SPA 300 or 301: courses may be taken concurrently		
SPA 300 level	Elective	4
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	Humanities/Fine Arts (Bacc. Exp.)	4
	Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4

Subtotal: 16

It is highly recommended that SPA majors enroll in study abroad during their junior or senior year, either over the summer or on a semester-long program.

Third (Junior) Year - Fall Semester

SPA 300 level	Elective	4
	Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
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SPA 421	Spanish Culture and Civilization I	4
	or	
SPA 422	Latin American Civilization and Culture	4

Subtotal: 16

Third (Junior) Year - Spring Semester

SPA 435	Latin American Literature	4
SPA 400 level	Elective	4
SPA 431	Spanish Literature through the Golden Age	4
	and/or	
SPA 432	Spanish Literature from the 19th Century until Today	4

Subtotal: 12-16

Fourth (Senior) Year - Fall Semester

	General Elective	4
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SPA 435	Latin American Literature	4
	and/or	
SPA 436	The Latin American Novel	4

Subtotal: 12-16

Fourth (Senior) Year - Spring Semester

SPA 400 level	Elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4
SPA 499	Research Capstone	2

Subtotal: 14