

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
Guidelines for Spanish Majors

For Students who Declare Their Major after May 1, 2012

- To declare the Spanish major, a student must first file an "intent to major" form on WebStac. The student must then request an appointment with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Spanish (DUS) for review and approval of his/her major program. Please note that the online filing of the "intent" form is only the first step in the approval process, and that the meeting with the DUS is the required second step of the major declaration process.
- A minimum of **30 units (double majors: 27 units)** at the 300-level or above, of which 21 units must be taken in residence. Study at Washington University's own programs in Spain or Chile is considered "in residence."
- Students must complete all courses with grades of B- or above and maintain a B average or better overall in Spanish. Courses taken Credit/No Credit (Pass/Fail) do not count towards the Spanish major.
- Transfer students with an advanced level of Spanish and native/heritage speakers need to be certified by the Director of Undergraduate Studies prior to declaring the major.

The following courses must be included in the 30 units:

Advanced Grammar and Composition (6 units)

__ Spanish 307 (or elective if placed in 308E)

__ Spanish 308E Advanced Reading and Writing (Spanish 308E is now offered instead of 308D).

• Students who place out of 307 through Washington University's placement exam and consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies receive back credits toward graduation, but not toward the major. These students will need to take another advanced (300- or 400-level) Spanish course to obtain the credits typically obtained through Spanish 307.

• Spanish 307 is a prerequisite for the 300-level literature surveys.

• Students are **strongly encouraged** also to take Spanish 308E before registering for the survey classes (see below).

3 Literature Survey Courses (9 credits)

Three of the following courses, including one Peninsular and one Spanish American course:

__ Spanish 3334 Medieval Iberia: A World With Many Faces, Through Its Texts And Other Cultural Artifacts

__ Spanish 3332 Early Modern Spanish Texts: Whose Golden Age Do They Represent

__ Spanish 334C Peninsular Spanish Literature II

__ Spanish 335C Spanish American Literature I

__ Spanish 3352 From Empire to Nation: Spanish American Literature of the Long 19th Century

__ Spanish 336C Spanish American Literature II

* As of Fall 2014, the following three courses will be offered in place of the six mentioned above:

__ Spanish 341 Literary and Cultural Studies in Spanish

__ Spanish 342 Iberian Literatures and Cultures

__ Spanish 343 Latin American Literatures and Cultures

Study Abroad

__ Spanish 354 A View from the Southern Cone (Chile)

__ Spanish 3341 Literatura Española (Spain)

__ Spanish 3361 Literatura Hispanoamericana (Spain/Chile)

Notes for students considering 400-level courses and study abroad.

- A minimum of two survey courses are prerequisites for all 400-level courses.
- One literature course taken in the Chile or Spain RLL semester programs, designated as an acceptable substitute, may be used as one of the three required 300-level surveys. Students who still must fulfill a survey on campus after returning from study abroad may, with permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Spanish, petition to take an **appropriate** 400-level seminar in place of the remaining 300-level survey. Otherwise, students may not take a 400-level course to replace a required 300-level survey.

1 Culture or Linguistics Survey Course (3 credits)

Choose one from:

- Spanish 370 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
- Spanish 380 Surveys of Hispanic Cultures

Study Abroad

- Spanish 3181. Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spain) semester
- Spanish 311 Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spain) summer
- Spanish 313 Chilean Culture (Chile)

2 400-level seminars

- Spanish 405W Major Seminar
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Other 400 level class **taught in Spanish**

•When offered, **one** of the following language seminars may be substituted for one of the two 400-level literature seminars:

- Spanish 413 Linguistics and Language Learning
- Spanish 417 Phonology and Second Language Acquisition
- Spanish 4013 Second Language Acquisition and Technology
- Spanish 466 Second Language Acquisition
- Spanish 469 Reading and Writing in a Second Language: Research, Theory, Practice
- Spanish 467 Grammar and Vocabulary Acquisition
- Other approved 400-level linguistics course.

•Spanish 370 is prerequisite for the Linguistics courses taught in Spanish.

Study Abroad

•One 400-level seminar must be taken on campus.

Approved 400-level course from the Madrid or Chile Program. (See study abroad guidelines)

Elective Courses (2 for Single Majors; 1 for Double Majors)

- Spanish 2601/2602 FOCUS Argentina
- Spanish 267/2671 FOCUS Cuba
- Spanish 324/ U27 324 Conversation in Cinema (the only University College course that can count as elective credit for the major and minor).
- Spanish 331 Hispanic Art
- Spanish 351 Business Spanish
- Spanish 353 Medical Spanish
- Any other advanced 300- or 400-level Spanish (L38) class taught by a RLL faculty member.
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• Only one elective course taught in English may be taken, when available, for the major.

Study Abroad

- Spanish 322 Contemporary Culture and Conversation, Summer Language Institute, Madrid
- Elective credit from Semester programs in Santiago or Madrid
- Elective credit from the Latin American Studies Summer program in Buenos Aires (either Latin American and Argentine Literature or Argentine History)
- Elective credit from Petitioned, OTS, SIT or Comp Lit Programs (See study abroad guidelines)

• Spanish courses completed (and approved) from Study Abroad programs other than those at Washington University may be used for Spanish elective credit only. All Study Abroad credit requires authorization from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Other Requirements:

Prior to declaring a major, students are required to fill out a questionnaire about their previous preparation and objectives in studying

Spanish. As seniors they may fill out an optional survey about the major. Double-major seniors may elect to do their capstone experience in a 400-level course; single majors must do so. The capstone may be fulfilled through the completion of a 400-level class with a B+ or better, or via Honors (see guidelines). All qualified majors in the school of Arts and Sciences may elect to meet the requirements for honors. To be eligible to earn honors in Spanish, Spanish must be the student's prime major.

Recommended for prospective teachers:

1. A second language.
2. Spanish 466, Spanish 467, Spanish 469, Spanish 413, Spanish 4013, and Spanish 417
3. Semester or year in Spain or Chile.

Recommended for prospective graduate students:

1. A second language related to student's area of interests.
2. Advanced work in other literatures, literary criticism and theory, and related course work in other literature or film programs.
3. Year in Spain or Chile.
4. Senior Honors by thesis or course work. (See Honors guidelines)

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