Department of Romance Languages and Literatures  
Guidelines for Spanish Majors

For Students who Declare the Major after March, 2014

- 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.

- To major in Spanish students must take 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.

- Students transferring to WU from US institutions with advanced level of Spanish native speakers and 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 and Culture Surveys (9 credits)**
- **Spanish 341** Literary and Cultural Studies in Spanish
- **Spanish 342** Iberian Literatures and Cultures
- **Spanish 343** Latin American Literatures and Cultures

  - Please note surveys taken under the previous model still count toward the major. If students have taken one or two Latin American surveys (335, 336, or 3352) they should take 341 and/or 342 to complete the requirements. If students have taken one or more Peninsular surveys (334, 3332, or 3334) they should take 341 and/or 343 to complete the requirements.

**Study Abroad Options**
- **Spanish 354** A View from the Southern Cone (Chile)
- **Spanish 3341** Literatura Española (Spain)
- **Spanish 3361** Literatura Hispanoamericana (Spain/Chile)

  - 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 Topics in Culture or Linguistics Course**
- **Spanish 370** Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
- **Spanish 380** Topics in Hispanic Cultures

**Study Abroad Options:**
- **Spanish 3181** Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spain) semester (Please note this is the only course at Carlos III that will count as a substitute for 380).
- **Spanish 311** Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spain) summer
- **Spanish 313** Chilean Culture (Chile)
2 400-level seminars

- Spanish 405W  Major Seminar
- Other 400 level literature and/or culture class taught in Spanish
  • Students may take 2x405W, 2x4XX, or 1x405W+1x4XX

  • When offered, one of the following linguistics seminars may be substituted for one of the two 400-level literature seminars:
    - Spanish 417  Phonology and Second Language Acquisition
    - Spanish 411  Advanced Grammar and Syntax
  • Spanish 370 (or instructor approval) is a prerequisite for the Linguistics courses taught in Spanish.

Study Abroad Options:

  • 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 324/ U27 324  Conversation in Cinema (please note, this is the only University College course that counts as elective credit toward the major).
- 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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  • One elective course with content relevant to the Spanish major and taught in English by Spanish faculty may be taken, when available, for the major. Please consult with the DUS.

Study Abroad Options:

- 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 411 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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