Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

Guidelines for Spanish Majors

• A minimum of 30 units (double majors: 27 units) at the 300-level or above, of which 21 must be taken in residence. Study at Washington University’s own programs in Spain or Chile is considered “in residence.” Students must complete courses with a grade of B- or above and maintain a B average or better overall in Spanish. Courses taken Credit/No Credit do not count towards the Spanish major.

• Note: Students graduating in or before 2011 will complete their major according to the previous guidelines.

The following courses must be included in these 30 units:

Advanced Grammar and Composition

  __Spanish 307D  
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• Students transferring from US institutions with advanced level of Spanish, native speakers and heritage speakers need consult with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

• Students who place out of 307 by Washington University’s placement exam and consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies receive back credits toward graduation, but not toward the major. They will need to take another advanced (300-400 level) course for the credit value of the major (307) from which they have been exempted.

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

• Students are strongly encouraged to also take Spanish 308D before registering for these classes.

4 Surveys

Literature Surveys (3)

  __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  

Culture and Linguistics (1)

  __Spanish 370  Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics  
  __Spanish 380*  Surveys of Hispanic Cultures  

* Students may substitute Spanish 3181 (offered in the Carlos III semester abroad program), Spanish 311 (offered in the Madrid Summer Institute), or the Andean Culture class (offered in the Summer Study Abroad Program in Quito) for Spanish 380.

• The three literature surveys must include at least one peninsular and one Spanish American survey course.

• A minimum of two survey courses are prerequisites for all 400-level courses, however concurrent registration in 300-level survey courses and 400-level literature courses can be allowed with instructor’s permission.

Study Abroad

  __Spanish 354  A View from the Southern Cone (Chile)  
  __Spanish 3341  Literatura Española (Spain)  
  __Spanish 3361  Literatura Hispanoamericana (Spain/Chile)  
  __Spanish 350  El cuento/ Teatro (Spain/Chile)  

• One literature course of a topical nature taken abroad may be substituted for 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.
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 411  Advanced Grammar and Syntax [only if taken on campus]
  - Spanish 417  Phonology and Second Language Acquisition
  - Spanish 455  History of the Language

• Spanish 370 is prerequisite for the other Linguistics courses

Study Abroad

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

• Any section offered of the Spanish 405 seminar meets the Writing Intensive requirement for the new curriculum. Only courses taken in residence at Washington University’s campus currently fulfill requirements of the new curriculum, such as the WI requirement. Students who attend Washington University’s program in Spain or Chile may be able fulfill one of the 400-level literature seminars abroad, if appropriate courses are offered; permission must be obtained from the faculty member in charge of the respective abroad program, who will need to see a detailed description of the course in question.

Remaining Courses (2 for Majors; 1 for Double Majors)

- Spanish 301  Oral Communication I
- Spanish 321  Oral Communication II
- 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 Spanish (L38) class taught by a RLL faculty member.
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• Only one elective course taught in English can be taken for the major.

Study Abroad

- Spanish 311  Topics in Hispanic Culture & Civilization I
- Spanish 312  Topics in Hispanic Culture & Civilization II
- Spanish 3181  Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spain)
- Spanish 322  Cultura de España Hoy (Spain)
- Elective credit from Summer programs in Ecuador and Puebla

• Spanish courses completed (and approved) from study abroad programs other than those at Washington University may be used for Spanish elective credit only.

Other Requirements:

Prior to declaring a major, students are required to fill out a questionnaire about their previous preparation and objectives in studying the language. 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 one. A capstone consists of a successfully passing a 400 level class with a B+ or better. All majors in the school of Arts and Sciences can obtain honors.

Recommended for prospective teachers:
1. A second language.
2. Spanish 466, Spanish 467, Spanish 469, Spanish 413, 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.
   Advanced work in other literatures, literary criticism and theory, and related course work in interdisciplinary programs
(Comparative Literature, film, Women’s and Gender Studies, or cultural studies).

2. Year in Spain or Chile.

3. Senior Honors by thesis or course work. (See Honors guidelines)