

SPANISH MAJOR

Department Advanced Placement Policy

Students with AP credit in Spanish earn placement in the curriculum but not progress toward the minimum number of courses required by the major. Students with AP or IB credit will be advised of their placement in Spanish by taking the obligatory Spanish Background Questionnaire.

Requirements

Students who will be majoring in Spanish must complete between 10 and 14 courses. More specifically, they are required to take one course from each of the eight areas below, plus two or more elective courses from any of these areas. One course offered on campus outside of the Spanish department that is directly relevant to the Spanish major may be counted as an elective, subject to approval by the department chair. Eligible courses may include Montserrat or Honors courses taught (in English or Spanish) by faculty in the Spanish department or courses taught in Spanish in other departments, such as RELS 290 Teología Andina, RELS 295: Un tal Jesús, and HIST 278: Raza e identidad. Ordinarily, no more than four courses outside the Spanish Department (including Montserrat, Maymasters, study abroad courses, and courses taught in Spanish in other departments) can be counted towards the Spanish major.

Majors are strongly advised to take at least two advanced (400-level) courses in their fourth year, again from any of the areas below.

Code Title

Required courses:

Area 1: Composition and Conversation (one required):¹

SPAN 301	Spanish Composition & Conversation
SPAN 302	Español para Hispanohablantes

Area 2: Focused Language (one required):

SPAN 312	Filmmaking in Spanish
SPAN 314	Spanish for Business
SPAN 319	Adv Oral Expression
SPAN 320	Spanish Grammar Through Translation
SPAN 322	Latin American Art
SPAN 366	Creative Writing in Spanish

Area 3: Culture and Cinema (one required):

SPAN 303	Aspects of Spanish Culture
SPAN 304	Aspects of Spanish-American Culture
SPAN 322	Latin American Art
SPAN 420	Latin American Film
SPAN 421	Spanish Film and Literature

Area 4: Linguistics (one required):

SPAN 318	Phonetics & Phonology
SPAN 413	Spanish in the U.S.
SPAN 414	Second Language Acquisition & Spanish
SPAN 415	Bilingualism in Spanish Speaking World
SPAN 422	Cultural History of Spanish Lang

Area 5: Introduction to Textual Analysis (one required):

SPAN 305	Intro to Textual Analysis ²
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Area 6: Readings in Literature (one required):

SPAN 308	Readings in Latin American Lit
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SPAN 309	Readings in Spanish Literature
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Area 7: Advanced Pre-Modern Studies (one required):

SPAN 400	Medieval Spanish Literature
SPAN 401	Early Modern Spanish Literature
SPAN 402	Don Quixote
SPAN 409	Colonial Span Amer Literature

Area 8: Advanced Modern Studies (one required):

SPAN 403	Depicting Spanish Modernity
SPAN 405	Modern Spanish-American Narrative
SPAN 406	Staging Spain
SPAN 407	Modern Span & Span-Amer Poetry
SPAN 416	Body & Text: Gender in Spanish Literature
SPAN 421	Spanish Film and Literature
SPAN 436	Federico García Lorca
SPAN 450	Latinidades in Literature & Pop Culture
SPAN 461	Female Voices in Modern and Contemporary Spain

In addition to one course in each of the 8 areas specified above, Spanish majors must take at least two electives, which may be second or third courses in a given area.

Note: Students who begin their study of Spanish above SPAN 301 or 302 do not need to satisfy area 1. Instead they should take a third elective to complete the ten-course minimum requirement.

Note: It is recommended that two of the minimum of ten courses be taken at the 400 level in the fourth year.

- ¹ Of the two courses that fulfill area 1, students can take one or the other, but not both. SPAN 302 Español para Hispanohablantes is specifically designed for heritage students who grew up speaking the language regularly at home.
- ² SPAN 305 Intro to Textual Analysis is a prerequisite to Readings courses (SPAN 308 and 309), which in turn are prerequisites to more advanced literature and culture courses. Hence, it is recommended that students take SPAN 305 Intro to Textual Analysis as soon as feasible.
- ³ SPAN 308 or 309 are prerequisites to more advanced literature and culture courses. Students who wish to enroll in a course for which SPAN 308 or 309 is a prerequisite can take SPAN 308 or 309 concurrently with that course as long as they (i) have completed SPAN 305 and (ii) obtain the instructor's permission.

Study Abroad Credit

Spanish majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad at one of Holy Cross's programs in Latin America or Spain. Students who study abroad for a full academic year can use up to four Spanish courses taken abroad to satisfy major requirements— or five in the case of students who begin their study of language at the College below Spanish 301 or 302. Each of these courses should be equivalent to a semester-long class at Holy Cross (year-long courses at Spanish and Latin American universities count as two semester-long courses at Holy Cross). Typically, the year-long Spanish language and culture course that Holy Cross students take abroad serves to satisfy both area 2 (Focused Language) and area 3 (Culture and/or Cinema) major requirements, but it can also be counted for other areas, or as an elective if the student has already satisfied requirements in that particular area. Students who attend semester programs can use up to two courses taken abroad to satisfy the major requirements. Upon their return from study abroad, students must still

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take two advanced (400-level) Spanish courses at Holy Cross in their senior year.