



Twin Cities Campus

Spanish Studies B.A.

Spanish & Portuguese Studies

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34 to 54
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The program develops analytical skills and methodologies needed to explore Hispanic and Hispanic-American languages and cultures.

It is important to note that department majors and minors are not simply Spanish and Portuguese language majors or minors; rather, they are liberal arts majors and minors concentrating on Spanish, Latin American, and/or Luso-Brazilian literary, cultural, and linguistic studies with language skills at the foundation. All major and minor options in this department begin with prerequisite language courses, followed by advanced language skills courses (special arrangements may be made for native speakers of Spanish or Portuguese). These are followed by critical analysis skills courses in Hispanic literature, culture, and linguistics that prepare students to take advanced coursework in specific areas. The major options culminate in the completion of a senior project through a SPAN 5xxx course or SPAN 3972W.

Majors are required to enroll in a minimum 6-week study abroad experience, or a semester-long service learning course. The study abroad requirement must be fulfilled in a Spanish-speaking country, involve at least one three credit course taught in Spanish, and include courses related to Spanish studies. Students must meet with the department advisor prior to departure. The service learning requirement is fulfilled by semester-long SPAN 3401, or SPAN 3404, or other courses with advisor consent.

Detailed information regarding Spanish and Portuguese studies undergraduate academic issues is printed in the Undergraduate Advising Handbook (available at <http://spanport.cla.umn.edu>).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

CLA BA degrees require 4 semesters or the equivalent of a second language.

CLA degrees require students to complete 48 credits of upper division coursework taken at the 3xxx, 4xxx, or 5xxx level. For a BA at least 18 of the 48 upper division credits must be outside of the major. For some specific majors, there are exceptions to this requirement.

This program requires 18 upper division credits outside the major. See your advisor for a list of courses that can or cannot be used to meet this requirement.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of Spanish.

The Spanish Studies major is completed with a minimum of 54 credits and 15 courses, which includes 20 credits of preparatory coursework (SPAN 1001-1004 or equivalent), and 34 credits within the major. The major requires at least 5-6 semesters of language above and beyond the CLA second language requirement. Students pursuing a second CLA major may choose to complete the senior project requirement in their other major. These students are required to substitute 3 credits of advanced SPAN electives with a 31xx pre-req for SPAN 3972W. Students need to complete at least 6 of the upper level major courses in residence. Three of these courses can be fulfilled either on campus or through department sponsored study abroad programs. The other three courses must be advanced



elective courses (at least two with a critical analysis prerequisite) and must be taken on campus (Span 3972w/Span 5xxx/Port 5xxx counts towards this requirement).

The department administers two allowable degree combinations: Spanish Studies B.A. and Portuguese Studies minor, or Spanish Studies minor and Portuguese Studies minor. No other departmental degree combinations are allowed.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First Year Experience course sequence.

Preparatory Coursework

These courses (20 credits), or equivalent, must be taken in sequential order. In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may be exempt from taking some or all of these courses. See the departmental advisor for more information.

Take 0 - 4 course(s) totaling 0 - 20 credit(s) from the following:

[SPAN 1001](#) - Beginning Spanish (5.0 cr)

[SPAN 1002](#) - Beginning Spanish (5.0 cr)

or [SPAN 1022](#) - Alternate Second-Semester Spanish (5.0 cr)

[SPAN 1003](#) - Intermediate Spanish (5.0 cr)

[SPAN 1004](#) - Intermediate Spanish (5.0 cr)

or [SPAN 1034](#) - Business Spanish (5.0 cr)

or [SPAN 1044](#) - Intermediate Medical Spanish (5.0 cr)

Advanced Language Course

[SPAN 3015W](#) - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)

Critical Analysis Courses

Take the following 3 courses for a total of 9 credits:

[SPAN 3104W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)

[SPAN 3105W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)

[SPAN 3107W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)

Spanish Major Electives

Take 6 SPAN 3xxx courses. 4 of the 6 must have a Span Critical Analysis prereq. Of the 6, take 1 course from each area: culture, linguistics, and literature. As an elective, SPAN 3970 must be taken for 3 credits. Honors students must take at least 1 SPAN 5xxx course. Up to 1 approved course taught in English with coursework completed in Spanish can count toward the major as an elective without a Critical Analysis prereq. Written departmental consent is required during the first week of classes.

Take 6 or more course(s) totaling 18 or more credit(s) from the following:

Electives

Literature Electives

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•[SPAN 3211](#) - Interpreting Imperial Spain, 1492-1800 (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3212](#) *(Inactive)* (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3221](#) - Interpreting Colonial Latin America: Empire and Early Modernity (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3222](#) - Interpreting Modern and Contemporary Latin America (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3910](#) - Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3920](#) - Topics in Spanish-American Literature (3.0 cr)

Culture and Civilization Electives

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•[SPAN 3502](#) - Modern Spain (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3510](#) - Issues in Hispanic Cultures (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3512](#) - Modern Latin America (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3800](#) - Film Studies in Spanish (3.0 cr)

Linguistics Electives

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

•[SPAN 3701](#) - Structure of Spanish: Phonology and Phonetics (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3702](#) - Structure of Spanish: Morphology and Syntax (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3703](#) - Origins and History of Spanish and Portuguese (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3704](#) - Sociolinguistics of the Spanish-Speaking World (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3706](#) - Spanish Applied Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3707](#) - Linguistic Accuracy Through Translation (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3730](#) - Topics in Hispanic Linguistics (3.0 cr)

SPAN 3970

Depending on the topic, this course may fulfill culture, literature, or linguistics requirement.

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[SPAN 3970](#) - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

Additional Electives

Any courses not used to fulfill culture/literature/linguistics requirements may be taken as additional electives.

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:



- [PORT 3001](#) - Portuguese for Spanish Speakers (4.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3034](#) - Advanced Business Spanish (4.0 cr)
or [SPAN 3044](#) - Advanced Medical Spanish (4.0 cr)
or [SPAN 3401](#) - Latino Immigration and Community Engagement [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or [SPAN 3404](#) - Medical Spanish and Community Health Learning (3.0 cr)

Senior Seminar

Take a minimum of 3 credits. Majors fulfill the senior seminar requirement one of two ways: after all other major courses are complete, enroll in SPAN 3972W with departmental advisor permission, or enroll in a SPAN 5xxx with instructor permission. Students seeking Honors in Spanish must enroll in SPAN 3972W.

[SPAN 3972W](#) - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)
or SPAN 5xxx

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the Major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- [SPAN 3015W](#) - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3104W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3105W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3107W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3972W](#) - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)