



Twin Cities Campus

Spanish and Portuguese Studies B.A.

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College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 35 to 79
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The program develops analytical skills and methodologies needed to explore Hispanic, Hispanic-American, and Luso-Brazilian languages and cultures. The department offers two majors (Spanish studies and combined Spanish-Portuguese studies) and two minors (Spanish studies and Portuguese studies).

It is important to note that department majors and minors are not simply Spanish and Portuguese language programs; rather, they are liberal arts programs concentrating on Spanish, Latin American, and/or Luso-Brazilian literary, cultural, and linguistics studies with language skills as 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/Lusophone 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, a PORT 5xxx course, or SPAN 3972W.

The department strongly encourages majors and minors to study abroad in a Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country or territory. Students who wish to complete department program requirements through study abroad must meet with the department advisor prior to departure. Detailed information regarding undergraduate Spanish and Portuguese studies academic issues is printed in the Undergraduate Advising Handbook (also 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

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 complete 4 semester(s) of Spanish and Portuguese with a grade of C-, or better, or demonstrate proficiency in the language(s) as defined by the department or college.

The Spanish and Portuguese Studies BA requires 5-6 semesters of language above and beyond the CLA second language requirement.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Spanish and Portuguese Studies BA is SPAN.

The Spanish and Portuguese Studies BA is completed with a minimum of 35 credits and 11 courses:

- 0-40 credits (0-8 courses) of preparatory coursework
- 35 credits (11 courses) beyond the preparatory courses (excludes PORT 3001)

Majors are required to study abroad in a Spanish or Portuguese speaking country or territory for at least 6 weeks or take a semester-long service learning course.

At least 6 upper division courses in the major must be taken in residence. As many as three of these courses can be study abroad



courses taken for resident credit, through a department-sponsored or affiliated study abroad program. The other three courses must be taken on campus and must be advanced courses, which for Spanish are those beyond the critical analysis courses, and for Portuguese are those beyond PORT 3001.

The Spanish and Portuguese Studies BA may be combined with the Spanish Language Advanced Level Proficiency Certificate.

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

Preparatory Courses

Choose from the following two options: (1) complete the Spanish language sequence and PORT 3001, or (2) complete the Spanish language sequence and the Portuguese language sequence. Students may start above SPAN 1001 based on language placement.

Take 0 - 8 course(s) totaling 0 - 40 credit(s) from the following:

Option 1

- 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)
- PORT 3001 - Portuguese for Spanish Speakers (4.0 cr)

Option 2

- 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)
- PORT 1101 - Beginning Portuguese (5.0 cr)
- PORT 1102 - Beginning Portuguese (5.0 cr)
- PORT 1103 - Intermediate Portuguese (5.0 cr)
- PORT 1104 - Intermediate Portuguese (5.0 cr)

Advanced Language Courses

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling exactly 8 credit(s) from the following:

- PORT 3003 - Portuguese Conversation and Composition (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3015W - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- or SPAN 3015V - Honors: Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)

Critical Analysis and Cultural Foundation Courses

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 12 credit(s) from the following:

- PORT 3501W - Global Portuguese: 1300-1900 [WI] (3.0 cr)
- PORT 3502W - Global Portuguese: 1900-present [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3104W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- or SPAN 3104V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3107W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)

Spanish Studies Electives

1 of the 2 Spanish Studies Electives must have a Critical Analysis prerequisite (SPAN 3104W/V, SPAN 3105W/V, or SPAN 3107W). Students completing an Honors thesis in Spanish and Portuguese Studies must take at least one SPAN/PORT 5xxx course. The 5xxx-level course will count as either a Spanish or Portuguese elective, depending on the course.

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling exactly 6 credit(s) from the following:

Spanish Electives with a Critical Analysis prerequisite

Take 1 - 2 course(s) totaling 3 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3211 - Interpreting Imperial Spain, 1492-1800 (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 3301 - Advanced Oral Proficiency Workshop (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3502 - Modern Spain (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3503 - Pre-modern Spanish Culture and Thought [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3510 - Issues in Hispanic Cultures (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3512 - Modern Latin America (3.0 cr)
- 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 3800](#) - Film Studies in Spanish (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3910](#) - Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3920](#) - Topics in Spanish-American Literature (3.0 cr)
- **Spanish Electives without a Critical Analysis prerequisite**
Take 0 - 1 course(s) totaling 0 - 3 credit(s) from the following:
 - [SPAN 3034](#) - Advanced Business Spanish (4.0 cr)
 - [SPAN 3044](#) - Advanced Medical Spanish (4.0 cr)
 - [SPAN 3401](#) - Latino Immigration and Community Engagement [CIV] (3.0 cr)
 - [SPAN 3404](#) - Medical Spanish and Community Health Learning (3.0 cr)
 - [SPAN 3105W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [SPAN 3105V](#) - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)

Portuguese Studies Electives

Students completing an Honors thesis in Spanish and Portuguese Studies must take at least one SPAN/PORT 5xxx course. The 5xxx-level course will count as either a Spanish or Portuguese elective, depending on the course. Note: PORT 3001 is a preparatory course, and will not count as an Elective.

Portuguese Electives

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling exactly 6 credit(s) from the following:

- [PORT 3800](#) - Film Studies in Portuguese (3.0 cr)
- [PORT 3910](#) - Topics in Lusophone Literatures (3.0 cr)
- [PORT 3920](#) - Topics in Lusophone Cultures (3.0 cr)

Study Abroad or Service Learning

Students must enroll in a minimum 6-week study abroad experience, or a semester-long SPAN service learning course.

Study Abroad

The study abroad requirement must be fulfilled in a Spanish or Portuguese-speaking country or territory, involve at least one 3-credit course taught in Spanish or Portuguese, and include courses related to Spanish/Portuguese studies. Students must meet with the departmental advisor prior to departure.

or Service Learning

The service learning requirement must be fulfilled by one of the following courses, taught during a full semester.

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

- [SPAN 3401](#) - Latino Immigration and Community Engagement [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3404](#) - Medical Spanish and Community Health Learning (3.0 cr)
- Other course with advisor consent

Capstone

A primary focus of the Capstone is sustained research. Students completing their Honors thesis in Spanish and Portuguese Studies must enroll in SPAN 3972W.

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

Students who double major in CLA and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Spanish and Portuguese Studies BA capstone, but they do need to replace the 3 credits with another Spanish elective with a Critical Analysis prerequisite, or a PORT 3xxx/5xxx elective (excludes PORT 3001). Students whose other major is outside of CLA must complete the Spanish and Portuguese Studies capstone.

• SPAN 3972W

SPAN 3972W involves a semester-long research project in which the student, in consultation with the course's faculty member, selects a topic related to Spanish and/or Portuguese literature, culture, or linguistics; carries out research on that topic; and presents the results of this research in the form of a research paper (typically 20-25 pages) written in Spanish or Portuguese.

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

• SPAN/PORT/SPPT 5xxx

With instructor permission, students may enroll in a SPAN/PORT/SPPT 5xxx course to fulfill the capstone requirement. 5xxx-level courses generally include sustained research through extensive reading throughout the semester and writing and/or presentations based on the content of the course.

- PORT 5xxx
or SPAN 5xxx
or SPPT 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:

- [PORT 3501W](#) - Global Portuguese: 1300-1900 [WI] (3.0 cr)



- [PORT 3502W](#) - Global Portuguese: 1900-present [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3015V](#) - Honors: Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3015W](#) - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3104V](#) - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 3104W](#) - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, 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)