Duluth Campus

Spanish Studies B.A.

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 47
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Spanish Studies consists of two different sub-plans: Language and Culture Studies or Latin America. The Language and Culture Studies sub-plan fosters the development of cross-cultural competency and broader world perspectives through the study of history, cultural production, and texts of inherently diverse Spanish-speaking communities and cultures. This major guides students to the acquisition of the Spanish language in order to carry out coursework in the study, analysis, and understanding of literary texts and cultural products from Latin America, Spain, and United States Latino communities. Students in this sub-plan gain proficiency in the Spanish language and essential skills, like critical analysis, empathy, and cultural awareness. Because this major requires a second field of study, this sub-plan prepares students for a wide variety of careers, graduate programs, and professional school programs. Graduates might go on to work in the STEM fields; for non-profit organizations, for the government, or in education; companies with international ties and who value bilingualism and inclusivity; among many other career possibilities.

Students interested in intensifying their study of Latin America are advised to consider the Latin America sub-plan. Students will apply their linguistic and interdisciplinary skills to a wide variety of local, regional, national, or international career choices. This sub-plan requires a study abroad or internship requirement, a requirement that gives students credit for an immersion in a Spanish-speaking community abroad or in a United States Latino community. If they choose a study abroad experience, students will cultivate the ability to articulate a keen understanding of the role of race, class, gender, sustainability, and human rights as they pertain to Spanish-speaking North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. If they select an internship, students will put their Spanish language skills to use and acquire direct experience in a local, state, or private entity.

Honors requirements: Departmental honors will be awarded to students according to the following process: Students who achieve a 3.30 GPA in upper division language courses at UMD will be invited by program faculty to submit a portfolio of excellent work completed in Spanish past the language sequence and/or in the departments SPAN 2540 and SPAN 2550 for consideration by faculty in the program. The faculty then will decide if honors will be awarded, based on that portfolio.

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

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

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Program Requirements

1) A second field of study (either a minor, another major or dual degree).
Note: Students pursuing both the Spanish Studies B.A. and the Teaching Spanish B.A.A. must satisfactorily complete 12 non-overlapping upper division credits of Spanish electives over and above the requirements for the B.A.A. to receive both degrees.
2) Two elective courses applicable to the major must be taken through UMD.
3) Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.

First Term Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement.
New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Core (20 cr)

The core program in language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) is common to all majors and minors. Native and heritage speakers, as well as students with previous language study, may be exempt from some core requirements and should consult the department about placement. Students must earn a C or better grade in the Advanced Spanish language course before beginning upper division content courses that emphasize literature and culture.
SPAN 1101 - Beginning Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1102 - Beginning Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1201 - Intermediate Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1202 - Intermediate Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 2301 - Advanced Spanish [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Recommended: WRIT 3100 - Advanced Writing: Language and Literature
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Language and Culture Studies

Upper Division Electives (23 cr)

Students take 6 courses across the following elective lists. To enroll in these courses students must have earned a C or better in SPAN 2301, be currently enrolled, or have instructor consent. With adviser consent, some upper-division Spanish courses may be transferred and/or earned abroad, but at least two courses must be taken through UMD. (SPAN 3197 and 3297 are excluded from this course list.)

Take 4 - 6 course(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3020 - Advanced Spanish for Business (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3042 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities in Latin America [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3044 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities of Spain [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3190 - Spanish Language and Culture for Business - Study Abroad [COMM & LAN, GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)
- SPAN 3290 - Spanish Language and Culture for Health and Science - Study Abroad [COMM & LAN, GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)
- SPAN 3894 - Language and Culture in Spain - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)
- SPAN 4011 - Latin American Prose [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4013 - Latin American Poetry and Drama [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4017 - Latin American Cinema and Culture [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4018 - Latin America From Within [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4019 - Seminar: Latin America in the 21st Century [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4022 - Medieval and Golden Age Literature and Culture of Spain [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4027 - Contemporary Literature and Culture of Spain [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4028 - Literature and Culture of Spain 18th to the 20th Century [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4030 - Cinema and Culture of Spain [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4090 - Aspects of the Hispanic World [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 4095 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to be Assigned) (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3xxx-4xxx
- **Optional Experience**

  Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:
  - SPAN 4091 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
  - SPAN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- **Optional SPAN Electives (taught in English)**

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Students who take both courses cannot apply a course from the 'Optional Electives (taught in English)' area.
Take 0 - 2 course(s) from the following:
•SPAN 2540 - Latino Literatures and Cultures [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 2550 - Globalization and Sustainability in Latin America [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)

•Optional Electives (taught in English)

One of the following courses may apply to the 'Upper Division Electives'. With prior approval from an advisor, selected courses may be taken in another department or program if related to the major.
Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•ANTH 3632 - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3110 - Art of the Ancient Americas (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3130 - Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3140 - Women in Art/Visual Culture in Latin America (3.0 cr)
•CUE 3001 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship I (3.0 cr)
•CUE 3002 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship II (3.0 cr)
•CUE 3101 - Introduction to Design Thinking and Conceptual Competencies (3.0 cr)
•CUE 4002 - Managing Cultural Organizations (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3712 - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)
•LING 1811 - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
•PHIL 2011 - Philosophy of Language [LE CAT3, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
•PHIL 3025 - Philosophy of Race and Racism [RACE JUST] (4.0 cr)
•POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
•POL 3580 - Central American Politics (3.0 cr)
•WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Oral Proficiency Exam

This oral exam determines proficiency in the language. Contact the department regarding the details for the exam.
* Oral Proficiency Exam

Latin America

Geo-Political Core (8 cr)

SPAN 2550 - Globalization and Sustainability in Latin America [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 3042 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities in Latin America [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

Study Abroad or Internship (3 cr)

A study abroad experience or internship (at least 3 cr) in Latin America or in a Latino community in the United States is required. Many UMD short-term study abroad program are typically offered during the summer. Students may select from the list below or consult with a Latin America advisor for other options.
Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:
•HIST 3313 - Global Surf Culture - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•INTB 4231 - Peru's Food Revolution: The Links to Sustainability, Development and Branding [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•SPAN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
•SPAN 3890 *{Inactive}*[GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)

Electives (12 cr)

Other UMD courses that pertain to Latin America may be approved by a Latin America advisor.
Take 4 or more course(s) from the following:
•AMIN 3430 - Global Indigenous Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 3632 - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3110 - Art of the Ancient Americas (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3130 - Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3140 - Women in Art/Visual Culture in Latin America (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3712 - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)
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Optional Experience

Take 0 - 4 credit(s) from the following:
•SPAN 4091 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

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