SPANISH

Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

Focusing on globalization, diversity, and public engagement, the Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics major provides an interdisciplinary, multilingual approach to the study of Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking cultures drawing from a variety of contemporary perspectives on linguistics, literature, film, theatre, social service, and professions in health, law, business, education, and media.

About this Program

- **College**: Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS)
- **Degree**: Bachelor of Arts
- **Specializations**: Spanish (p. 1) | Portuguese (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/HLL_BA01) | Spanish and Portuguese (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/HLL_BA03)
- **Credits for Degree**: 120
- **Contact**
- **Additional Information**
- **Related Hispanic and Latin American Programs**

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

The Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics major offers the opportunity to gain proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese, two of the most important languages spoken in the United States, the Western Hemisphere and the world. The department offers courses of study in language, culture, linguistics, and literature, as well as a series of courses in languages for the professions, which focus on medical, legal, business and other professional contexts.

By studying the literary and linguistic heritage of Spanish and Portuguese, students gain critical reading and writing skills that help them acquire and refine their abilities to speak, understand, read and write one of both of these languages.

The Spanish specialization focuses on the language and culture of Spain and Spanish-America, while the Portuguese specialization stresses the language and culture of Brazil, with complementary study of Portugal and Lusophone Africa. The combined specialization recognizes the increasingly prominent roles that Brazil, Spain and Latin America all play in international affairs, especially as they relate to Florida. Spanish- and Portuguese-speakers constitute the fastest growing immigrant populations in Florida. Studying both languages and cultures provide a competitive edge for those seeking careers in business, industry, tourism, health care, agricultural affairs, government, and education.

B.A. in Spanish

The major requires 33 credits, beginning with foundational work in Spanish and then moves on to introductory coursework in culture, literature and linguistics. Pre-foundational coursework required to prepare the student for SPN 2240 or SPN 2340 depends on the student’s background in Spanish and an appropriate placement score.

Students must earn minimum grades of C for coursework to count toward the major.

Additionally, there are separate courses designed students who speak Spanish as a heritage language (i.e., who grew up hearing or using Spanish at home).

**Required Coursework**

- SPN 2240 and SPN 3300 (non-bilingual track) or SPN 2340 and SPN 3350 (bilingual track)
- SPN 3700
- At least one SPW 3000-level course, 3 credits
- An additional 21 credits of Spanish courses at the 3000/4000 levels
  - At least 12 of the 21 credits must be at the 4000 level (four courses total)
- Students who transfer credits toward the Spanish major must take at least four 4000-level courses in Spanish at UF
- No more than 3 credits of SPN 4905 may count toward the major

**Recommended Coursework**

Students who have studied six semesters of Spanish or who have equivalent fluency may enroll in one-credit Spanish discussion sections that accompany selected Latin American studies courses in anthropology, art, business, philosophy, religion, sociology, etc. A maximum of three such courses may be credited toward the Spanish major and minor. Refer to the course description for SPN 3224.

**Concentrations**

After completing the introductory courses (SPN 3700 and SPW 3xxx), students may choose to complete their remaining upper division coursework in Hispanic Literatures or Hispanic Linguistics, or a combination of the two. Courses in the literature concentration (indicated with the prefix SPW) focus on the reading, contextualization and critical analysis of literary texts from across the Spanish-speaking world and including a wide range of periods and genres. Courses in the linguistics concentration (indicated with the prefix SPN) focus on the scientific study of the Spanish language and its structures, such as morphology, phonetics, phonology and syntax; as well as more applied linguistic areas such as psycholinguistics, bilingualism, and language acquisition.

**Overseas Study**

Students pursuing a major or a minor in Spanish are strongly encouraged to spend a summer, a semester, or an academic year in a Spanish-speaking country. UF programs are encouraged because they allow for easy transfer of UF credits and courses or course equivalencies. Most financial aid applies in this case as well. Interested students should contact the undergraduate coordinator and the UF International Center, 170 Hub.
Placement

Students with no previous study or experience in Spanish will need to complete the beginning language sequence (SPN 1130-SPN 1131) and the intermediate language sequence (SPN 2200-SPN 2201) to prepare for SPN 2240.

Students with prior study or knowledge of Spanish who wish to enroll in a Spanish course can present dual enrollment, AP, IB, or AICE scores, or can take the WebCAPE online placement test (http://spanishandportuguese.ufl.edu/undergraduate-programs/lower-division-spanish-program/spanish-placement).

Any student who has lived in a Spanish-speaking country for more than a year or who has significant Spanish-speaking experience at home or in a community must consult the coordinator of the bilingual program before enrolling in any SPN language, literature, or culture course. Heritage speakers not planning to take Spanish who wish to show proficiency should consult the Department for information on how to fulfill their foreign language proficiency requirement. More Info (http://spanishandportuguese.ufl.edu/undergraduate-programs/lower-division-spanish-program)

Research

Students who wish to complete a senior thesis for honors should consult Spanish faculty at least two semesters in advance of graduation.

Related Hispanic and Latin American Programs

- Combined Degree (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/combined-degrees)
- Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/HLL_BA01)
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Portuguese (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/HLL_BA/UGLAS/HLL_BA03)
- Portuguese minor (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/SPN/PLR_UMN)
- Spanish minor (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/SPN/UMN)
- Spanish for the Professions certificate (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/HLL_BA03)
Spanish

Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area not taken in semester two) 3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext) 3
Science laboratory (Gen Ed Physical or Biological Sciences) 1
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences 3

Credits 13

Semester Four
SPN 2201 Intermediate Spanish 2 (Critical Tracking) 3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences 3
Electives 6
Select one: 3
   Gen Ed Humanities
   Elective

Credits 15

Semester Five
Select one (if not taken previously): 3
   SPN 2240 Intensive Communication Skills
   SPN 2340 Introduction to Reading and Writing Spanish for Heritage Learners
Select one:
   SPN 3300 Spanish Grammar and Composition 1
   SPN 3350 Spanish Grammar and Composition for Heritage Learners
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 3
Elective 3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) 3

Credits 15

Semester Six
SPN 3700 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics 3
SPW course (3000 level) 2
SPN or SPW course (3000 level) 2
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major) 3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences 3

Credits 15

Semester Seven
SPN or SPW courses (3000/4000 level) 2 6
SPN or SPW courses (4000 level) 2
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major) 6

Credits 15

Semester Eight
SPN or SPW courses (4000 level) 2 9
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major) 6

Credits 15

Total Credits 120

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2 Some Spanish courses may also fulfill the H and N general education requirements: SPW 3030, SPW 3031, SPW 3100 and SPW 3101, SPN 3510, and SPN 3520; SPN 3440 fulfills the S and N general education categories.

Students in the Major Will Learn to
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Identify cultural correlates, literary production and/or linguistic structure of texts written in Spanish and/or Portuguese.

Critical Thinking
2. Analyze cultural correlates, literary production and/or linguistic structure of texts written in Spanish and/or Portuguese.

Communication
3. Demonstrate competence in written Spanish and/or Portuguese, including knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, orthography and appropriate stylistic conventions.
4. Demonstrate communicative competence in spoken Spanish and/or Portuguese, including the ability to understand the spoken language, speak with correct grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, and use appropriate registers.

Curriculum Map

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Academic Learning Compact

The Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics enables students to achieve communicative competence in Spanish and/or Portuguese, with an emphasis on all four language skills: speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. Students will become knowledgeable in the areas of Hispanic and Lusophone cultures, literatures and/or linguistics, and they will learn how to interpret Spanish- and/or Portuguese language texts according to their cultural, literary and linguistic content.

Before Graduating Students Must

• Complete all requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.
• Satisfactorily complete a written assignment in a 4000-level course that includes the written analysis of a text according to its cultural, literary and/or linguistic content. The text analyzed and the analysis will be in Spanish/Portuguese.
• Satisfactorily deliver an oral presentation in Spanish/Portuguese on the topic of the written paper. Presentation will include answering questions from audience members.

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Assessment Types
• Written paper
• Oral presentation/discussion