SPANISH

Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

The major in Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics is excellent preparation for careers in business, journalism and communications, law, medicine, the service professions, and teaching.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Spanish | Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Additional Information**
- **Contact**
- **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 Cultures 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 track focuses on the language and culture of Spain and Spanish-America, while the Portuguese track stresses the language and culture of Brazil, with complementary study of Portugal and Lusophone Africa. The combined track 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 2340 depends on the student’s background in Spanish and an appropriate placement score. (Refer to the Placement section below.)

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), 6 credits
- **SPN 3700**, 3 credits
- 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.

More Info

- SPN 3301 is the prerequisite for SPN 4420
- SPN 3700 is the prerequisite for 4000-level SPN linguistics courses
- SPN 4780 is the prerequisite for SPN 4840
- The prerequisite for 4000-level SPW courses is one SPW 3000-level course.

Concentrations

After completing the introductory courses (SPN3700 and SPW3xxx), 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 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 1130-1131) and the
intermediate language sequence (SPN 2200-2201) 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.

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

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
- Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Portuguese
- Portuguese minor
- Spanish minor
- Spanish for the Professions certificate

Critical Tracking
Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2
- Complete SPN 1130 or a higher-level Spanish course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3
- Complete SPN 1131 or a higher-level Spanish course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4
- Complete SPN 2200 or continue taking higher-level Spanish coursework with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5
- Complete SPN 2201 or a higher-level Spanish course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan
Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

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Semester Two
- SPN 1131 Beginning Spanish 2 [Critical Tracking] 5
- State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences 3
- Elective 1
- Gen Ed Mathematics 3
- Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences 3

Credits 15

Semester Three
- SPN 2200 Intermediate Spanish 1 [Critical Tracking] 3
- Gen Ed Biological Sciences 3
- Electives 6
- Select one: 3
  - Gen Ed Humanities
- Elective

Credits 15

Semester Four
- SPN 2201 Intermediate Spanish 2 [Critical Tracking] 3
- Gen Ed Biological Sciences 3
- Electives 6
- Select one: 3
  - Gen Ed Humanities

Credits 15

Semester Five
- Select one (if not taken previously): 3
  - SPN 2240 Intensive Communication Skills
  - SPN 2340 Introduction to Reading and Writing for Bilingual Speakers
- Select one: 3
  - SPN 3300 Spanish Grammar and Composition 1
  - SPN 3350 Spanish Grammar and Composition for Bilingual Speakers

Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 3
Elective

Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)

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**Total Credits** 120

1. SPN 2240 (or SPN 2340) is the first course that earns credit toward the major or minor. SPN 3300 can be taken concurrently with SPN 2240.
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.

**Academic Learning Compact**

The Bachelor of Arts in Spanish enables students to achieve communicative competence in all four language skills: speaking, comprehension, reading and writing. Students will become knowledgeable in the areas of Spanish and Spanish-American culture, literature and/or linguistics and they will learn how to interpret Spanish-language texts according to their cultural, literary and/or linguistic content.

**Before Graduating Students Must**

- Satisfactorily complete an assignment in a 4000-level course that includes the written analysis of a text (text and analysis in Spanish) according to its cultural, literary and/or linguistic content, and an oral presentation and discussion conducted in Spanish.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

**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.

**Critical Thinking**
1. Interpret cultural correlates, literary production and/or linguistic structure of texts written in Spanish.

**Communication**
1. Write Spanish competently, with appropriate grammar, vocabulary, orthography and stylistic conventions.

2. Engage effectively in spoken communication in Spanish, 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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**Assessment Types**

- Written project
- Oral presentation/discussion conducted in Spanish