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Why should I consider a Spanish Major?

The department of Modern and Classical Languages provides students the skills to learn firsthand about major world societies. The department believes that the best way to understand a culture directly is through its language. The modern languages offered in the department are spoken natively by nearly two billion people. The multifaceted programs of the department provide an opening to the world through language, literature, culture and civilization. It is a meeting place for true diversity.

What is the study of Spanish?

In keeping with the aim of providing the skills needed to learn about a culture in depth, the department trains in two areas: language

structure and literary analysis. Language structure is taught both holistically and analytically. Holistic language learning is facilitated by modern methods and multimedia technology, as well as foreign study opportunities. The department supports the analytical instruction of language structure through a full range of language skills courses, as well as a significant number of courses in linguistics. Literary analysis is essential to a student's understanding of the highest achievements in aesthetic expression of a culture's values. The department provides instruction in history and culture, as well as literary theory, with an end to enabling the student to gain access to the intellectual life in the culture. The department imparts skills to future foreign language teachers so that they may similarly enable high school students to begin the acquisition of foreign languages.

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Sample Career Fields

Interpreter

Foreign Service Officer

Educator

Travel Writer

Foreign Correspondent

FBI Agent

Foreign Diplomat

All careers involving communication

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING? HAVE A PLAN? HERE IT IS. . .

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
<p>During your first quarter make an appointment with the language coordinator to discuss majoring in Spanish. Together you will plan a calendar of courses and a projected date of graduation.</p> <p>Students with: - less than 2 years high school equivalent should enroll in 101. -2 years equivalent high school language study are advised to enroll in 104.* - 3 years of high school language study should enroll in 201. - more than 3 years of high school language study are encouraged to enroll in a course no lower than 201.**</p>	<p>Complete the second-year sequence (e.g. 201, 202, 203)</p> <p>Discuss national and international study abroad opportunities with the International Programs and Exchanges Office.</p> <p>Become familiar with Career Services and the services they provide.</p> <p>Work on fulfilling GURs.</p>	<p>Before the end of your junior year you should declare your major.</p>	<p>Complete Major requirements.</p> <p>If applicable, take standardized test and apply to graduate program.</p> <p>Two quarters before graduation, meet with faculty advisor for major evaluation and apply for graduation.</p> <p>Attend job search workshops and Job Fairs sponsored by the Career Services Center.</p> <p>Request letters of recommendation from professors, administrators, and professionals.</p>

*In cases where students are highly motivated and have done extremely well in high school study or have had some experience living in the foreign country, it may be recommended that the student enroll in 201.

**Since background & proficiency vary greatly, all students with more than 3 years of high school experience will be directed to the language coordinator for placement. Students who have scored 3 on the AP test will be granted five 100-level credits; student s scoring 4 or 5 will be granted ten 100-level credits. Students who enter at the 300-level may request credit from the dept for courses numbered 202 and/or 202 upon successful completion of, e.g., 301 & 302.

Declaring a Spanish Major:

Students seeking admission to the major must meet the following conditions:

- Complete SPAN 203 with a "B" or better (transfer students must meet the same requirement for any course accepted as an equivalent to SPAN 203)
- Complete at least one Spanish course at Western
- Submit application (available from Spanish coordinator or department office).
- Students meeting qualifications but not admitted because of space limitations may reapply

General University Requirements: Recommended and Prerequisite Courses					
COM	MATH	HUM	SSC	CGM	SCIENCE
Spanish 103, 104, 201		Spanish 200 level & above	Linguistics 201 or 204	ACS 203 or 301	
		European History		Latin American History	

Spanish Major Requirements: 55 credits

55 credits above the 100 level; GPA of 2.50 or above in major; maximum of 15 credits at the 200-level; SPAN 425 is not applicable to the major.

Required Courses:

SPAN 301 – Grammar Review and Composition	4
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SPAN 314 – Phonetics	4
Either:	
SPAN 331 – Culture of Spain (3)	3
SPAN 332 – Culture of Latin America (3)	
SPAN 340 – Introduction to Hispanic Literature	4
Either:	
SPAN 351 – Survey of the Literature of Spain (4)	4
SPAN 352 – Survey of the Literature of Latin America (4)	
One of SPAN 450 – Studies in Hispanic Literature	3-5
SPAN 401 – Advanced Grammar (must be taken on campus)	4
SPAN 402 – Advanced Grammar and Composition	4

Spanish electives to meet the 55 credit minimum for the major.

Resources:

Spanish Home Page:	http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~mcl/Spanish/index.htm
Modern and Classical Languages Home Page:	http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~mcl/
Modern and Classical Languages Advising Page:	http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~mcl/advising/

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