

2009-2010

# *B.A. in Spanish*

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## *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 study abroad 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.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages provides students with 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.

## *How to Declare:*

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

- Completion of 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 advisor department office).
- Students meeting qualifications but not admitted because of space limitations may reapply.

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Spanish within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

### **Coursework:**

Complete the second-year sequence (i.e. 201, 202, and 203).

### **Other Activities:**

Discuss national and international study abroad opportunities with the International Programs and Exchanges Office.

### *Contact Information:*

Spanish Department Website:  
<http://www.wvu.edu/mcl/spanish/>

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### *Sample Careers:*

Interpreter  
Foreign Correspondent  
Foreign Service Officer  
FBI Agent  
Educator  
Foreign Diplomat  
Travel Writer  
All careers involving communication



# Spanish Major Requirements: 55 Credits

## Major requirements:

- 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.
- At least 50 percent of credits earned for the major must be taken on Western Washington University's campus.

## Required Courses:

SPAN 301 Grammar Review and Composition (4)

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SPAN 314 Phonetics (4)

SPAN 331 Culture of Spain (3)

Or SPAN 332 Culture of Latin America (3)

SPAN 340 Introduction to Hispanic Literature (3)

SPAN 351 Survey of the Literature of Spain (4)

Or SPAN 352 Survey of the Literature of Latin America (4)

SPAN 401 Advanced Grammar (4) *Must be taken on campus*

SPAN 402 Advanced Grammar and Composition (4)

*Must be taken on campus*

SPAN 450 Studies in Hispanic Literature (3-5)

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

## *Other Spanish Options:*

B.A.Ed. Spanish—Elementary (45 credits plus 107 credits for the Elementary Education Professional Program)

Spanish Endorsement for Secondary Education

B.A. Spanish and French *or* German (double-major, 90 credits total)

Minor in Spanish (24 credits minimum)

Minor in Latin American Studies (24 credits)

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.**

**BCOM:** SPAN 103, 104, 201

**HUM:** SPAN 200 level & above

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3).

Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.