

SPANISH - BA

A Spanish major provides students with language skills that translate into a practical tool for use in our increasingly bilingual landscape, whether this be Texas, the American Southwest, one of the many areas in the U.S. with large Spanish-speaking populations, or beyond our borders where over 500 million Spanish speakers reside. Above the practical aspect of the major, students of Spanish acquire a rich view of the world. Focusing on analytical and critical thinking, as well as cultural awareness, our students are prepared for graduate studies in Spanish and professional schools (medicine, law, business), and for professions in fields such as education, business, human resources, research, government, social service, tourism, journalism, and translation. To enhance their career options, Spanish majors are encouraged to seek out a complementary minor or second major/degree, to create even more opportunities after graduation. Similarly, students can also complete an internship that will provide practical hands-on experience.

To underscore the focus on cultural awareness and to support the achievement of increased linguistic proficiency, our major requires a minimum 10-week experience abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. This experience abroad can be in a formal academic setting, through an internship or other comparable environment. For cases where an experience abroad is not possible, a student may petition that an internship or service-learning project be used instead.

Program Requirements

First Year

	Semester Credit Hours
Fall	
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
General elective ¹	4
Semester Credit Hours	16

Spring

Select one of the following:	3
COMM 203 Public Speaking	
COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 203 Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210 Technical and Professional Writing	
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3

Social and behavioral sciences (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences>) 3

General elective ¹ 4

Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

Fall

SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
General elective ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II or SPAN 203 or Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
General elective ¹	3
General elective ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Year

Fall

Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Spanish language/Linguistic ²	3
Spanish literature/Culture ³	3
General elective ¹	3
General elective ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

Spanish language/Linguistic ²	3
Spanish literature/Culture ³	3
Spanish literature/Culture ³	3
Spanish interdisciplinary elective ⁴	3
General elective ¹	1
Semester Credit Hours	13

Fourth Year

Fall

Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
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Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Spanish language/Linguistic ²	3
Spanish interdisciplinary elective ⁴	3
General elective ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
Spanish interdisciplinary elective ⁴	3
General elective ¹	3
General elective ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere, except SPAN 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/span/>).

² Select from the following: SPAN 301, SPAN 302 or SPAN 304, SPAN 303, SPAN 306, SPAN 307, SPAN 318, SPAN 350, SPAN 352, SPAN 407, SPAN 417, SPAN 452, SPAN 462.

³ Select from the following: SPAN 311, SPAN 312, SPAN 320, SPAN 331, SPAN 332, SPAN 341, SPAN 342, SPAN 410, SPAN 411, SPAN 412, SPAN 413, SPAN 414, SPAN 421, SPAN 423, SPAN 445, SPAN 450, SPAN 460, SPAN 461.

⁴ Select from SPAN 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/span/>), HISP 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hisp/>); HISP-related courses (see HISP-Related Interdisciplinary Courses table.)

A grade of C or higher is required if a course is to be counted in the major field.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Spanish majors are required to complete a credit-bearing 10-week minimum semester-long study or experience abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. Study abroad options include University-sponsored, reciprocal, affiliated, and independent programs. Selection of location and type of experience abroad should be made in consultation with departmental advisors. For students who are unable to study abroad, an internship may be used instead. This option is available only with prior approval by the Spanish advisor.

HISP-Related Interdisciplinary Courses

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
ANTH 308	Archaeology of Mesoamerica	3
ANTH 445	Studies in African Diaspora	3
ENGL 336	Life and Literature of the Southwest	3
ENGL 338	American Ethnic Literature	3
ENGL 351/ FILM 351	Advanced Film	3
FILM 401	National Cinema History	3
FILM 405/ EURO 405	European Cinema	3
GEOG 323	Geography of Latin America	3
HIST 304	Southwest Borderlands	3
HIST 305	Chicana/o History since 1848	3
HIST 307	Latinx History	3
HIST 316	Latino/a Labor in the United States	3
HIST 319	U.S. Immigration and Ethnicity	3
HIST 321	The Age of Revolution in the Atlantic World	3
HIST 322	History of the Iberian World	3
HIST 326	History of the Caribbean	3
HIST 341	Latin America to 1810	3
HIST 342	Latin America Since 1810	3
HIST 343	Inter-American Relations	3
HIST 441	History of Mexico, 1821 to the Present	3
HIST 449	History of Brazil, 1822 to the Present	3
HLTH 236	Introduction to Health Disparities and Diversity	3
IBUS 459	Latin American Markets	3
PHIL 283	Latin American Philosophy	3
POLS 304	Latino Politics in the United States	3
POLS 323	Political Systems of Latin America	3
POLS 362	Latin American Political Thought	3
POLS 368	Latin American Legislatures	3
POLS 423	U.S.-Latin American Relations	3
SOCI 203	U.S.-Mexico Border	3
SOCI 317/ AFST 317	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCI 337	International Migration	3
SOCI 403	Sociology of Latinos	3
SOCI 404/ RPTS 404	Sociology of the Community	3
THEA 200	Introduction to World Theatre	3
Any course, including 489 Special Topics, with 33% Hispanic focus		