Spanish

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Spanish

Minor in Spanish

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- analysis, acknowledgement, and respect of cultural expressions and worldviews of others
- the capacity to be responsible, productive and compassionate global citizens in a fragile world
- cultural and linguistic competency
- the ability to collaboratively formulate and solve problems
- independent and critical thinking

All classes are taught in Spanish, from basic to advanced levels, with all four linguistic skills emphasized: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Courses in literature and civilization provide the opportunity for critical understanding of the cultural heritage of the Spanish-speaking world, including the US. Social events, weekend retreats, literary workshops, and discussions on social and political contemporary issues provide ample opportunity for faculty and students to interact.

Graduates of this program have found careers as: teachers, interpreters, literary or technical translators, international bankers or financiers, travel agents, foreign service officers, foreign correspondents, and airline employees. Many county, state, and federal agencies offer jobs for which knowledge of Spanish is either desirable or required.

Special Scholarship and Awards. The Department of World Languages and Cultures has three permanent scholarships and awards:

- The Benavides-Garb Family International Travel Award
- The Budig-Markin Family Francophone African Studies Award
- The Frank B. Wood Scholarship

All language students are encouraged to apply to these important scholarships and awards to enhance language studies with an international residence. See the department web page for further information.

Certified Education Program. This program is certified by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Therefore, this program also prepares graduates to teach Spanish in junior high and high school. Students earning this degree may waive CSET assessments before entering the credential program.

Before applying to the secondary education credential program, students must meet the prerequisite of 45 hours early field experience or enroll in SED 210/SED 410. (For complete information on the secondary education credential program, see Education.) SPAN 315S, taken for three to four units, satisfies the 45 hours of observation prerequisite by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) for the Tk-B multiple subject classroom for a multiple subject credential program [EED 210/310] and/or the 6-12 grade single subject classroom for the single subject credential program [SED 210/410]. Consult with an advisor.

Spanish Advanced Placement (AP). Students who have successfully passed one of the AP Spanish exams have completed course equivalency as shown in the Advanced Placement Exams Table. See “Credit for External Examinations” on page 51.

Students should enroll in the next level in the language development sequence (SPAN 107 or 207). Those who have already completed the equivalent of SPAN 207 should enroll in upper division Spanish courses at the 300 level. Consult with a Spanish Program Advisor.

AP credits apply to the Spanish minor. It is possible that under special circumstances, AP credits can be applied to the Spanish major. Consult with a Spanish Program Advisor.

California Seal of Biliteracy (CSB). Students who have successfully passed the California Seal of Biliteracy exam are encouraged to seek credit through the HSU “Credit by Examination” policy. Units earned through this process apply to the Spanish minor. Students should provide appropriate official documentation of their Seal of Biliteracy award. These students should enroll in upper division Spanish courses at the 300 level. Consult with a Spanish Program Advisor.

It is possible that under special circumstances, credits by examination may be applied to the Spanish major. Consult with a Spanish Program Advisor.

Spanish Heritage Speakers. Students who speak Spanish fluently should not enroll in Spanish language development courses: SPAN 105, 106, 107, or 207. Instead, they should enroll in SPAN 109 or 10BS and SPAN 208 or 208S. Students who have completed a minimum of one year of Spanish for heritage speakers at the high school or Community College level should take upper division Spanish courses at the 300 level. Consult with a Spanish Program Advisor.

Preparation

A good background in English grammar and syntax is desirable. Previous Spanish study is welcome but not required. Students without previous Spanish language background will have the opportunity to acquire the language from the beginning, following the language course sequence: SPAN 105, SPAN 106, SPAN 107, and SPAN 207. Discuss your particular level with a faculty advisor.

Requirements for the major

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 66-80.

Spanish majors must complete 49 units of upper division major specific coursework. At least 12 units must be completed at the Humboldt campus. Degree requirements listed here do not include professional education courses required for the credential program.

Core Courses: 26 units

SPAN 310 (3) Spanish Advanced Oral Skills
SPAN 311 (4) Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar & Composition
SPAN 340 (4) Introduction to the Analysis of Hispanic Literature
SPAN 401 (4) Hispanic Civilization: Spain
SPAN 402 (4) Hispanic Civilization: Latin America
SPAN 435 (4) Spanish Applied Linguistics
SPAN 492 (3) Senior Project

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One course from each of the following pairs: 16 units

- SPAN 342 (4) Cervantes, or
- SPAN 343 (4) The Golden Age
- SPAN 344 (4) Modern Hispanic Theater Workshop, or
- SPAN 345 (4) Hispanic Cinema
- SPAN 346 (4) Borges and the Contemporary Spanish American Short Story, or
- SPAN 348 (4) Contemporary Hispanic Poetry
- SPAN 347 (4) The “Boom” of the Latin American Novel, or
- SPAN 349 (4) Contemporary Spanish Novel

Elective Units: 7 units

Take a minimum of seven upper division elective units from the 300/400 series (which may include courses not taken in the pairs above).

Residency Abroad Requirement

Complete an approved academic semester program abroad in a Spanish-speaking region of the Hispanic world, including Spain and/or Latin America, equivalent to at least 12 units and normally lasting at least 10 weeks.

Program must be selected in consultation with and approved by the major advisor.

Residency abroad must be completed by the end of the first semester of a student’s senior year (generally fall). Residency abroad may not occur during a student’s last semester. Students are expected to complete their final semester in residence at Humboldt State University.

Cost of residency abroad varies according to program and world region. Be sure to understand the costs involved and plan ahead. Consult with the HSU Center for International Programs office.

Students are encouraged to efficiently plan the academic residency abroad requirement to complete, when possible, university general education requirements too.

Under exceptional circumstances the residency abroad requirement can be waived by the major advisor.

Requirements for the Minor

28 units, including:

Core Courses: 23 units

- SPAN 106 (4) Spanish Language & Culture II
- SPAN 107 (4) Spanish Language & Culture III, or
- SPAN 108 (4) Level III Heritage Speakers, or
- SPAN 108S (4) Level III Heritage Speakers [Service Learning]
- SPAN 207 (4) Spanish Language & Culture IV, or
- SPAN 208 (4) Level IV Heritage Speakers, or
- SPAN 208S (4) Level IV Heritage Speakers [Service Learning]
- SPAN 310 (3) Spanish Advanced Oral Skills
- SPAN 311 (4) Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar & Composition
- SPAN 340 (4) Intro to the Analysis of Hispanic Literature

Elective Units: 5 units

Take a minimum of 5 upper division elective units from the SPAN 300/400 series.