

Spanish

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<http://slc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate>

Key Features of a Spanish Major

- Study and explore one of the world's great languages of commerce and diplomacy.
- Enhance your opportunities for getting certain types of jobs, especially those with an international focus.
- Work with specialists in Spanish language, culture and literature from the Early Modern period to the present.
- Graduate with the awareness of the international opportunities that await you, including further specialized studies in literature, language, and, culture, or opportunities in other fields such as education, public service, business, law, environmental policies, social services, medicine or the arts.

Career Options and Salaries with a Spanish Major

As the world gets “smaller,” the need for people with language skills grows. Many people who major or double-major in a second language find careers as interpreters, translators or educators specializing in language. Interpreters and translators are needed in many different fields, including healthcare, law, tourism, international business, education, etc. Various branches of the Federal Government also employ those with language skills.

- In 2015, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of \$54,550 - \$57,200.
- In 2015, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of \$44,190.
- In 2015, postsecondary foreign language and literature teachers earned a mean annual wage of \$72,470.

**All information on salaries and career options taken from <http://stats.bls.gov/ooh/>.*

Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the Arts and Humanities Website: [Languages, Literature, and Culture](#).

Advising

If you are considering a major in Spanish, you can easily meet with the advisor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to answer any questions you may have. Advisor office hours are posted in Jiménez 1106.

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Declaring a Spanish Major

Spanish is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!

When you declare your major in Spanish, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU), which houses the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. There are two levels in your process of declaring and then later in advising: the department (Spanish and Portuguese) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your CORE or GenEd requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

Before declaring a Spanish major, you should familiarize yourself with the requirements and the focus areas within the major for undergraduates. You may do this by browsing the departmental website (<http://sllc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate>). Once you have decided that a Spanish major is right for you, take the following steps:

- 1) Meet with the Undergraduate Advisor (Fabián Faccio). You may set up an appointment by calling the number listed above. During this meeting, you will create a 4-Year Plan and a Spanish Advising Worksheet.
- 2) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Test](#) (FLPT must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students' majors will not be changed until they have an FLPT score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
- 3) Make an appointment to meet with an advisor in the ARHU Office of Student Affairs by calling (301) 405-2108. You will be advised on University (Gen Ed or CORE) and [College](#) requirements and then be officially changed to your new major. Be sure to bring the "Academic Plan Checklist" form with your Spanish advisor's signature and stamp to your appointment. **Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four-Year Plan worksheet.**
- 4) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

Four Year Plans (GenEd)
 Language and Culture in Professional Contexts
 Literature and Culture
 Linguistics and Culture

Spanish - Professional Contexts Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirement		
SPAN 203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>must be completed by the end of 2 semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Science (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	SPAN 103	SPAN 203 (fulfills Global Engagement)
	ARHU 158	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirement		
SPAN 301	SPAN 204	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>must be completed by the end of 4 semesters</i>	SPAN 207 (HU)	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 301
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 303
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Supporting Area #1 (1xx-4xx)
Year 3		
	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
	SPAN 302	Professional Writing (PW)
	SPAN 315	SPAN 415
	SPAN 331 or 61	SPAN 332 or 362
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
Year 4		
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2**	SPAN 422 (HU & CC) or 4xx (literature)
	SPAN 333 or 363	SPAN 318
	SPAN 316	Supporting Area #3 (3xx-4xx)
	Supporting Area #2 (3xx-4xx)	Elective 1xx-4xx
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level	

Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

Spanish Literature and Culture Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirement		
SPAN 203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>must be completed by the end of 2 semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Science (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	SPAN 103	SPAN 203 (fulfills Global Engagement)
	ARHU 158	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirement		
SPAN 301	SPAN 204	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>must be completed by the end of 4 semesters</i>	SPAN 207 (HU)	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 301
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Supporting Area #1 (1xx-4xx)
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 303
Year 3		
	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
	SPAN 302	Professional Writing (PW)
	SPAN 331 or 361	SPAN 332 or 362
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 4xx literature
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
Year 4		
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2**	SPAN 4xx (Literature)
	Supporting Area #2 (3xx-4xx)	Supporting Area #3 (3xx-4xx)
	SPAN 315, SPAN 316 or 4xx literature	SPAN 333 or 363
	SPAN 4XX (Literature)	SPAN 415, 318 or 4xx literature
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level	

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Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

Spanish - Linguistics and Culture Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirement		
SPAN 203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>must be completed by the end of 2 semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Science (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	SPAN 103	SPAN 203 (fulfills Global Engagement)
	ARHU 158	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirement		
SPAN 301	SPAN 204	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>must be completed by the end of 4 semesters</i>	SPAN 207 (HU)	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 301
	Elective 1xx-4xx	SPAN 303
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Supporting Area #1 (1xx-4xx)
Year 3		
	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
	SPAN 302	Supporting Area #2 (3xx-4xx)
	SPAN 310	SPAN 4xx (literature)
	SPAN 331 or 361	SPAN 332 or 362
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
Year 4		
	Professional Writing (PW)	SPAN 4xx (literature)
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2**	Supporting Area #3 (3xx-4xx)
	SPAN 333 or 363	SPAN 426
	SPAN 425	Elective 1xx-4xx
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level	

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**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

Four Year Plans (CORE)
 Language and Culture in Professional Contexts
 Literature and Culture
 Linguistics and Culture

SPAN: B.A. in Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures – Language and Culture in Professional Contexts

YEAR 1

Semester 1

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE (e.g. HA)
 ENGL 101 (A/H/U/S or X)
 UNIV 100 or 101
 CORE (e.g. SH or SB)

MAJOR
 SPAN 103

Semester 2

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE (e.g. Lab - LL or PL)
 CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)
 MATH 110/111/113/115/140/220/STAT 100
 CORE (e.g. Diversity)

MAJOR
 SPAN 203 (also CORE HO)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:

MAJOR: SPAN 203

YEAR 2

Semester 3

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS/MS)
 CORE (HO) or Elective (1xx-4xx)
 CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)

MAJOR
 SPAN 204
 SPAN 207

Semester 4

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS)
 CORE (e.g. HL)

MAJOR
 SPAN 301
 Supporting Area (1xx-4xx)
 Supporting Area (3xx-4xx)

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:

CORE: Seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses

MAJOR: SPAN 301

YEAR 3

Semester 5

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE Advanced Studies (#1)

MAJOR
 SPAN 302
 SPAN 315
 SPAN 331 or 361
 SPAN 303

Semester 6

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 Professional Writing (ENGL 390/391/392/393/394/395/398)
 Elective (1xx-4xx)
 Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
 SPAN 415
 SPAN 332 or 362

YEAR 4

Semester 7

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 CORE Advanced Studies (#2)
 Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
 SPAN 333 or 363
 SPAN 316
 SPAN 318

Semester 8

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
 Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
 SPAN 422
 Supporting Area (3xx-4xx)

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YEAR 1

Semester 1

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. HA)
ENGL 101 (A/H/U/S or X)
UNIV 100 or 101
CORE (e.g. SH or SB)

MAJOR
SPAN 103

Semester 2

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Lab - LL or PL)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)
MATH 110/111/113/115/140/220/STAT 100
CORE (e.g. Diversity)

MAJOR
SPAN 203 (also CORE HO)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:

MAJOR: SPAN 203

YEAR 2

Semester 3

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS/MS)
CORE (HO) or Elective (1xx-4xx)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)

MAJOR
SPAN 204
SPAN 207

Semester 4

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS)
CORE (e.g. HL)

MAJOR
SPAN 301
Supporting Area (1xx-4xx)
Supporting Area (3xx-4xx)

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:

CORE: Seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses

MAJOR: SPAN 301

YEAR 3

Semester 5

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#1)

MAJOR
SPAN 302
SPAN 315 or 316
SPAN 331 or 361
SPAN 303

Semester 6

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Professional Writing (ENGL390/391/392/393/394/395/398)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 415 or 318
SPAN 332 or 362

YEAR 4

Semester 7

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#2)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 333 or 363
SPAN 4xx (Spanish or Latin American
Literature and Culture)
SPAN 4xx (Spanish or Latin American
Literature and Culture)

Semester 8

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 4xx (Spanish or Latin American
Literature and Culture)
Supporting Area (3xx-4xx) or Elective (1xx-4xx)

SPAN: B.A. in Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures – Linguistics and Culture

YEAR 1

Semester 1

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. HA)
ENGL 101 (A/H/U/S or X)
UNIV 100 or 101
CORE (e.g. SH or SB)

MAJOR
SPAN 103

Semester 2

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Lab - LL or PL)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)
MATH 110/111/113/115/140/220/STAT 100
CORE (e.g. Diversity)

MAJOR
SPAN 203 (also CORE HO)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:

MAJOR: SPAN 203

YEAR 2

Semester 3

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS/MS)
CORE (HO) or Elective (1xx-4xx)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)

MAJOR
SPAN 204
SPAN 207

Semester 4

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS)
CORE (e.g. HL)

MAJOR
SPAN 301
SPAN 303
Supporting Area (3xx-4xx)

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:

CORE: Seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses

MAJOR: SPAN 301

YEAR 3

Semester 5

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#1)

MAJOR
SPAN 302
SPAN 425
SPAN 331 or 361
Supporting Area (1xx-4xx)

Semester 6

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Professional Writing (ENGL390/391/392/393/394/395/398)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 426
SPAN 332 or 362

YEAR 4

Semester 7

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#2)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 333 or 363
SPAN 310
SPAN 4xx (Spanish or Latin American
Literature and Culture)

Semester 8

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR
SPAN 4xx (Spanish or Latin American
Literature and Culture)
Supporting Area (3xx-4xx)

Q & A

Is there a Minor in Spanish?

Yes, for more information, please see the website: <http://slc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate/minor>. Additional questions can be answered by the Spanish Advisor (see contact information listed above).

Is it possible to double major in Spanish?

Yes. Here is what the Spanish and Portuguese Department explains:

“A student may wish to fulfill the major requirements in two chosen fields. If the two majors do not belong to the same College, the requirements of both Colleges must be met. The courses for the other major will fulfill the Spanish Supporting Courses requirement. A double major may be earned with completion of all requirements and a total of 120 credits. A double degree may be awarded with completion of all requirements and a total of 150 credits. The student must decide on a primary and a secondary major. Academic decisions for each student are made by the primary College.”

Where can I find more information about earning a teaching certificate in addition to my Spanish major?

According to the Spanish Department website, “Students may combine the Spanish Linguistics Option with a second major in Foreign Language Education to earn teacher certification. Students must take the California Achievement Test to become eligible for admission to the [College of Education](#). Information and Declaration of Major Forms can be found in room 1210 of the Benjamin Building. A graduate program in Education for teacher certification is available to students who receive a B.A. in Spanish from our Department.”

What if I am interested in specializing in more than one romance language? Is there a way to do this besides doing a double major?

Yes. Please see information on the “Romance Languages Program,” which is offered jointly by the Department of French and Italian and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese:

<http://slc.umd.edu/roml>.

Can I also study Portuguese? Or, can I get a minor in Portuguese instead of Spanish?

Yes. Please see the website of the Portuguese program for more information:

<http://slc.umd.edu/spanish>.