

SPANISH MAJOR

Overview

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The Spanish major helps students develop their language abilities and explore the rich variety of histories, cultures, and literatures of the Spanish-speaking world. Whether traveling or studying abroad or interacting with neighbors in the United States, students in the Wheaton College Spanish program benefit from

- A program focused on linguistic and intercultural skill-building in a distinctly Christian liberal arts framework
- 50+ Spanish course offerings each year
- A community of learners that come from over 30 different countries and states
- Immersion study abroad programs in Mexico, Central America, and Spain
- The opportunity to use bilingualism in contexts like healthcare, education, ministry, business, social services, and government and legal settings.

Spanish majors at Wheaton learn the forms and functions of the Spanish language, understand native speech and writing, and learn to communicate creatively and comprehensively in Spanish. From grammar, composition, and conversation courses to courses on history, culture, literature, and teaching, the Spanish curriculum allows students to fully grasp the Spanish language and culture.

Requirements

Requirements for a major in Spanish are 32 hours of courses numbered SPAN 300 or above. Students may also include up to four credits of courses numbered LALS 300 or above toward the Spanish major. All students are required to take:

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
SPAN 331	Spanish Conversation	4
SPAN 332	Advanced Grammar and Composition	4
SPAN 341	Writing the Empire: Spanish Literature before 1800	4
or SPAN 342	Global Spain: Spanish Literature after 1800	
SPAN 343	Latin American Colonial Literature (1492-1800)	4
or SPAN 344	Modern Latin American Literature	
or SPAN 337	Survey of Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 494	Senior Seminar	4
Study Abroad		
Complete at least one term of study abroad ¹		
Select 12 credits ²		12
Any 300 or 400-level SPAN course, or 4 credits of any 300 or 400-level LALS course, including those taken during a term of study abroad.		
SPAN 387	Cultural Questions in Argentina	

GPS 301	Survey of Mexican Art	
GPS 302	Exploring Mexican History	
GPS 321	Engaging Mexican Cultures	
Total Credits		32

¹ Students must complete at least one term of study in a department-approved study abroad program in a Spanish-speaking country. Wheaton in Spain or Wheaton in Latin America may be used to fulfill the requirement for a term of study abroad.

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- Students planning to teach on the secondary level are required to take SPAN 371 Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages.
 - LING 321 Introduction to Linguistic Science may count as elective credit toward the major or minor.