

SPANISH

Degree: B.A., Modern Foreign Languages

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (<https://cas.umw.edu/modernlanguages/>)

The Spanish major leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Foreign Languages. Through courses in Spanish, students gain proficiency in understanding, reading, writing, and speaking the language. Classes are conducted in Spanish from the beginning levels. Through classroom instruction, individual research, and department-sponsored organizations, students come to know the varied Hispanic cultures around the world. Experiential learning through individual study, internships, study abroad, and service learning offers students valuable experience outside the classroom. Internships are available to juniors and seniors in local and regional agencies and organizations and in Washington D.C.

Students wishing to major may select from courses in language, literature, linguistics, and culture of Spain, Latin America, and U.S. Latinos. The Spanish program hosts a Language Coordinator from the Universidad de Deusto who spends a year in residence teaching, leading conversation hours, and scheduling special events that promote the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

UMW has a well-established study abroad program in Bilbao, Spain with the Universidad de Deusto. Students may choose from summer, semester, or year-long courses of study in language, culture, and literature as well as courses in business, economics, and international affairs. Additionally, the university cooperates with a variety of other overseas study programs in Latin America.

The program also offers courses for students with an interest in environmental studies, business, women and gender studies, digital studies, and in creative writing.

Graduates in Spanish may pursue careers in government or in private fields in which the knowledge of Spanish language and Hispanic culture is essential. Careers that attract language students include education, business, interpreting and translating, research, social services, law and law enforcement, health, and international affairs.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN 202A	Intermediate Spanish II ¹	3
Literature		
SPAN 312	Introduction to Literary Studies in Spanish	3
SPAN 319	Transatlantic Texts in Spanish	3
Writing		
Select two of the following:		6
SPAN 306	Composition and Grammar	
SPAN 413	Advanced Writing	
SPAN 414	Spanish for Translation	
Speaking		
Select two of the following: ²		6
SPAN 305	Conversation and Grammar	
SPAN 314	The Sounds of Spanish; Theory and Practice	
SPAN 415	Advanced Conversation	
Electives		
Select any 2 courses numbered 320-485		6

SPAN 320	Topics in Hispanic Culture
SPAN 321	Culture of Service and Social Action in the Hispanic World
SPAN 345	Ideas on Nature in Latin American Literature
SPAN 365	Detective Fiction from Spain and Latin America
SPAN 370	Caribbean Culture and Literature in the 20th and 21st Centuries
SPAN 375B	Spanish Realism and Generation of 1898
SPAN 386A	The Twentieth-Century Spanish American Short Story
SPAN 393	Business Spanish
SPAN 378	Latin American Poetry
SPAN 383	Contemporary Spanish Prose
SPAN 416A	Environmental Justice in Latina/o Literature
SPAN 388	Twentieth-Century Latin American Drama
SPAN 420	Cinema in the Hispanic World
SPAN 415	Advanced Conversation
SPAN 425	The Boom of Latin American Literature
SPAN 451	Cervantes
SPAN 475	Hispanic Women Writers
SPAN 481	Spanish Seminar
SPAN 483	Topics in Spanish Linguistics
SPAN 485	Spanish American Seminar

Capstone

Select one of the following:		3
SPAN 420	Cinema in the Hispanic World	
SPAN 425	The Boom of Latin American Literature	
SPAN 451	Cervantes	
SPAN 475	Hispanic Women Writers	
SPAN 481	Spanish Seminar	
SPAN 483	Topics in Spanish Linguistics	
SPAN 485	Spanish American Seminar	
SPAN 492	Individual Study ³	

Beyond the Classroom

Select one of the following:		0-3
SPAN 000	Service Learning ⁴	
SPAN 301	Study Abroad Reflection (for academic credit)	
SPAN 491	Individual Study	
SPAN 492	Individual Study ⁵	
SPAN 499	Internship	

Total Credits 30-33

¹ Students who enter the Spanish major above 202 must complete an additional 3 credits at the 300 or 400 level.

² Native or heritage speakers of Spanish should choose Spanish 314 and Spanish 415 in this category. A waiver of prerequisite for courses requiring 305 should be requested through the student's advisor and the department chair.

³ Can also count as Beyond the Classroom.

- ⁴ Community service may be part of the work required in a course or may be volunteer work conducted outside of a course. Students must conduct a total of at least 42 hours of community service in one or more approved institutions and agencies. To earn credit for experiential learning for community service, students must fill out a Service Learning Contract, complete required written and/or oral reflection, and submit an evaluation from the institution/agency supervisor to their faculty member.
- ⁵ To graduate with honors in Spanish, students must complete Spanish 491 and 492.

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General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of BLS general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the BLS degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

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