

# Spanish

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## Majors

### The Major in Spanish

**Total units required:** 30

The Spanish major requires a minimum of 30 units at the 300 level or above, 24 units of which must be taken in residence. Courses within Washington University's own study abroad programs in Spain or Chile are considered "in residence."

### Required Courses

The following courses must be included in the 30 units:

#### Cultures and Communications in the Spanish-Speaking World

- Span 302 Cultures and Communication in the Spanish-Speaking World (Heritage speakers of Spanish must be certified by the director of undergraduate studies and must enroll in Span 3021 Language and Culture for Heritage Speakers of Spanish.)
- Span 303 Cultures and Communication in the Spanish-Speaking World II

For students in the older sequence, Span 307D is equivalent to Span 302, and Span 308E is equivalent to Span 303. Students who completed Span 307D but not Span 308E must take Span 303. Students who completed Span 308E must proceed to the "Debating Cultures" courses.

Span 303 is a prerequisite for any other 300-level literature course in Spanish.

#### Two "Debating Cultures" Courses (6 units)

- Courses designated as Spanish 32xx
- Study abroad options:\*

Code	Title	Units
Span 3341	Literatura Espanola	3
Span 322	Advanced Conversation in Spain	3
Span 3361	Spanish-American Literature II in Chile/Spain	3
Span 350	Topics in Spanish Literature	3
Span 354	A View from the Southern Cone: Perspectives on Art, Literature and Culture	3

\* One literature course taken in the Chile or Spain semester abroad program offered by Romance Languages and Literatures, designated as an acceptable substitute, may be used as one of the 32xx-level courses.

#### Two "Researching Cultures" Courses (6 units)

- Courses designated as Spanish 36xx
- Study abroad options:\*

Code	Title	Units
Span 311	Hispanic Culture and Civilization I	3
Span 313	Chilean Contemporary Culture	3
Span 3181	Spanish Culture and Civilization	3

\* 32xx and 36xx designations indicate sequential levels. Once a student takes a course at one level, they may not take a course at the previous level.

#### Two 400-Level Seminars (6 units)

Code	Title	Units
Span 405W	Major Seminar	3
Span 410	Major Seminar	3

- Other 400-level literature and/or culture courses taught in Spanish
- One of the following linguistics seminars may be substituted for one of the two 400-level literature seminars:

Code	Title	Units
Span 411	Advanced Grammar and Syntax	3
Span 417	Spanish Phonetics, Phonology and Dialectology	3

- Prerequisites for 400-level courses include the completion of at least two of the following courses: Span 341, Span 342, Span 343, Span 370, and Span 380; or the completion of at least one "Researching Cultures" course.
- Study abroad:
  - One 400-level seminar taken on campus
  - An approved 400-level course from the Madrid or Chile program (refer to the study abroad guidelines (<https://rll.wustl.edu/study-abroad-opportunities/>) on the Romance Languages and Literatures website)

#### Two Elective Courses (6 units)

Code	Title	Units
Span 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3
Span 324	Conversation in Cinema (Span 324 is the only University College course that can count as elective credit for the major and minor)	3
Span 331	Hispanic Art/Arte Hispano	3

Span 351	Business Spanish	3
Span 353	Medical Spanish	3
Span 355	Spanish for the Social Sciences	3
Any other advanced 300- or 400-level Spanish (L38) class taught by a Romance Languages and Literatures faculty member		

- Only one elective course taught in English may be taken, when available, for the major.
- Study abroad:
  - Span 322 Advanced Conversation in Spain
  - Elective credit from semester programs in Santiago or Madrid
  - Elective credit from Petitioned, Organization for Tropical Studies, School for International Training, or Comparative Literature programs (refer to the study abroad guidelines (<https://rll.wustl.edu/study-abroad-opportunities/>) on the Romance Languages and Literatures website)
  - Spanish courses completed (and approved) as part of study abroad programs other than those offered by Washington University may be used for Spanish elective credit only.
  - All study abroad credit requires authorization from the director of undergraduate studies.

## Other Requirements

To declare the Spanish major, a student must first file an "Intent to Major" form on WebSTAC. The student must then request an appointment with the director of undergraduate studies in Spanish for review and approval of their major program.

- Major requirements have been revised as of 2021. Students in the graduating class of 2024 or earlier may follow the previous requirements listed on the Romance Languages and Literatures website (<https://rll.wustl.edu/>) or opt to follow the new requirements.
- Under the new requirements, to major in Spanish, students must take a minimum of 30 units, starting with Span 202; 24 of these units must be taken in residence at Washington University, with Washington University's study abroad programs in Spain or Chile being considered "in residence."
- Under the old requirements, to major in Spanish, students must take a minimum of 30 units (double majors: 27 units) at the 300 level or above, 21 units of which must be taken in residence. Courses in Washington University's study abroad programs in Spain or Chile are considered "in residence."
- Students must complete all courses with grades of B- or above and maintain a B average or better overall in Spanish. Courses taken Pass/Fail do not count toward the Spanish major.
- Transfer students with an advanced level of Spanish and native/heritage speakers need to be certified by the director of undergraduate studies prior to declaring the major.

### Recommended for prospective teachers:

1. A second language
2. Span 466, Span 467, Span 469, Span 413, Span 417 and Span 411
3. A semester or year in Spain or Chile

### Recommended for prospective graduate students:

1. A second language related to the student's area of interest
2. Advanced work in other literatures, literary criticism and theory, and related course work in other literature or film programs
3. A year in Spain or Chile
4. Senior honors by thesis or course work (refer to the honors requirements (<https://rll.wustl.edu/degree-details-and-requirements/>) on the Romance Languages and Literatures website): Students who have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least of 3.65 through the end of the junior year are encouraged to work toward Latin honors (i.e., cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude).