

SPANISH BACHELOR OF ARTS

Program Overview

The Spanish major equips students for a large variety of positions in industry, social work, medical institutions, and government where advanced proficiency in the Spanish language is required. Students will also be prepared to continue the study of Spanish or a related field in graduate school. They will develop proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish, as well as knowledge and appreciation for the rich heritage of the cultures of Latin America and Spain.

B.A. Degree Requirements

Students choose a minimum of 30 total hours, the capstone will not be required of incoming students. Twenty-four of them must come from the following list or be Spanish courses taken abroad, although students may opt to complete all 30 from this list. Each course is a three-credit-hour course. SPAN 003 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I, SPAN 004 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II and SPAN 140 SPANISH PRACTICAL SPEAKING AND WRITING are language courses; 140 is the prerequisite for all courses numbered above 140.

Students must earn a minimum 2.67 cumulative GPA in Spanish courses.

Code	Title	Hours
SPAN 003	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I	3
SPAN 004	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II	3
SPAN 135	SPANISH MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	3
SPAN 140	SPANISH PRACTICAL SPEAKING AND WRITING	3
SPAN 150	SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	3
SPAN 151	NATIONAL IDENTITY ²	3
SPAN 152	FILM ²	3
SPAN 153	CULTURE AND SOCIETY ²	3
SPAN 154	CULTURAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVES	3
SPAN 155	SPANISH FOR BUSINESS	3
SPAN 156	WOMEN OF INFLUENCE	3
SPAN 157	LEGENDS AND MYTHS	3
SPAN 160	LITERATURE ²	3

Electives

Select six hours from the following: ¹ 6

ANTH 002	INTRO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
ANTH 081	ANTHROPOLOGY OF BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES
ANTH 156	ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS
ECON 135	DEVELOPING ECONOMIES
EDUC 162/262/ HONR 107	URBAN EDUCATION IMMIGRATION
ENG 164/ WGS 111	LATINO/A LITERATURE
HIST 123	MODERN MEXICO
HIST 125	COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA
HIST 126	MODERN LATIN AMERICA
HIST 156	SEX, POWER, AND WAR: THE AZTEC EMPIRE
HIST 189	US-MEXICO BORDERLANDS
HONR 073/ WLC 150	US LATINO LANGUAGE & CULTURES

LPS 135	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY (Global South)
LPS 135	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY (Detention and Deportation Systems)
POLS 065	COMPARATIVE POLITICS
SOC/WLC 196	TRAVEL STUDY SEMINAR (Contemporary Urban Mexico)
WLC 148	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
WLC 150	TOPICS ²

¹ Students may earn six hours of coursework toward the major that are taught in English and that are related to the cultures of Spain and/or Latin America. Approved courses include the following, but others may be approved by a WLC advisor.

Students may earn up to six credits in Spanish and apply them as electives to the major requirements through AP, CLEP, or IB taken while in high school. More specifically, students earn:

- 3 credits for an AP placement of 4 on the language exam
- 6 credits for an AP placement of 5 on the language exam
- 6 credits for an AP placement of 4 or 5 on the literature exam
- 3 credits for a CLEP placement over 50 for the Level One exam
- 6 credits for a CLEP placement over 50 on the Level Two exam
- 6 credits for having completed an IB program and successfully passed the exam

A minimum of 21 credits must be earned at Drake or at other institutions that are approved by the Office of Global Engagement.

Students must have a minimum 2.67 GPA in all Spanish courses.

The major in Spanish may be earned in conjunction with the Minor in Spanish for the Medical and Health Professions, but no more than 12 credit hours may be counted toward both programs.

In addition to programmatic requirements, students are responsible for satisfying all requirements of the Drake Curriculum (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/drake-curriculum/>), including Areas of Inquiry (AOI)

Student must also satisfy university graduation requirements (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/graduation-requirements/>) for all undergraduate students..