Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Spanish

Minor in Spanish

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- analysis, acknowledgement, and respect of cultural expressions and worldviews of others
- the capacity to be responsible, productive and compassionate global citizens in a fragile world
- cultural and linguistic competency
- the ability to collaboratively formulate and solve problems
- independent and critical thinking.

All classes are taught in Spanish, from basic to advanced levels, with all four linguistic skills emphasized: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Courses in literature and civilization provide the opportunity for critical understanding of the cultural heritage of the Spanish-speaking world, including the US. Social events, weekend retreats, literary workshops, and discussions on social and political contemporary issues provide ample opportunity for faculty and students to interact.

Graduates of this program have found careers as: teachers, interpreters, literary or technical translators, international bankers or financiers, travel agents, foreign service officers, foreign correspondents, and airline employees. Many county, state, and federal agencies offer jobs for which knowledge of Spanish is either desirable or required.

Special Scholarship and Awards. The Department of World Languages and Cultures has three permanent scholarships and awards:

- The Benavides-Garb Family International Travel Award
- The Budig-Markin Family Francophone African Studies Award
- The Frank B. Wood Scholarship

All language students are encouraged to apply to these important scholarships and awards to enhance language studies with an international residence. See the department web page for further information.

Certified Education Program

This program is certified by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). Students who successfully complete this program will have demonstrated subject matter competency in Spanish and therefore will not be required to take the California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET) for Spanish.

SPAN 315S, taken for three to four units, satisfies the 45 hours of observation prerequisite by the CCTC for the multiple subject credential program and/or the single subject credential program. Consult with a Spanish program advisor.

Spanish Advanced Placement (AP)

Students with AP credit should consult with a Spanish program advisor about selecting Spanish courses. Also discuss the possibility of counting Spanish AP credit towards the Spanish minor or, under special circumstances, the major:

California Seal of Biliteracy (CSB)

Students who have successfully earned the CSB should enroll in upper division Spanish courses at the 300 level and may be granted credit for the Spanish minor through the HSU “Credit by Examination” policy with appropriate documentation. Under special circumstances, such credit may apply to the Spanish major. Consult with a Spanish program advisor.

Spanish Heritage Speakers

Students who are Heritage Speakers of Spanish should not enroll in Spanish language development courses: SPAN 105, 106, 107, or 207. Instead, they should enroll in Spanish for Heritage Speakers: SPAN 108, 108S, 208, or 208S. Students who have completed a minimum of one year of Spanish for Heritage Speakers at the high school or Community College level should take upper division Spanish courses at the 300 level. Consult a Spanish program advisor.

Preparation

A good background in English grammar and syntax is desirable. Previous Spanish study is welcome but not required. Students without previous Spanish language background will have the opportunity to acquire the language from the beginning, following the language course sequence: SPAN 105, SPAN 106, SPAN 107, and SPAN 207. Discuss your particular level with a Spanish program advisor.

Requirements for the Major

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 66-81.

Spanish majors must complete 49 units of upper division major specific coursework. At least 12 units must be completed at the Humboldt campus. Degree requirements listed here do not include professional education courses required for the credential program.

Core Courses: 26 units

SPAN 310 (3) Spanish Advanced Oral Skills
SPAN 311 (4) Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar & Composition
SPAN 340 (4) Introduction to the Analysis of Hispanic Literature
SPAN 401 (4) Hispanic Civilization: Spain
SPAN 402 (4) Hispanic Civilization: Latin America
SPAN 435 (4) Spanish Applied Linguistics
SPAN 492 (3) Senior Project

One course from each of the following pairs: 16 units

SPAN 342 (4) Cervantes, or
SPAN 343 (4) The Golden Age
SPAN 344 (4) Modern Hispanic Theater Workshop, or
SPAN 345 (4) Hispanic Cinema
SPAN 346 (4) Borges and the Contemporary Spanish American Short Story, or
SPAN 348 (4) Contemporary Hispanic Poetry
SPAN 347 (4) The “Boom” of the Latin American Novel, or
SPAN 349 (4) Contemporary Spanish Novel
Elective Units: 7 units
Take a minimum of seven upper division elective units from the 300/400 series (which may include courses not taken in the pairs above).

Residency Abroad Requirement
Complete an approved academic semester program abroad in a Spanish-speaking region of the Hispanic world, including Spain and/or Latin America, equivalent to at least 12 units and normally lasting at least 10 weeks. Program must be selected in consultation with and approved by the major advisor.

Residency abroad must be completed by the end of the first semester of a student’s senior year (generally fall). Residency abroad may not occur during a student’s last semester. Students are expected to complete their final semester in residence at Humboldt State University.

Cost of residency abroad varies according to program and world region. Be sure to understand the costs involved and plan ahead. Consult with the HSU Center for International Programs office.

Students are encouraged to efficiently plan the academic residency abroad requirement to complete, when possible, university general education requirements too.

Under exceptional circumstances the residency abroad requirement can be waived by the major advisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR
28 units, including:

Core Courses: 23 units
SPAN 106 (4) Spanish Language & Culture II
SPAN 107 (4) Spanish Language & Culture III, or
SPAN 108 (4) Level III Heritage Speakers, or
SPAN 108S (4) Level III Heritage Speakers [Service Learning]
SPAN 207 (4) Spanish Language & Culture IV, or
SPAN 208 (4) Level IV Heritage Speakers, or
SPAN 208S (4) Level IV Heritage Speakers [Service Learning]
SPAN 310 (3) Spanish Advanced Oral Skills
SPAN 311 (4) Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar & Composition
SPAN 340 (4) Intro to the Analysis of Hispanic Literature

Elective Units: 5 units
Take a minimum of 5 upper division elective units from the SPAN 300/400 series.

Students with a Spanish language background who begin above SPAN 106 should take alternative courses, selected in consultation with their minor advisor, in order to meet the minimum 28 units required for the minor.