

# BACHELOR OF ARTS SPANISH

## Overview of the Program

Spanish is the ideal second major! At only 31 credits, the Spanish major pairs well with nearly any other major, especially Business, NSI, Criminal Justice, Sociology and Psychology, as well as a variety of minors. In pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, students acquire linguistic and cultural skills that help them grow intellectually and interpersonally, expanding their worldview and intercultural competence. Spanish courses at Fairmont State develop students' linguistic and cultural proficiencies through speaking, listening, reading, and writing and engaging with authentic cultural materials and texts.

Why major in Spanish? To become a bilingual, multiculturally-minded, fully engaged global citizen. Spanish is one of the most spoken languages in the world and, here in the US, it is the second most spoken language. Speaking Spanish connects you to new communities, perspectives, travel and career opportunities. And, being bilingual keeps your brain and memory sharp as you age, offering lifelong cognitive benefits.

Students double majoring in Spanish can take courses tailored to their individual career goals and interests. Those who wish to pursue careers as interpreters or translators can establish the foundations needed to continue their studies.

Prospective students who have previously taken Spanish courses, heritage and native speakers can enter the program at a higher level and/or receive credit for coursework, after evaluation by the program coordinator.

## Employment Opportunities

With over forty-one million Spanish speakers living in the US, Spanish majors are in high demand in the job market, sought out by employers in a variety of fields. In education, in particular, there is a critical need for Spanish teachers at all levels throughout the country. Cultural and linguistic proficiency in Spanish are becoming increasingly essential for professions such as social work, criminal justice, business, banking, nursing and healthcare.

## Study Abroad Opportunities

A relationship with our affiliate KEI ([www.keiabroad.org](http://www.keiabroad.org)) offers students the opportunity to transfer financial aid and scholarship packages (PROMISE and others) to their study abroad experience. Students are also eligible for an affiliate discount on KEI semester programs, as well as additional Fairmont State scholarships.

Spanish majors are strongly encouraged to spend at least one semester or one summer abroad in a Spanish-speaking country, preferably but not necessarily in their junior year.



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# Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

## CORE Curriculum Requirements

First Year Seminar	1-3 hours
Written Communication	6 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3 hours
Humanities	3 hours
Fine Arts	3 hours
Natural Science	3-5 hours
Social Science	3 hours
Citizenship	3 hours
Global Aware./Fitness&Wellbeing/Tech	3 hours

## Spanish Curriculum: 120 credit hours

### Required Courses (25 credit hours)

SPAN 2201	Intermediate Spanish I	3 hours
SPAN 2202	Intermediate Spanish II	3 hours
SPAN 3301	Spanish Composition & Conversation I	3 hours
SPAN 3302	Spanish Composition & Conversation II	3 hours
SPAN 3310	Spanish Civilization & Culture	3 hours
OR		
SPAN 3320	Latin American Civilization & Culture	3 hours
SPAN 4400	Survey of Latin American Literature	3 hours
SPAN 4401	Survey of Peninsular Literature	3 hours
SPAN 4410	Advanced Skills	3 hours
SPAN 4411	Spanish Capstone: Proficiency Portfolio	1 hour

### Spanish Electives- Choose two:

SPAN 1199	Special Topics	3 hours
SPAN 2200	Spanish Language Film & Video	3 hours
SPAN 2250	Spanish for Medical Professions	3 hours
SPAN 2251	Spanish for Criminal Justice	3 hours
SPAN 2252	Spanish for a World Economy	3 hours
SPAN 3300	Undergraduate Student Exchange	3-6 hours
SPAN 3310	Spanish Civilization & Culture	3 hours
OR		
SPAN 3320	Latin American Civilization & Culture	3 hours
SPAN 3350	History of the Spanish Language	3 hours
SPAN 4402	Independent Study	3-6 hours
SPAN 4418	U.S. Hispanic Cultures & Literature	3 hours
SPAN 4431	Language Acquisition in the Classroom	3 hours

Minors are optional and usually range from 15-24 hours. The Minor/Second Major is calculated at 60 hours total. Students adding Spanish to smaller majors would increase free elective hours accordingly.

Students in approved internships (SPAN 3300) will receive 3-6 upper-division credit hours, depending upon the type and duration of the internship.

Note: All Spanish majors must take the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in their senior year as a graduation requirement. Students are responsible for all test fees.

## Sample Schedule

Students must successfully complete 120 hours for the degree. Schedules vary based on course availability, semester student enters program, and any courses already completed.

First Year, 1st Semester	First Year, 2nd Semester
SPAN 2201 CORE ENGL 1101 CORE Mathematics CORE First Year Seminar CORE Global/Fitness/WB/Tech *Minor/ Second Major	SPAN 2202 CORE Oral Communication CORE Natural Science CORE ENGL 1102 *Minor/ Second Major
Second Year, 1st Semester	Second Year, 2nd Semester
SPAN 3301 CORE Citizenship CORE Fine Arts *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major	SPAN 3302 CORE Humanities *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/Second Major
Third Year, 1st Semester	Third Year, 2nd Semester
SPAN 3310/20 CORE Social Science *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major	SPAN 4401 *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major
Fourth Year, 1st Semester	Fourth Year, 2nd Semester
SPAN 4400 *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major	SPAN 4411 SPAN 4410 *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major *Minor/ Second Major

## Summer

SPAN electives/study abroad 6 hours

\* Usually completed the summer between Junior and Senior year

## Spanish Minor: 18 credit hours

### Required Courses (12 credit hours)

SPAN 2201	Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2202	Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN 3301	Spanish Composition & Conversation I
SPAN 3302	Spanish Composition & Conversation II

Must choose one course from each group:

Group 1	Group 2
SPAN 3310	SPAN 1199
SPAN 3320	SPAN 2200
SPAN 4400	SPAN 2250
SPAN 4401	SPAN 2251
	SPAN 2252
	SPAN 3300
	SPAN 3350

Note: This model schedule is a suggested course sequence & is meant to be used as a guide. Students should check the Undergraduate Catalog for their entrance year into Fairmont State University (or any subsequent catalog) to learn more about the graduation requirements for their major.