

# SPANISH, B.A.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

**Spring 2024 Curricular Update:** The program description, entrance requirements, and program requirements detailed on this page are effective beginning Spring 2024. To learn more about what approved curricular changes take effect in Spring 2024, please visit the Changes to the UG Bulletin page (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/using-this-bulletin/#changestotheugbulletintext>). To view the requirements in effect for Fall 2023, please visit the 2023-24 Undergraduate Bulletin PDF (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/pdf/undergraduate.pdf>).

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	15
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	36

**3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.**

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
SPAN 215	The Science of Spanish: A Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPAN 253W	Introduction to Literary & Cultural Studies en Español	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
SPAN 200 or SPAN 200A	Intensive Grammar and Composition <sup>1</sup> Intensive Grammar and Composition for Spanish Bilinguals	3
Select 3 credits from the following:		
SPAN 100	Intermediate Grammar and Composition	3

SPAN 100A	Intermediate Grammar and Composition for Spanish Bilinguals <sup>1</sup>	
SPAN 100B	Intermediate Grammar and Composition for Students in Medical-Related Fields	
SPAN 100C	Intermediate Grammar and Composition for Students in Communication-related Fields	
Select 3 credits of 400-level Hispanic Linguistics:		3
SPAN 411	The ABCs of Bilingualism: Acquisition, Brain, and Community	
SPAN 417	How Languages Are Learned	
SPAN 418	The Evolution of Spanish	
SPAN 497	Special Topics	
Select 3 credits of 400-level Hispanic Literature:		3
SPAN 439	Don Quijote	
SPAN/LTNST 470	Youth Cultures in Latin(a/o) America	
SPAN 472	The Contemporary Spanish American Novel	
SPAN 474	Many Mexicos	
SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature	
SPAN/LTNST 479	U.S. Latina/o Culture en Español	
SPAN 488	War, Revolution, and the Struggles for Modernity: Spain 1898-1939	
SPAN 490	Masterpieces of Spanish Prose	
SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry	
SPAN 497	Special Topics	

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 9 additional credits from the following 200- and 300-level course list: 9

SPAN 210	Readings in Iberian Civilization	
SPAN 220	Readings in Ibero-American Civilization	
SPAN 297	Special Topics	
SPAN 299	Foreign Study--Intermediate Conversational Spanish	
SPAN 300	Advanced Grammar and Composition Through Reading	
SPAN 300B	Advanced Grammar and composition for Students in Medical-related Fields	
SPAN 305	Spanish for Social Services	
SPAN 314	Spanish Sounds	
SPAN 315N	Spanish and Spanish-speakers in the U.S.	
SPAN 316	Building Words and Sentences in Spanish	
SPAN 353	Topics in the Cultures of Spain	
SPAN 354	Topics in Cultural Contact and Exchange	
SPAN 355	Topics in the Cultures of Latin America	
SPAN 356	Topics in the Cultures of the Americas	
SPAN 397	Special Topics	
SPAN 399	Foreign Study--Spanish	
Select 9 additional credits from the following 400-level course list: <sup>2</sup>		9
SPAN 410	Advanced Oral Expression and Communication <sup>1</sup>	
SPAN 411	The ABCs of Bilingualism: Acquisition, Brain, and Community	
SPAN 412	Translation	

SPAN 413	Interpretation
SPAN 417	How Languages Are Learned
SPAN 418	The Evolution of Spanish
SPAN 420	Spanish for Business and International Trade
SPAN 439	Don Quijote
SPAN/LTNST 470	Youth Cultures in Latin(a/o) America
SPAN 472	The Contemporary Spanish American Novel
SPAN 474	Many Mexicos
SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature
SPAN 479	U.S. Latina/o Culture en Espanol
SPAN 488	War, Revolution, and the Struggles for Modernity: Spain 1898-1939
SPAN 490	Masterpieces of Spanish Prose
SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry
SPAN 497	Special Topics
SPAN 499	Foreign Study--Spanish

<sup>1</sup> Heritage speakers (students with Spanish language in family background) and native speakers of Spanish must take SPAN 100A and SPAN 200A instead of SPAN 100 and SPAN 200. May not take SPAN 100, SPAN 200, SPAN 300, or SPAN 410.

<sup>2</sup> Courses satisfying this requirement are *in addition* to the 400-level Hispanic Literature and Hispanic Linguistics requirements. Courses may not count in multiple areas.

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

### Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

## Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## B.A. Degree Requirements

**Foreign Language** (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

**B.A. Fields** (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this

category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

**Other Cultures** (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.