**Spanish, B.A.**

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** University Park

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, a minimum of 123 credits is required:

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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).

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<td><strong>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</strong></td>
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<td>SPAN 253W</td>
<td>Introduction to Hispanic Literature</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</strong></td>
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<td>SPAN 200</td>
<td>Intensive Grammar and Composition</td>
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<td>or SPAN 301</td>
<td>Advanced Writing and Stylistics in Spanish for Spanish Speakers</td>
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<td>SPAN 100</td>
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<td>SPAN 100A</td>
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<td>Select 3 credits of 400-level Hispanic Linguistics:</td>
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<td>SPAN 418</td>
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Select 3 credits of 400-level Hispanic Literature:  
- SPAN 439 Don Quijote
- SPAN 472 The Contemporary Spanish American Novel
- SPAN 476 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature
- SPAN/LTNST 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 497 Special Topics

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better**  
Select 9 credits from the following 200- and 300-level course list:  
- 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 305 Spanish for Social Services  
- SPAN 314 Spanish Sounds  
- 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 credits from the following 400-level course list:  
- SPAN 410 Advanced Oral Expression and Communication  
- SPAN 412 Translation  
- SPAN 413 Interpretation  
- SPAN 418 The Evolution of Spanish  
- SPAN 420 Spanish for Business and International Trade  
- SPAN 439 Don Quijote  
- SPAN 472 The Contemporary Spanish American Novel  
- 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 497 Special Topics  
- SPAN 499 Foreign Study–Spanish  

1 Heritage speakers (students with Spanish language in family background but not necessarily a native speaker) should take SPAN 100A and SPAN 301 instead of SPAN 100 and SPAN 110.

### 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 of 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.