

BA in Romance Languages with Emphasis in Spanish

Degree Program Description

The BA in Romance Languages with an emphasis in Spanish is the exploration of the language, literature, and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. The degree requires a minimum of 30 hours of Spanish beyond SPAN 2100. Faculty strongly encourages all majors to spend at least one semester (or summer) studying abroad, preferably after their second year of the language. Given the liberal arts foundation of a degree in Spanish students pursue careers in a variety of fields or continue their studies. Graduates have pursued careers in journalism, tourism, diplomacy, and education.

Major Program Requirements

Course work must be completed with a grade in the C range or higher in each of the required courses and students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the major. In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

Students who work toward a double major (two BA degrees within the College of Arts and Science) may be able to complete the majors with a minimum of 120 credits.

To obtain the BA degree in Romance Languages with an emphasis in Spanish, the following courses, or their equivalents, must be included in the graduation plan (numbers in parentheses indicate prerequisite courses):

Major core requirements

SPAN 2160	Intermediate Spanish Composition and Conversation	3
SPAN 3150 or SPAN 3721	Advanced Spanish Conversation Spanish Phonetics	3
SPAN 3160 or SPAN 3280	Advanced Spanish Composition Commercial Spanish	3
SPAN 3420	Introduction to Hispanic Literature I	3
SPAN 3430	Introduction to Hispanic Literature II	3

Additional Requirements

Students must complete five 4000-level courses selected with the advisor's approval.

- Required courses: one peninsular lit., one Spanish-American lit., three courses of choice.
- Up to 12 credits of SPAN 4980 may be counted toward fulfillment of major requirements.

Peninsular

SPAN 4410	Spanish Medieval Literature	3
SPAN 4420	Golden Age Poetry	3

SPAN 4421	Renaissance and Golden Age Prose	3
SPAN 4422	Spanish Theatre in the Golden Age	3
SPAN 4423	Don Quijote	3
SPAN 4441	Twentieth-Century Spanish Novel	3
SPAN 4490	Hispanic Oral Traditions	3

Spanish American Literature

SPAN 4450	Hispanic Literature of Resistance	3
SPAN 4470	Survey of Spanish American Literature I	3
SPAN 4471	Survey of Spanish American Literature II	3
SPAN 4480	Mexican Literature	3
SPAN 4520	Modernista and Contemporary Poetry	3
SPAN 4530	The Spanish American Theatre	3
SPAN 4540	Afro-Hispanic Literature	3
SPAN 4550	Nobel Laureates in Spanish American Literature	3

Other

SPAN 4130	Stylistics	3
SPAN 4442	Advanced Contemporary Culture of Spain	3
SPAN 4460	Advanced Contemporary Culture of Spanish America	3
SPAN 4461	Advanced Spanish Civilization	3
SPAN 4530	The Spanish American Theatre	3
SPAN 4711	History of the Spanish Language	3
SPAN 4721	Structure of Modern Spanish	3
SPAN 4722	Spanish Across the Continents	3
SPAN 4723	Language and Society: Spanish in the U.S.	3
SPAN 4980	Special Themes in Spanish	3
SPAN 4993	The Capstone Experience in Spanish	3

It should be noted that SPAN 4960 Special Readings in Spanish cannot be used to fulfill this requirement except by permission of the department chair. Students who plan to teach at any level should include courses SPAN 3160 and SPAN 3721, rather than their alternates.

- Students beginning at a level higher than SPAN 2160 due to placement testing must still complete 30 credits in order to receive the major.
- In addition, the student is required to take a Writing Intensive course in the major, normally designated sections of SPAN 3420 or SPAN 3430.
- It is highly recommended (not required) that students study for a summer, a semester or a full year in a Spanish-speaking country.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
SPAN 2160		3 SPAN 3150 or 3721	3
ENGLSH 1000		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science		3 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	3
First-year orientation course		3 Behavioral Science	3

Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3 Humanities	3
15		15

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
SPAN 3160 or 3280		3 SPAN 3420 or 3430	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Biological or Physical Science with lab	3
Humanities		3 Humanities, First Writing Intensive Course	3
Behavioral Science		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	6
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3		
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
SPAN 3420 or 3430		3 SPAN 4000-level	3
Social Science 2000+		3 SPAN 4130	3
Humanities 2000+		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	9
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	6		
15		15	

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
SPAN 4000-level		3 SPAN 4993	3
SPAN 4000-level		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	12
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	9		
15		15	

Total Credits: 120