

SPANISH, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

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

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	15-17
Requirements for the Major	60-71

0-13 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-4 credits of GQ courses; 0-6 credits of GS courses, 0-3 credits of GWS courses.

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/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<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
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
SPAN 200	¡Hablemos! Language and Culture ¹	3
	or SPAN 200A Language and Culture for Spanish Bilinguals	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
SPAN 100	Intermediate Grammar and Composition	
SPAN 100A	Intermediate Grammar and Composition for Spanish Bilinguals ¹	
SPAN 100B	Intermediate Grammar and Composition for Students in Medical-Related Fields	
SPAN 100C		
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
SPAN 210		
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
SPAN 411	The ABCs of Bilingualism: Acquisition, Brain, and Community
SPAN 417	How Languages Are Learned
SPAN/LTNST 470	Youth Cultures in Latin(a/o) America
SPAN 474	Many Mexicos
SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry

Requirements for the Option

Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better

Select an option 39-50

¹ 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, or SPAN 410.

Requirements for the Option

Applied Spanish Option (39 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
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	
Select 12 additional credits from the following 400-level course list: ¹		12
SPAN 410	Advanced Oral Expression and Communication	
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/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 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry	
SPAN 497	Special Topics	
SPAN 499	Foreign Study--Spanish	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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

Select 21 credits (at least 6 credits at the 400 level) in consultation with the adviser in any related area of study such as social services, the teaching of English as a second language, or in any other professional area in which competency in Spanish is desirable

¹ Courses satisfying this requirement are *in addition* to the 400-level Hispanic Linguistics and Hispanic Literature requirements. Courses may not count in multiple areas.

Business Option (50 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	4
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 333	International Economics	3
ENGL 202D	Effective Writing: Business Writing	3
IB 303	International Business Operations	3
IB 403	International Business and National Policies	3
SPAN 420	Spanish for Business and International Trade	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

BA 301	Finance	3
or FIN 301	Corporation Finance	

BA 303	Marketing	3
or MKTG 301	Principles of Marketing	
BA 304	Management and Organization	3
or MGMT 301	Basic Management Concepts	
SCM 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business	4
or STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
SPAN 410	Advanced Oral Expression and Communication	
SPAN 411	The ABCs of Bilingualism: Acquisition, Brain, and Community	
SPAN 412	Translation	
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SPAN 499	Foreign Study--Spanish	

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

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