

Bachelor of Arts Spanish

INFORMATION

A **global language**, Spanish is spoken worldwide as a first language by approximately 330 million people. It is a major language in the United States, where about 13 percent of the population speaks Spanish. The native and immigrant Hispanic population in this country totals over 45 million, nearly three times the population of Ohio.

Cleveland's Hispanic community includes several generations coming from the Caribbean, the Americas and Spain. Cleveland State University's faculty cultivate our connection to the community with lectures, film series and other events including the annual Hispanic Awareness Month and the Cinco de Mayo program.

Studies in Spanish at Cleveland State University provide progressively more advanced language courses for those whose studies begin in high school or at the University. Heritage speakers and some students with four years of high school Spanish may begin work at the major (300) level. Faculty advisors will assist students in selecting courses that meet their skill level and interest.

The advanced Spanish curriculum gives students a broad knowledge of Hispanic culture, literature and linguistics. As a result, a Spanish

major has cultural as well as linguistic proficiency.

Our graduates gain a broad overview of Spanish and Latin American history as well as an appreciation of customs and world views.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A major in Spanish is an excellent way to gain the research and analytical skills central to a liberal arts education. According to the World Trade Center, U.S. corporations prefer graduates with language training.

Spanish proficiency and familiarity with Hispanic culture open doors in any career. For this reason, many Cleveland State students choose to double major in Spanish and another field such as Business, Education, Social Work, International Relations, Communication, or fields related to healthcare.

Cleveland State graduates who want to work in fields that require language specialization find work as translators or interpreters, in social service agencies, or in governmental agencies specializing in foreign relations.

Knowing that Spanish accounts for over 50 percent of foreign language learning in the U.S., many of our students become teachers at the secondary or university level. Some of our students continue graduate study with us, and others have been accepted to prestigious Master and

Doctoral programs throughout the country.

PROGRAM

Cleveland State's Spanish Program is the strongest in Northeast Ohio. Our Spanish professors teach and maintain active research programs in various specializations, including Hispanics in the United States, Latin America, Spain and foreign language education.

A Spanish major consists of at least 36 hours and a minor at least 18 hours beyond the elementary level. Full-time students with some high school Spanish can finish a degree comfortably in four years. Our course scheduling is designed to accommodate part-time students. We also offer evening and weekend courses.

Summer study abroad programs are offered in Mexico, Costa Rica and Spain. These programs allow students intensive experience with language and culture as well as the possibility of earning up to 12 credits.

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A total number of 128 hours are required for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Spanish. A total number of 36 hours in Spanish beyond the 100 level are required for the major. All degree seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened>.

Recommended Sequence for the Spanish Major: Suggested program below is for students who have studied at least two years of Spanish in high school. Incoming students should take the placement exam and consult a Spanish advisor. Summer study abroad, Advanced Placement or College Level Examination Program credits may also offer ways to earn Spanish credit and advance more rapidly in the Spanish programs.

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
SPN 201 Intermediate Spanish I	4	SPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II	4
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Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
SPN 301 Advanced Conversation or		SPN 302 Advanced Composition or	4
SPN 302 Advanced Composition	4	SPN 301 Advanced Conversation	4
SPN 345 Spanish Culture and Civilization or	4	SPN 371 Survey Spanish Literature or	4
SPN 346 Latin American Culture and Civilization	4	SPN 372 Survey Latin American Literature	4
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
SPN 315 Introduction Spanish Linguistics	4	SPN 402 Advanced Grammar	4
Optional Summer Study Abroad		Seventh Semester	
(Recommended but Optional. Offered every year)		400-level Spanish elective	3 or 4
SPN 340/440 Field Study (Mexico or Costa Rica) or			
SPN 241/441 Field Study (Spain) or	4-6		
SPN 495 Spanish Field Study Capstone	4		
Eighth Semester			
400-level Spanish elective	3-4		
SPN 494 Spanish Capstone	4		

A total of 36 credits required for the major.

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