Spanish, B.A.

The Spanish major is built on coursework in Spanish Peninsular and Spanish American literature, Hispanic cultures, Hispanic linguistics, and advanced language skills. The goal of the major is twofold: to study content areas related to the Spanish language, such as literature, culture, and linguistics; and to develop proficiency in the Spanish language in all four skills—speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

**Learning Outcomes**

By graduation, Spanish majors will have:

**Proficiency**

Increased Spanish language proficiency in speaking, writing, listening, and reading.

**Analytical Skills**

Acquired the skills to engage critically with one or more of the following areas:

- Spanish, Spanish American, and U.S. Latino literatures and cultures
- Hispanic linguistics
- Creative and/or journalistic writing
- Second language acquisition and/or pedagogy
- Literatures and cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world

**Knowledge**

Gained knowledge of the diversity of the Hispanic world (Spain/Portugal, Latin America, and the United States) and its cultural, artistic, and linguistic history.

**Advising**

First-year students are initially advised by the Academic Advising Center. Second-year students are advised by the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures academic advisor. Third- and fourth-year students are advised by a faculty advisor who guides a student regarding academic or career-focus experiences and opportunities.

**Requirements**

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Spanish requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 36 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. A maximum of 15 s.h. of approved transfer credit may be counted toward the major. Students also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Coursework for the major includes a core, which consists of one course from each of the five principal academic areas of the department (see "Required Core" below), and seven electives, which may focus on one or more of the five principal areas or may include a broad range of courses (see "Electives" below).

All courses taken for the Spanish major must be numbered SPAN:2000 or above. Advanced Placement Program (AP) credit is considered to be equivalent to a Spanish course at the 2000 level. Students may count 3 s.h. in AP Spanish Language and Culture or Literature and Culture exams with a score of a 4 or higher as elective credit toward the major. See "Electives" below.

A minimum of one and a maximum of four courses for the major must be numbered 2000-2999, including AP credit. At least three courses for the major must be numbered 4000-4999, and students can either count these as core courses or as elective courses. Courses at the 4000-4999 level must be taken at the University of Iowa in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese; no transfer credit or study abroad courses are accepted.

Advanced undergraduate students preparing to earn honors may enroll in graduate courses with the permission of their advisor and the department chair. Ordinarily, permission is granted only to students who have completed a minimum of 30 s.h. of work for the major and whose g.p.a. in the major is 3.75 or higher.

Students may apply up to 6 s.h. of approved coursework taught in English or Portuguese toward the major. This includes coursework taught in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese or in another department, as approved by their advisor. All other courses for the major must be taught in Spanish. Courses taught in English are listed below.

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**Requirements for the Major**

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**Required Core**

### Hispanic Linguistics

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Students choose elective coursework according to the following guidelines.

Electives may include coursework in Spanish language skills as well as more advanced language courses that focus on specialized language functions and purposes. They also may include a maximum of 6 hours earned in Portuguese courses numbered PORT:2500 or above or in related courses at the appropriate level offered by other University of Iowa departments and programs, such as history, anthropology, international studies, or linguistics. Related courses must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies; for a list of approved related courses, contact the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

The following courses are only applicable toward the Spanish major as electives.

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A maximum of 3 s.h. earned in PORT:2500 Accelerated Intermediate Portuguese may be counted toward the major. The following Spanish and Portuguese courses do not count toward the major and may not be used as elective credit.

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Study Abroad

The department participates in study abroad programs in Spain and Latin America; most of these programs offer both summer and semester or yearlong programs. The programs in Spain include the Board of Regents Hispanic Institute program in Valladolid (summer only); Cultures of Spain (Madrid, summer only); USAC (University Studies Abroad Consortium) programs in Alicante, Bilbao, Madrid, and San Sebastián; and CIEE programs in Alcalá de Henares, Alicante, Barcelona, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca, and Seville.

The programs in Latin America include USAC programs in Chile (Santiago) and Costa Rica (Heredia, Puntarenas, and San Ramón); CIEE programs in Argentina (Buenos Aires), Chile (Santiago and Valparaíso), Dominican Republic (Santiago),
and Peru (Lima). They also include the CIC Latin America Health, Nutrition, and Environmental Issues Program in Santiago, Dominican Republic. For information about other international study programs in Spanish, contact International Programs Study Abroad.

Participation in a number of different programs allows the department to offer study abroad opportunities that take into account a variety of student interests and needs. Credit earned in these or other study abroad programs may be applied toward the requirements for the Spanish major. The amount of credit that may be accepted varies according to the program.

Interested students should contact the department's study abroad advisor. Credit earned in study abroad programs other than those listed above counts as transfer credit and is subject to the 15 s.h. maximum allowed for the major.

**Teacher Licensure**

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

**Honors**

**Honors in the Major**

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. They must have a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33 and a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in the major in order to enter the honors program, and are required to maintain the same grade-point average requirements to earn honors in the major.

Students must request honors designation for one course they take for the major (3 s.h.), in consultation with the department honors advisor. They also must register for 3 s.h. in SPAN:4998 Honors: Research and Thesis. To complete SPAN:4998 successfully, students must submit an honors thesis they have written in Spanish and must present it orally to a faculty committee in a meeting conducted in Spanish.

**University of Iowa Honors Program**

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the Spanish major.

**Career Advancement**

Spanish majors combine their Spanish studies with other areas to prepare for career opportunities in international business, government, travel, health, journalism, law, or communication, where knowledge of another language and other cultures is essential. They also may go on to graduate study in areas such as Spanish and Spanish American literature, Hispanic linguistics, cultural studies, film studies, translation, or comparative literature.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

**Academic Plans**

**Four-Year Graduation Plan**

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

**Before the third semester begins:** Intermediate Spanish I (or equivalent second-year, first-semester competence in Spanish).

**Before the fifth semester begins:** two courses in Spanish beyond Intermediate Spanish II (or equivalent second-year, second-semester competence).

**Before the seventh semester begins:** four more courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** nine courses in the major.

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

**Sample Plan of Study**

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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(First in February for spring, September for fall)

**Total Hours** 15

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- **Spanish, B.A.**

- **English version (partial):**

- **Elective course**

- **Hours**: 1

- **Spring**

- **Major: Spanish writing core course**

- **Major: Culture (Peninsular or Spanish American) core course**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

- **GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab**

- **Total Hours**: 15

- **Third Year**

- **Fall**

- **Major: Spanish writing core course**

- **Major: Culture (Peninsular or Spanish American) core course**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

- **GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab**

- **Total Hours**: 15

- **Spring**

- **Major: Hispanic linguistics core course**

- **Major: Spanish American literature core course**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

- **Elective course**

- **Total Hours**: 15

- **Fourth Year**

- **Fall**

- **Major: Spanish Peninsular Literature core course**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

- **Elective course**

- **Total Hours**: 15

- **Spring**

- **Major: Spanish elective course**

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- **GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences**

- **Elective course**

- **Total Hours**: 15

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- **Degree Application**: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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- **a**: SPAN:1001, SPAN:1002, SPAN:1501, and SPAN:1502 do not count for credit toward the major. Language level placement will be determined by placement exam score and/or oral interview. Students who place into the 5th semester level of the language will begin major level coursework and not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.

- **b**: Fulfills a major requirement and may fill a GE requirement.

- **c**: Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

- **d**: GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

- **e**: Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

- **f**: A minimum of one and a maximum of four courses for the major must be numbered 2000-2999. At least three courses for the major must be numbered 4000-4999. Students may apply up to 6 s.h. of approved coursework taught in English or Portuguese toward the major. All other courses for the major must be taught in Spanish, including study abroad courses.

- **g**: Students must complete 21 s.h. in Spanish major electives. Electives may include a maximum of 6 s.h. earned in Portuguese courses numbered PORT:2500 or above or in related courses at the appropriate level offered by other UI departments and programs, such as history, anthropology, comparative literature, international studies, or linguistics. Related courses must be approved.

- **h**: Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.