Spanish, B.A.

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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Course | Title | Hours
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GE CLAS Core: Sustainability | 0

First Year

Fall

SPAN:1001 | Elementary Spanish I | 4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion | 3
Elective course | 1
Elective course | 1
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2

Hours | 14-15

Spring

SPAN:1002 | Elementary Spanish II | 4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 | The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives | 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture | 3
Elective course | 1
Elective course | 1

Hours | 15-16

Second Year

Fall

SPAN:1501 | Intermediate Spanish I | 4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 1
Elective course | 1

Hours | 15

Spring

SPAN:1502 | Intermediate Spanish II | 4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab | 4
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 1

Hours | 15

Third Year

Fall

Major: cultura (Peninsular or Spanish American) core course | 3
Major: Spanish writing core course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15

Spring

Major: Hispanic linguistics core course | 3
Major: Spanish American literature core course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: Spanish Peninsular literature core course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences | 3
Elective course | 3

Hours | 15

Spring

Major: Spanish elective course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
Major: Spanish elective course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences | 3
Elective course | 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours | 15

Total Hours | 119-121

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* Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives;
International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b 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.
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, 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.