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
First Year Fall
SPAN:1001 Elementary Spanish I a, b, c 5
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion d 3
Elective course e 1
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Hours 14-15

Spring
SPAN:1002 Elementary Spanish II a, b, c 5
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives d 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d 3
Elective course e 1
Hours 15-16

Second Year Fall
SPAN:1501 Intermediate Spanish I a, b, c 5
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning d 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts d 3
Elective course e 3

Elective course e 1
Spring
SPAN:1502 Intermediate Spanish II a, b, c 5
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues d 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab d 4
Elective course e 3
Hours 15

Third Year Fall
Major: Spanish writing core course f 3
Major: Culture (Peninsular or Spanish American) core course f 3
Major: Spanish elective course f, g 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab d 3
Elective course e 3
Hours 15

Fourth Year Fall
Major: Spanish Peninsular Literature core course f 3
Major: Spanish elective course f, g 3
Major: Spanish elective course f, g 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3

Hours 15

Spring
Major: Hispanic linguistics core course f 3
Major: Spanish American literature core course f 3
Major: Spanish elective course f, g 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3

Hours 15

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

Elective course e 3

Total Hours 119-121

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 fulfill 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.
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.

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.

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.