Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

The offerings in Modern Languages develop language proficiency and cultural awareness through collaborative classes where effective communication is the primary goal. Advanced courses in the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish degree contribute to knowledge about the Spanish-speaking world and the history and structure of the Spanish language and its literature. These courses allow students to read and respond in writing to Spanish-language authors in Spanish, since all advanced courses are taught in the language using authentic texts. Students also interact in Spanish to promote language competence approaching that of native speakers.

Faculty

Dr. Amalia Mondríguez, Professor (Ph.D., Harvard University): Specialist in the literature and culture of Latin America and Spain, with research on literature by women authors. Also a creative writer of short stories, songs, and a novel.

Dr. Sally Said, Professor (Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin): Linguist who has studied Spanish dialects and language acquisition. Additionally, co-author of a bilingual collection of Sudanese folktales and currently working with Native American literacy.

Dr. Michael Tallon, Associate Professor (Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin): Specialist in language teaching and second language acquisition. Research interests include heritage language students and foreign language anxiety.

Career advantages of fluent written and spoken Spanish

As business, government, and nongovernmental agencies expand their interests into the global network, English serves as a lingua franca for this expansion, but true communication and cultural understanding require that U.S. participants also learn other languages. Increasingly, language ability in Spanish is a desired or required skill for jobs in international enterprises. In the U.S., the Latino population is the fastest growing segment, and this is especially true for Texas. Along with population growth has come a rise in concern for Spanish as a heritage language. Spanish-language media and advertising have increased, providing more demand for educated writers and speakers of the language. Spanish also is needed in social services, in hospitals, and in the courts. High school Spanish teachers and bilingual teachers for the lower grades are actively recruited.

Where our alumni are working and studying

Teaching at the elementary and high school levels; translating in immigration, religious mission, and medical fields; Spanish-language television news; studying in medical school, graduate school, and law school

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Major in Spanish
(33 semester hours)

Language Requirements (9 hours)
SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I: Oral Communication
SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II: Writing
SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition

Linguistics Requirements (6 hours)
SPAN 3321 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
SPAN 3322 Spanish Phonetics and Oral Communication

In addition to SPAN 3321 and SPAN 3322, candidates for teacher certification must take SPAN 3337, Applied Linguistics for Teaching, for a total of 9 hours to fulfill the Linguistics requirement.

Literature Requirements (6 hours)
SPAN 3331 Spanish Literature to 1700 or SPAN 3332 Spanish Literature since 1700
SPAN 3341 Spanish-American Literature to Modernism or SPAN 3342 Spanish-American Literature since Modernism

Culture Requirements (6 hours)
SPAN 3311 Culture and Civilization of Spain
SPAN 3312 Culture and Civilization of Latin America

Advanced Electives in Spanish to complete the required 33 hours in the major.

Minors in Spanish

A. Spanish Studies Minor: 12 hours of courses above the 1000-level, including at least 6 hours at the upper-division level. Courses at the 3000-level and above will be taught entirely in Spanish.

B. Spanish Proficiency Minor: 21 semester hours in Spanish as follows (courses at the 3000-level and above will be taught entirely in Spanish):
   - SPAN 1311 Elementary Spanish I
   - SPAN 1312 Elementary Spanish II
   - SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I: Oral Communication
   - SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II: Writing
   - SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition
   - SPAN 3312 Culture and Civilization of Latin America
   - Advanced Elective Course in Spanish: 3 hours

Spanish Teacher Certification

Teacher Certification (All Level)—A major in Spanish, with certain courses specified above, and the following education courses:

Pre-Professional:
EDUC 2305 Foundations of Education
EDUC 3345 Critical Concepts in Secondary Instruction

Professional:
EDUC 3340 Technology in Education
EDUC 3373 Learning Theories
EDUC 3380 Pedagogy for the Secondary & Middle School
EDUC 3383 Integrative Pedagogy for the Secondary & Middle School
EDUC 3385 Culturally Responsive Teaching
EDUC 4305 Teaching Apprenticeship Seminar
EDUC 4605 Teaching Apprenticeship

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