

SPANISH MAJOR

The Spanish major emphasizes the learning of both spoken and written Spanish, a sound understanding of the linguistic structures of modern Spanish, an appreciation for cultures of the Spanish-speaking world, and the ability to analyze literary texts from a variety of periods. Students may choose from a variety of offerings in Latin American or Peninsular literature, film, culture, language, and Spanish linguistics. All courses are offered in Spanish. See individual faculty members for more information.

Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Effective communication in the target language (TL)

Outcome 1.1: Students will narrate and describe in the TL in spoken form in all major time frames using connected discourse of paragraph length with general clarity of lexicon and a moderate level of detail.

Outcome 1.2: Students will compose written texts in the TL that summarize, evaluate or describe concrete or abstract items, notions, events or persons, in major time frames in paragraph length discourse, with a lexicon relevant to the topic.

Goal 2: Critical and interpretive thinking in the target language (TL)

Outcome 2.1: Students will interpret and analyze the main ideas, relevant facts and details about works of literary, cinematic and/or artistic expression in the target language (TL).

Outcome 2.2: Students will be able to pursue research, gather data, do analysis and report results by using TL as a tool of investigation and as a means of communication.

Goal 3: Knowledge of the target language (TL) culture(s)

Outcome 3.1: Students will be able to describe accurately in the TL with moderate detail some aspect of the TL cultures (perspectives, products, and/or practices)

Outcome 3.2: Students will compare and contrast in the target language similarities and differences between the students' own cultures and those of the target language (TL).

Goal 4: Inclusion and diversity

Outcome 4.1: Students will engage respectfully, in a local and global context, with diverse human beliefs, abilities, experiences, identities, or cultures.

Requirements

The traditional undergraduate programs includes a minimum of 120 credits distributed across three components: A General Education component divided into Signature Courses, Variable Courses, and an Integrative Learning requirement; a Major and Divisional component; and Free Electives. In addition to course requirements as specified in each area, students must complete one certified course in each of the following overlay areas¹:

1. Diversity, Globalization or Non-western Area Studies,
2. Ethics Intensive
3. Writing Intensive, and
4. Diversity

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Overlay requirements are part of the 120 credit requirements

General Education Signature Courses

See this page about Signature courses (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#signature>).

General Education Variable Courses

See this page about Variable courses (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#variable>). Six to Nine courses

General Education Overlays

See this page about Overlays (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#overlay>).

General Education Integrative Learning Component

See this page about Integrative Learning Component (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#integrative-learning>). Three courses:

Code	Title	Hours
LIN 200	Introduction to Linguistics	3
Select two of the following:		
LIN 280	Second Lang Acquis & Lrnng	6
LIN 301	Teaching Lang at Home/Abroad	
LIN 317	Sociolinguistics	
LIN 320	Phonetics	
LIN 340	Communication in Soc Contexts	
LIN 401	Bilingualism & Lang Diversity	
LIN 470	Topics in Linguistics	
LIN 490	TESOL Internship	
Any approved Latin American Studies course outside of Modern and Classical Languages		

Other courses that specifically focus on some aspect of the Spanish-speaking world may be approved as an IL course if deemed appropriate by the Spanish major advisor. See Dr. Heather Hennes for more information about the major.

GEP Electives

A varying number of courses, typically nine to twelve.

Major Requirements

Requires 10 SPA courses (30 credits) including:

Code	Title	Hours
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II (depending on placement)	3
SPA 301 or SPA 303	Spanish Conversation (depending on placement) Spanish for Heritage Speakers	3
SPA 302	Spanish Composition ¹	3
SPA 310 or SPA 311	Intro to Latin American Lit Introduc to Spanish Literature	3
SPA 380 or SPA 466	Intro to Spanish Linguistics Spanish Dialectology	3

Select one of the following:

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| SPA 350 | Intro to Latin Amer Cultures |
| SPA 351 | Introd to Spanish Cultures ² |
| SPA 356 | Spain:Study Tour ² |
| SPA 357 | Spain in the New Millenium |
| SPA 320 | Cur Evnts in the Sp-Lang Media |

The remaining SPA credits must include at least 2 4xx level SPA courses. Students must also complete a Foreign Language Capstone, which is an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in Spanish. For more information, please refer to: <http://www.languagetesting.com/academic.cfm>. and follow the links to Tests>Speaking>OPI

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Heritage speakers of Spanish having completed SPA 303 complete a SPA elective in place of SPA 302.

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A student may count only one of these two courses toward the major or minor.

Study Abroad

Spanish majors and minors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country of their choice. The Center for International Programs (<http://www.sju.edu/academics/centers/cip/studyabroad>) provides information on SJU-approved programs in Argentina, Chile, Central America, and Spain, as well as programs in other Latin American countries, for which students may petition credit. Modern and Classical Languages faculty also offer Study Tour Courses to Argentina/Uruguay and Spain. Study Tours offered by other departments have included destinations such Bolivia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. Study Tours offered by other departments do not count toward the Spanish major or minor, (except as Integrative Learning courses for the major) but they do complement students' interests in Spanish. Students who are interested in studying abroad should meet with Dr. Elaine Shenk, the Spanish Program Coordinator for Study Abroad.

Spanish Honor Society

The department has an active chapter, Omicron Phi, of the National Spanish Honorary Society Sigma Delta Pi. A yearly initiation ceremony is held in the spring semester. Qualified students are encouraged to apply; please contact the Spanish faculty for more information.