

**Degree Type – Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Degree Title – Spanish**

*Globalization and the Internet Revolution have intensified contact among cultures, and hence an education in multiple languages and technology is an absolute imperative in the new Millennium. Pursuing a B.A. in Spanish not only insures bilingual and bicultural competencies, but also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, Culture, and cultures. Our program promotes these skills by introducing students to philosophical issues examined in literature and art; to writing and analytical skills; and to the rich cultural complexities of languages, peoples, and nations across the globe.*

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Demonstrate proficient Spanish listening comprehension and speaking skills in diverse situations.
2. Analyze and respond to various kinds of texts written in Spanish.
3. Apply Spanish orthographic code and grammatical concepts in written assignments.
4. Compose critical essays in Spanish that demonstrate logical analysis, reason, and well-supported arguments.
5. Understand the historical and geographical development, expansion, and influence of Spanish in the world.
6. Identify major trends, figures, and influences on the development of cultural and artistic production in the Hispanic world.

**A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS**

*Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.*

**B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 42 HOURS (36 advanced)**

**1 – Spanish Core – 36 hours (30 advanced)**

**a – Language – 12 hours (6 advanced)**

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers I  
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II  
SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I

*Choose one:*

SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II  
SPAN 3302 Creative Writing in Spanish

**b – Literature – 12 hours (12 advanced)**

SPAN 3305 Techniques of Literary Analysis  
SPAN 3306 Introduction to Spanish Literature  
SPAN 3307 Introduction to Latin American Literature  
SPAN 3308 Introduction to Latina/o Literature

**c – Linguistics – 12 hours (12 advanced)**

SPAN 3310 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics  
SPAN 3311 Spanish Phonology and Phonetics

*Choose one:*

SPAN 4310 Spanish Applied Linguistics  
SPAN 4311 Spanish in Social Context  
SPAN 4380 Senior Seminar

**2 – Advanced Spanish Electives – 6 hours (6 advanced)**

*Choose 6 hours from any of the following areas:*

**a – Literature**

SPAN 3320 Spanish Literature 1100 - 1750  
 SPAN 3321 Spanish Literature 1750 - Present  
 SPAN 3322 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature I  
 SPAN 3323 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature II  
 SPAN 4320 The Mexican Novel  
 SPAN 4321 Mexican Literature  
 SPAN 4322 Cervantes  
 SPAN 4323 Spanish American Novel  
 SPAN 4324 Medieval Spanish Literature  
 SPAN 4325 Contemporary Spanish Literature  
 SPAN 4326 Chicano Narrative  
 SPAN 4327 Caribbean Literature  
 SPAN 4328 Mexico's Contemporary Literature  
 SPAN 4329 Eighteenth Century Spanish Literature  
 SPAN 4330 Nineteenth Century Spanish Literature  
 SPAN 4331 The Spanish American Short Story  
 SPAN 4332 The Spanish American Essay  
 SPAN 4333 Golden Age Prose  
 SPAN 4334 Theater and Poetry of the Golden Age  
 SPAN 4335 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures  
 SPAN 4336 Literature and Journalism in the Spanish Speaking World  
 SPAN 4337 Spanish Lyric Poetry  
 SPAN 4338 Children's Literature in Spanish

**b – Linguistics**

SPAN 4312 History of the Spanish Language  
 SPAN 4313 Problems and Issues Related to Language  
 SPAN 4314 Structure of the Spanish Language  
 SPAN 4315 Acquisition of the Spanish Language  
 SPAN 4316 Sociolinguistics and Latino Health  
 SPAN 4317 Special Topics in Hispanic Linguistics  
 SPAN 4318 Spanish Language Media Studies

**c – Creative Writing**

SPAN 3330 CW in Spanish: Narrative  
 SPAN 3331 CW in Spanish: Poetry and Prose Poetry  
 SPAN 3332 CW in Spanish: Playwriting  
 SPAN 3333 CW in Spanish: Special Topics

**d – Culture**

SPAN 3338 The Hispanic World  
 SPAN 4350 Spanish Civilization  
 SPAN 4351 Hispanic Civilization  
 SPAN 4352 Hispanic Theater  
 SPAN 4360 Topic Studies in Hispanic Culture

**e – Pedagogy**

SPAN 4370 Teaching Spanish as a Heritage Language

**C – FREE ELECTIVES – 36 HOURS (6 advanced)**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS**

**TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS**

**ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:**

**Graduation requirements**

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.