
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.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 48 HOURS (42 advanced)

1 – Spanish Core – 36 hours (30 advanced)

a – Language – 12 hours (6 advanced)

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Bilinguals I
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Bilinguals II
SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II

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 – 9 hours (9 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

d – Seminar – 3 hours (3 advanced)

SPAN 4380 Senior Seminar

2 – Advanced Spanish Electives – 12 hours (12 advanced)

Choose 6 hours from the Literature and Culture 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 – 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

Choose 6 hours from the Linguistics and Creative Writing areas:

c – 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 4317 Special Topics in Hispanic Linguistics
SPAN 4318 Spanish Language Media Studies
SPAN 4370 Teaching Spanish as a Heritage Language

d – Creative Writing

SPAN 3302 Creative Writing in Spanish
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

C – RESTRICTED ELECTIVES OR MINOR – 18 HOURS

1 – Restricted Electives – 18 Hours

Choose 18 hours from any of the groups below:

a - Literature/Culture/Linguistics

SPAN 2314 Oral Expression and Communication in Spanish
SPAN 2320 Latina/o Culture and Civilization in Spanish
SPAN 2321 Spanish in the United States
SPAN 2330 Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Literature in English
SPAN 2340 Fundamentals of Hispanic Culture
SPAN 2387 Introduction to World Literature I in Spanish
SPAN 2388 Introduction to World Literature II in Spanish

b - Medical Spanish

SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I
SPAN 2318 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals II
SPAN 3348 Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals II
SPAN 4348 Sociolinguistics and Latino Health

c - Translation and Interpreting

SPAN 2389 Academic Cooperative (English/Spanish Translation)
TRSP/SPAN 3342 Advanced Spanish to English Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3343 Advanced English to Spanish Translation
TRSP/SPAN 3344 Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I
TRSP/SPAN 4342 Interpreting

2 – Minor – 18 Hours

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 12 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS (MINIMUM) – 42 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2019 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.