

SPANISH (BA)

Foreign Language Placement

Students who have completed three or more years of a Spanish in high school are required to take the language placement exam before taking a course in Spanish. Students who took two years of Spanish in high school in a strong program are highly recommended but not required to take the placement exam. Students who received dual enrollment or AP credit in Spanish, or who transferred in college credit in Spanish are not required to take the exam. It is highly recommended that students take the placement exam within one year of enrolling at Benedictine College, as this is when their previous language experience will be strongest. Students may not take the placement exam more than once. The placement exam is regularly scheduled at the beginning of the semester, during registration and during SOAR weekends. See the Academic Calendar for dates. For more information, contact the Department of World Languages and Cultures or Admissions.

Study Abroad

The Department of World Languages and Cultures sponsors several study-abroad programs to provide students with an opportunity for immersion in Spanish. Students majoring in Spanish are required to have an immersion experience abroad in Spanish, either through studying, completing an internship, or volunteering abroad. This requirement may be waived for students who already demonstrate advanced proficiency in the language or who have substantial immersion experience in the target language.

The department offers study abroad opportunities in Spanish in Spain. Students also have the option of participating in an exchange program through the College's affiliation with ISEP. This program is administered by the International Programs office.

Some language courses are offered on an alternate semester or yearly basis. Those who choose to major or minor in a foreign language should consult with an advisor in the department and declare their course of study as early as possible so as to follow the recommended schedule of classes.

Program Mission

The mission of the Spanish Program is to develop proficient communicators in and translators and readers of Spanish. Learners will also demonstrate knowledge of the structure of the Spanish language, and of the cultures, history and literatures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in interpersonal communication in Spanish.
2. Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in presentational communication—writing in Spanish.
3. Graduates will use French in interpersonal communication that is appropriate to the context and the intended audience.
4. Graduates will demonstrate an awareness of Hispanic cultures and how they shape perceptions, practices, and cultural products.
5. Graduates will be able to recognize and express understanding of difference, express a respect for the perspectives of others, and critically reflect on their own worldview.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
SPAN-1000	Beginning Spanish	4
SPAN-1020	Second Semester Spanish	4
SPAN-2010	Intermediate Spanish I	4
SPAN-2020	Intermediate Spanish II	3
SPAN-3040	Introduction to Hispanic Lit & Lit Analy	3
SPAN-3400	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPAN-3750	Advanced Spanish Grammar & Composition	3
Select 15 additional hours of upper-division Spanish courses, including:		15
SPAN-3010	Spanish Phonetics & Phonology	
	or SPAN-3020 Business Spanish	
	or SPAN-4810 Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	
	or SPAN-4790 Spanish Internship	
SPAN-3710	Spanish Civilization & Culture	3
	or SPAN-3720 Latin American Civilization & Culture	
SPAN-3650	Survey of Latin American Literature	3
	or SPAN-3660 Survey of Spanish Literature	
SPAN-4700	Topics in Latin Am & Latino Lit & Cultur	3
	or SPAN-4800 Topics in Spanish Literature	
Total Hours		48

Note: At least 12 hours of the upper-division courses (3000-level and above courses) towards the major must be completed on campus at Benedictine College and not through study abroad. Placement by exam does not count towards these twelve hours. Transfer students who intend to major in Spanish must take a minimum of 50% of the 3000-level and above courses required for the major either at Benedictine College or through an approved study abroad program.

Transfer students who intend to major or minor in Spanish must take a minimum of 50% of the 3000-level and above courses required for the major either at Benedictine College or through an approved study abroad programs.

Requirements for Prospective Teachers of Spanish

The student will complete the Spanish major as outlined above. In addition, the student will complete FORL-4457 Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages. The student will also complete a major in Secondary Education.

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish

Please note that students majoring in Spanish are encouraged to double major; thus, courses indicated as electives would ideally fulfill another major.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
SPAN-1000	Beginning Spanish	4
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Two Foundations course (see below)		6-7

GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
Hours		17-18
Second Semester		
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
SPAN-1020	Second Semester Spanish	4
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
EXSC Fitness Course		1
Two Foundations courses (see below)		6-7
Hours		15-16
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
SPAN-2010	Intermediate Spanish I	4
Natural World Foundation		3-4
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Electives or Foundation		6
Hours		16-17
Second Semester		
SPAN-2020	Intermediate Spanish II	3
SPAN-3040	Introduction to Hispanic Lit & Lit Analy	3
Faith Foundation		3
Electives or Foundation		6
Hours		15
Junior Year		
First Semester		
SPAN-3040	Introduction to Hispanic Lit & Lit Analy	3
SPAN-3400	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Second Semester		
Select one of the following:		17
Spanish Civilization and Culture		
SPAN-3720	Latin American Civilization & Culture (Study Abroad)	
Hours		17
Senior Year		
First Semester		
SPAN-3650 or SPAN-3660	Survey of Latin American Literature or Survey of Spanish Literature	3
SPAN-4700 or SPAN-4800	Topics in Latin Am & Latino Lit & Cultur or Topics in Spanish Literature	3
Mathematical Reasoning Course		3
Electives		9
Hours		18
Second Semester		
SPAN-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Spanish Elective		3
Electives		15
Hours		18
Total Hours		131-134

Fulfilling Foundations

Student should select courses from the following Foundations during the freshman and sophomore years:

Code	Title	Hours
Historical Inquiry (1 course)		
Natural World (1 course with or without lab)		
Person and Community Foundation (1 course; recommended freshman year)		
Faith (1 course; recommended sophomore or junior year)		
Mathematical Reasoning (1 course)		