

SPANISH-BA

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THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Please Note: Students interested in majoring in a language, who have taken high school courses in that language, are strongly recommended to take the appropriate Language Placement Test. Contact the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at (616) 331-3203.

Sample Plan

This plan assumes students will begin in SPA 300 – please consult with an advisor if your initial placement is different.

The major starts with SPA 300. The prerequisite for SPA 300 is SPA 202. The prerequisite for SPA 202 is SPA 201.

See page 2 for full breakdown of major requirements and prerequisites.

Year One			
¹ WRT 120 or General education	3	¹ WRT 130 or WRT 150	3/4
SPA 300	3	SPA 301 or 302 (302 is a Fall-only class. See Advisor)	3
General education (Physical Science OR Life Science w/Lab)	4	General education (The ARTS)	3
² MTH 110 or MTH 108	4/3	MTH 109 or General Education	3
Elective (only if needed to get to 15 credits)	1/2	Elective	1
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<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Two			
SPA Culture & Civilization Course	3	SPA 309	3
General education (SWS #1)	3	General Education (Social & Beh Sciences #2)	3
General education (Physical Science OR Life Science no/Lab)	3	General education (Mathematical Science)	3
General Education (Social & Beh Sciences #1)	3	Minor or elective	3
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<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Three			
SPA Literature Course	3	SPA elective (300 or 400 level)	3
SPA 330	3	SPA Linguistics Course	3
Issues (#1)	3	Minor or elective	3
General education (Philosophy & Literature)	3	General education (Historical Analysis)	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Four			
SPA Advanced Study Course (400 level)	3	SPA 495	3
SPA elective (300 or 400 level)	3	Elective	3
General education (US Diversity)	3	General education (Global Perp)	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective	3
Issue #2 (SWS #2)	3	Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>

¹ Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 120/130 or WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

² Based on initial math placement, see advisor for specific details/recommendations

³ Minors are encouraged; "Elective" refers to any course needed in order to reach 120 total credits, which are required to earn a degree from GVSU. Additional degree requirements include completion of all major/minor requirements, all general education requirements, at least 58 credits from a 4-year institution, and the last 30 credits of the degree completed through GVSU.

Guide for Declaring the Spanish major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Spanish-BA"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

Spanish major (33 credits)

Core Curriculum:

SPA 300 - Reading and Telling Stories (3)

Prerequisite: SPA 202 with a grade of C (not C-) or better or placement

SPA 301 Advanced Communication Through Cultural Topics OR

SPA 302 - Advanced Communication for Spanish Heritage Speakers (3) *Prerequisite:* SPA 202 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

SPA 309 - Advanced Spanish Grammar (3)

Prerequisite: SPA 300, or 301, or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

SPA 330 - Introduction to Literary & Media Analysis (3)

Prerequisite: SPA 300, 301 or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

Culture & Civilization Course _____ (3)

Choose from the following:

SPA 310 Spanish Civilization and Culture (3)

SPA 311 Latin American Civilization and Culture I (3)

SPA 312 Latin American Civilization and Culture II (3)

SPA 313 U.S. Latino/a Civilization and Culture (3)

Prerequisites courses: SPA 300, or 301, or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

Linguistics Course _____ (3)

Choose from the following:

SPA 308 - Spanish Phonetics (3)

SPA 327 - History of the Spanish Language (3)

Prerequisites courses: SPA 300, and 301 or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

SPA 329 - Sociolinguistics of Spanish (3)

Prerequisites courses: SPA 300, or 301 or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

SPA 335 - Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (3)

Prerequisites courses: SPA 300 and 301 or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

Literature Course _____ (3)

Choose from the following:

SPA 330 Introduction to Literary Analysis (3)

SPA 315 - One-act Hispanic Drama (3)

SPA 331 Survey of Spanish Literature (3)

SPA 332 Survey of Spanish American Literature (3)

Prerequisites courses: *Prerequisite:* SPA 300, and either 301 or 302 with a grade of C (not C-) or better

Two SPA Elective (must be 300 or 400 level):

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Advanced Study Course _____ (3)

Choose from the following:

SPA 410 Spanish American Narrative (3)

SPA 420 Topics in Early Spanish Literature (3)

SPA 430 U.S. Latino/a Literature (3)

SPA 440 Cervantes (3)

SPA 450 Modern Spanish Novel (3)

SPA 460 Women Authors (3)

SPA 480 Special Topics in Spanish (3)

SPA 499 Independent Study & Research (1 to 4 credits)

Prerequisites for all courses: C (not C-) or better in core curriculum and Literature Area, or permission of instructor

SPA 495 Cross-National Literary Movements-Capstone (3)

Prerequisites: C (not C-) or better in Advanced Study (410-480), or Permission of instructor and senior standing

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-exam-108.htm>) or by completing the courses listed below

— SPA 101* (4)

— SPA 102* (4) (*SPA 150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into SPA 201 after completing SPA 150 with a grade of C (not C-) or better)

— SPA 201 (4)

Elective Requirement- Choose TWO Courses

SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

Prerequisite: SPA 201 with a grade of C (not C-) or better or appropriate placement test score.

Students who test at the 300-level may not count SPA 202 as an elective.

SPA 303 Professional Writing (3)

SPA 304 Spanish for Health Professionals (3)

SPA 305 Spanish for Law enforcement (3)

SPA 306 Spanish for Business (3)

SPA 307 Death and Dying in Hispanic Culture

SPA 308 Spanish Phonetics (3)

SPA 309 Advanced Spanish Grammar (3)

SPA 315 One-Act Hispanic Drama (3)

SPA 329 Sociolinguistics of Spanish (3)

SPA 350 Spanish Laboratory Theatre (3)

SPA 360 Perspectives on Hispanic Culture & Society (3)

SPA 361 Spanish/Latin American Culture Through Film (3)

SPA 378 Contemporary Latin American Literature (3)

SPA 380 Special Topics in Spanish (1 to 6 credits)

SPA 395 Advanced Speaking Strategies & Skills (3)

SPA 399 Independent Readings (1 to 4 credits)

SPA Culture & Culture Civilization and Culture

SPA Survey of Spanish Literature

SPA 400-Level Literature

Study Abroad:

A study abroad experience of at least one semester is highly recommended. Research has shown that study abroad for *at least one semester* is necessary if students expect to reach an advanced level of oral proficiency. University foreign language majors who have not lived in a country where the language of study is a majority language tend to finish their degree with an intermediate high level of proficiency (Swender, 2001). See a Spanish advisor and www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad for more information.

General Education Categories fulfilled by the Spanish major:

U.S. Diversity: Option of selecting SPA 313

Global Perspectives: SPA 202 if student places in SPA 202 or below and student completes SPA 202; If the student tests into 300 level coursework, completion of a 300 level SPA course will satisfy Global Perspectives; can also be met through study abroad

Issue: Can be met through study abroad, see the Padnos International Center for details

CLAS Voyage Courses

What is the CLAS Voyage? <https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/voyage> or search "GVSU CLAS Voyage"

Experiential Learning Courses

SPA 310, SPA 311, SPA 312

Capstone

SPA 495

