

SPANISH-BA

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 201 – please consult an advisor if your initial placement is different

See page 2 for full breakdown of major requirements and prerequisites

Year One			
¹ WRT 120 or Gen ed GE Art	3	¹ WRT 130 or WRT 150 GE Writing	3/4
SPA 201	4	SPA 202 GE Global Perspectives	4
Gen Ed GE Physical/Life Science with Lab	4	Gen Ed GE Social/Behavioral	3/4
² MTH 110 or MTH 180	4/3	MTH 180 or Gen Ed GE Philosophy and Literature	3
			3
<i>Total</i>	<i>13/15</i>		<i>Total</i> <i>15/16*</i>
Year Two			
SPA 321	3	SPA 322	3
Minor course	3	Minor or elective	3
Gen ed GE Historical Analysis	3	Gen ed GE Math	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective	3
Gen Ed GE Social/Behavioral	3	Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15/16</i>		<i>Total</i> <i>15</i>
Year Three			
SPA 330	3	SPA 331 or 332	3
SPA Civ and Culture	3	SPA elective (300 or 400 level)	3
Issues	3	Minor or elective	3
Gen ed GE Physical/Life Science without Lab	3	Gen ed GE US Diversity	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i> <i>15</i>
Year Four			
SPA 400 level literature elective	3	SPA 495	3
SPA elective (300 or 400 level)	3	SPA elective (300 or 400 level)	3
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Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Issues	3	Minor course	3
		Minor or elective	
<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)

— **SPA 321 Composition and Conversation I (3)**

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

OR

— **SPA 320 Composition and Conversation for Spanish Heritage Speakers**

Prerequisite: SPA 203 or permission of instructor

— **SPA 322 Composition and Conversation II (3)**

Prerequisite: SPA 320 or SPA 321 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)

Prerequisite for all courses: SPA 322 with grade of C (not C-) or better

— **SPA Elective (must be 300 or 400 level) _____ (3)**

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— **SPA 330 Introduction to Literary Analysis (3)**

Prerequisites: SPA 322 plus 3 credits at the 300 level with a grade of C (not C-) or better

— **SPA 331 Survey of Spanish Literature (3)**

OR **SPA 332 Survey of Spanish American Literature (3)**

Prerequisites for both courses: SPA 322 plus 3 credits at the 300 level with a grade of C (not C-) or better

— **400-level Literature Course _____ (3)**

Prerequisites for all courses: SPA 330 and either SPA 331 or SPA 332

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

Prerequisites: Completion of 3 credits at 400 level (literature) with a C (not C-) or better and senior standing with a major in Spanish

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/mlt/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)**

Study Abroad: It is highly recommended that Spanish majors study abroad for a semester or longer in a Spanish-speaking country. 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 or refer to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad for more information.

General Education Overlap

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