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# Spanish

## *Why study Spanish?*

The Spanish-speaking population of the US is the largest growing minority. It is forecast that in the next five years, Spanish-speaking populations will continue their phenomenal growth, resulting in ever increasing demands on businesses and institutions to provide dual-language services. Fluency in Spanish is rapidly becoming a necessary job skill in many sectors and this trend will only continue to grow.

## *Why study Spanish at UW-Madison?*

The undergraduate programs in Spanish at the UW-Madison provide students with a wide variety of classes in language, linguistics, culture and literature. Courses at all levels are taught in the language to continue to improve the students' language skills as they study advanced topics: including specialized courses for majors in business, medicine and social services. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many study-abroad programs offered through the University of Wisconsin, to expand their knowledge of Hispanic cultures and enhance their fluency in the language. Courses taken through study-abroad programs may apply toward the major. The experience of studying abroad and the importance of Spanish in the United States and in today's global economy make the Spanish major and courses in Spanish highly desirable as a program of study.

The Spanish program also offers opportunities to use the language in informal, extra-curricular activities such as conversation and drama groups, residential living, and film clubs. These activities provide excellent venues for students to meet and practice conversational Spanish. For more information, please visit our website: <http://spanport.lss.wisc.edu>

## *Fall and Spring Courses open to Freshmen*

- **101–First Semester Spanish:** All basic language skills: listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing.
- **102–Second Semester Spanish:** Continuation of 101, or appropriate score on the placement exam.
- **203–Third Semester Spanish:** Intermediate level language review, Hispanic readings, culture and patterns of conversation.
- **204–Fourth Semester Spanish:** Second-semester intermediate level language review, extensive readings in literature, intensive written and oral activities.
  
- **223–Introduction to Hispanic Cultures:** Introduction to the issues which shape the national cultures and the cultural practices
- **224–Introduction to Hispanic Literatures:** An introduction to reading and analyzing literary works, with special emphasis on development of oral and written skills for the discussion of

literature. Concentration on methods of analyzing basic literary forms, conventions, genres and representative short texts in Spanish. Appropriate placement score.

- **226--Third Year Language Practice with Emphasis on Written Expression:** Intensive practice in reading and writing; emphasis on cultural topics. May be taken concurrently with 223 or 224. Appropriate placement score.
- **311--Advanced Language Practice:** Advanced language practice, including intensive writing and work in pertinent areas of grammar and stylistics. Appropriate placement score or Consent from instructor or Spanish 226.

## *Study Abroad*

Studying abroad is both a challenging and rewarding experience for students, and the Department strongly encourages its undergraduate students to participate. The UW-Madison offers the following programs:

- Increase your Spanish language proficiency as you learn about the heritage and cultural traditions of Mexico on this three-week winter program in Oaxaca.
- Experience both a modern and traditional Andean capital city and take a variety of university courses with Ecuadorian classmates in Quito.
- Take regular university courses in Santiago, a dynamic, cosmopolitan metropolis that serves as Chile's cultural, political, and economic center.
- Study in two unique and dramatically different Latin American countries, Ecuador and Chile, as a participant in the Comparative Year in Latin America.
- Travel to the ancient city of Granada, Spain, for your Spring semester abroad and receive personalized language instruction and experience the rich culture of the Andalucía region.
- Study in Seville, the capital of Andalucía for a semester or for an academic year.
- Study in Spain's capital, Madrid, or in the historic, nearby Alcalá de Henares.
- Study in the summer or fall semester in historic Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.
- Spend a semester or a year studying in Argentina's diverse capital city, Buenos Aires.

## *Contact*

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