

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

-- **MAJOR IN SPANISH** --

REQUIREMENTS:

The requirements for a Major in Spanish are **28 credits beyond Spanish 202**, including at least **one course at the 400 level** in each of the following areas: a) **language / linguistics** b) **literature**, c) **culture**. Study abroad and other transfer credits may apply toward the major, but a minimum of 14 credits must be taken at the University of Akron. You must also satisfy all university and college requirements, including:

- 42 credits of General Education courses
- 47 credits total of courses taken at the 300 or 400 level (including those taken for the major, but excluding workshops or General Education courses)

PLANNING YOUR STUDIES:

After completing Spanish 202 the following steps **MUST** be taken before taking further departmental offerings:

- **Sign up for an advisor in the Department of Modern Languages.** Your advising home base must be transferred from the College of Arts and Sciences
- **Register for Spanish 301** (Conversation), **Spanish 302** (Composition) and/or **Spanish 303** (Grammar). You may take these courses in any order, but you must have them all in place as prerequisites to other courses in the program.
- While working through the other 300-level courses, it is recommended that you take **Spanish 340** (Intro to Spanish and Spanish-American Literature), which is a prerequisite to the more advanced literature courses, Spanish 407 & 408.

Once you have an advisor in the department and have completed Span 301-303, TWO of the following must be completed prior to taking the culture and survey of literature courses. ALL THREE, however, are required for advanced courses in linguistics:

- **Spanish 401** Advanced Conversation
- **Spanish 402** Advanced Composition
- **Spanish 403** Advanced Grammar

The final tier of advanced courses includes any course with a number of 404 or higher, as well as Spanish 351 (Spanish for Professionals: Business). With the 401-402-403 sequence complete, you will be well prepared to take any **culture (431, 432, 433)** or **language / linguistics (404, 405, 406, 410)** course in this category. Note however, that **advanced literature courses (411-429)** require one of the two courses below to be taken as a prerequisite:

- **Spanish 407** Survey of Hispanic Literature: Spain
- **Spanish 408** Survey of Hispanic Literature: Spanish America

Careers in Spanish

Spanish majors often become teachers or language specialists for government agencies or businesses. Some work as translators or interpreters, while others become area specialists for companies with ties to Latin American or Iberian markets. Many choose to double major in international business, social work, nursing, or psychology as a way to augment professional skills with language and cultural studies. Still others pursue graduate work in literature, culture, linguistics, or teaching methods. Since almost any career you choose will involve either certification, graduate studies, a minor, or a second major, talk to your advisor as early as possible about your career plans. In order to attain the proficiency necessary for many jobs, it is highly recommended that you spend time studying or working in a Spanish-speaking environment. The Department has much information on work, volunteer, and study abroad programs which should be part of your undergraduate career plans.

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-- MINOR IN SPANISH --

Why get a Spanish minor?

For individuals seeking careers in business, government, education, or public service, the benefits of communicative abilities in Spanish and a cultural awareness of Spain and Latin America are innumerable. At 13% of the total United States population, Hispanic-Americans are the second-largest and fastest-growing ethnic minority group in the country. In border cities such as Miami, San Antonio, El Paso, Santa Fe, Corpus Christi, and Los Angeles, the Hispanic population approaches 50%, making these effectively bilingual areas. Mexico is the second-largest purchaser of American exports, and cities from Cleveland to Des Moines to New York and Chicago have significant communities where Spanish is the dominant language. As a result, there is a huge demand for teachers, translators, and other professionals who have a proficiency in Spanish language and Spanish-American culture. A minor in Spanish will take you beyond the basic proficiency you acquired in the 200-level courses and make you a more competitive candidate in today's skill-oriented job market.

Course Sequence:

The Spanish minor requires **12 credits beyond the second year's** Spanish 201 and 202 courses. **Spanish 301** (Conversation), **Spanish 302** (Composition), and **Spanish 303** (Grammar) must be taken. After completing these, you may choose from any of the following:

- Spanish 340 Intro to Spanish and Spanish-American Literature
- Spanish 351 Spanish for Professionals: Business (requires special permission from instructor)
- Spanish 401 Advanced Conversation
- Spanish 402 Advanced Composition
- Spanish 403 Advanced Grammar (requires 303 as prerequisite)

More advanced courses may be taken, but the necessary prerequisites will take you beyond the minimum required for the minor. See the reverse side for the prerequisite sequencing for advanced courses, and please feel free to make an appointment with one of the Spanish faculty for any advising questions you may have.

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