

SPANISH STUDIES MAJOR

Overview

The Spanish Studies Major is an individualized and interdisciplinary major that allows students to combine their Spanish-language interests with their interests in other fields covered by Fordham's extensive curriculum. Upon declaring the major, all Spanish Studies majors are required to meet with their assigned departmental Spanish Studies Major Advisor to consider three non-Spanish courses from Fordham's curriculum which will complement their seven Spanish courses.

This combination of coursework enables students to further enhance their fluency and correct grammar usage while providing the cross-cultural literacy and critical and analytical skills needed to pursue careers in the humanities, law, medicine, government, international relations, international business, education, and community-based initiatives today.

Requirements

The major consists of ten courses numbered SPAN 2001 Spanish Language and Literature and above. At least seven of the 10 courses for the major must be completed in Spanish.

The Spanish studies major will normally include:

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| SPAN 2001 | Spanish Language and Literature ¹ | 3 |
| or SPAN 2201 | Spanish Community Engaged Learning | |
| or SPAN 2301 | Spanish for Heritage Speakers | |
| SPAN 2500 | Approaches to Literature ² | 4 |
| SPAN 3001 | Spain: Literature and Culture Survey ³ | 4 |
| or SPAN 3002 | Latin America: Literature and Culture Survey | |
| Four upper-level Spanish electives ^{4,5} | | 12 |
| Three Spanish Studies electives ⁶ | | 16 |

¹ Students normally begin the major with one of these courses, and may only count one of them towards the major. Courses numbered lower than 2001 do not count toward the major. Heritage speakers of Spanish, who are initially placed in SPAN 2301 Spanish for Heritage Speakers, will fulfill the language core requirement with this course and will begin the Spanish studies major at this level.

² This course is the prerequisite for all courses numbered 3000 and above.

³ Neither course is a prerequisite for taking other 3000- or 4000-level Spanish electives.

⁴ Any course with the subject code SPAN numbered 3000-4999 (not otherwise counted in the major) may fulfill this requirement.

⁵ Students who place out of either SPAN 2001 or SPAN 2301 will replace them with an upper-level Spanish elective and will complete five upper-level Spanish electives (not four).

⁶ Any course with the subject code SPAN numbered 2302-4999 may fulfill this requirement, as may any course with the SPAN attribute code (see list below). Mindful of contextualization and the importance of interdisciplinarity, students are encouraged to take these courses outside of the SPAN subject code. Consultation with the major adviser regarding these three courses, and the possibility of making them part of a thematic or discipline-based track, is highly desirable.

Spanish Studies Electives

Courses in this group have the SPAN attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| ARHI 2257 | Modern Latin American Art | 4 |
| COLI 3407 | Foreignness & Translation: Multilingual Autobiography Writing in Contemp Latin-Am & Latino Lit | 4 |
| LALS 3407 | Foreignness & Translation: Multilingual Autobiography Writing in Contemp Latin-Am & Latino Lit | 4 |
| LALS 3840 | Latin America Through Film | 4 |
| LALS 4105 | Queer Caribbean and Its Diasporas | 4 |
| MLAL 3000 | Gender and Sexuality Studies | 4 |
| MLAL 3003 | Intercultural Theory | 4 |
| MLAL 3005 | Themes in Latina/o and Latin American Studies | 4 |
| MLAL 3110 | Anti-Racist Pedagogy | 4 |
| MLAL 3525 | Cultures of Sexual Dissidence in Latin America | 4 |
| MLAL 4100 | Speaking For/As the Other | 4 |

AP and IB Credit

All courses counting towards the core language requirement and the major or the minor in a modern foreign language, literature and culture must be taken for credit and a letter grade. When AP or IB credits are awarded as equivalent to the 1502 level in a language, these credits will be applied toward the core language requirement and, as elective credits, toward graduation, but they will not be applied toward the major or the minor in that language.

Study Abroad

A maximum of three courses taken abroad for one semester and a maximum of four courses taken abroad for one year may apply toward the Spanish studies major. These courses must be approved by the Spanish studies major adviser prior to studying abroad.

Honors

Students who exhibit exceptional potential and intellectual curiosity and have a minimum GPA of 3.67 in the major may choose to write a senior thesis for Honors in Spanish Studies. Students should consult their Spanish major adviser for advice and guidelines on this option early in their junior year.

Availability

The major in Spanish studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in Spanish studies only if they receive the approval of their advising dean and/or department, and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.