HISPANIC STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements for a Major in Hispanic Studies

Bachelor of Arts

The program for a major in Hispanic Studies consists of 10 courses of at least 3 hours beyond SPAN 211, planned in consultation with an adviser in the department. The core of the major, which includes courses in grammar, reading, and conversation, must be completed as soon as possible. All majors must take departmental assessment tests. Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. The capstone experience will be fulfilled in the junior or senior year. Heritage speakers and those whose initial language placements are higher than SPAN 215 may substitute any SPAN course for SPAN 212/SPAN 215 on the major; please consult with the department chair if you believe your language skills meet proficiency standards of the core requirements (language, reading, writing, etc.).

Code	Title	Hours
Language Core		
SPAN 212	Intermediate Spanish II	3
or SPAN 215	Intermediate Spanish Review	
SPAN 232	Advanced Grammar and Composition	3
SPAN 241	Reading in Spanish	3
or SPAN 242	Spanish for Social Justice	
SPAN 251	Conversation	3
or SPAN 255	Perfecting your Accent	
or SPAN 256	Spanish Service Learning: Latinos in the U.S.	
Advanced Spanish Language		
Complete two SPAN courses numbered higher than SPAN 256.		6
Electives		
Complete three courses from among the following: 1		9
HISP courses (at or above the 200-level)		
SPAN courses numbered higher than SPAN 256		
Capstone		
SPAN 401	Capstone (Literature)	3
Total Hours		30

At least one elective course (HISP or SPAN) must be taken at the 300-level.

Transfer and study abroad courses may also count in the above categories, as pre-approved by the department chair. Student teaching in Spanish or international internships in Spanish may be eligible to substitute for the capstone; contact the department chair for details and additional expectations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE PREK-12 ENDORSEMENT IN EDUCATION

To meet the Virginia Department of Education's competency requirements, Spanish-Education students must complete the Education minor, maintain at least a 2.80 major GPA, and complete the following courses while completing their major requirements. In completing the major, education students must include the following:

- LANG 349
- SPAN 232
- SPAN 241
- SPAN 255
- One of the following courses in Spanish civilization: SPAN 371, SPAN 373, or HISP 372.
- A semester abroad or complete a comparable program, as determined in consultation with the department chair.