

# Spanish Studies Major

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## About

Spanish is the language that the majority of students in the United States (and in Villanova) chooses to study at the present time for very good reasons: It is the second major language spoken in the world (after Mandarin) and it is the second language spoken in the United States. Therefore it will be very useful and advantageous to know Spanish in any career path that students may choose. Approximately 800 students take Spanish undergraduate courses every semester at Villanova. Students are encouraged to spend summers and semesters abroad in Spain and Central and South America, to obtain a greater proficiency in the language.

**Program:** [Spanish Studies](#)

**Type:** Bachelor of Arts

## PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

### Required Major Courses (30 credits)

The influence of Spanish crosses centuries as well as geographic boundaries. It is a dynamic and exciting language used in diverse parts of the world, such as: Central, South, North America, the Caribbean and Spain. Spanish and its different cultures are taught at Villanova in interdisciplinary courses, in the Liberal Arts Program, Cultural Studies program, and in courses that were designed in response to these developments. The classes provide students with a thorough grounding in the history, politics, cultural production (literatures, film, theater), linguistics, post-colonial experiences, and development of the Hispanic world.

#### *Program Notes:*

- Students are required to take ten Spanish courses (30 credits) above the Intermediate level (1122), including the mandatory courses listed below.
  - SPA 1131 and 1132 (Conversation and Composition I & II) are prerequisites for many of the courses required for the major (for those students who do not place above them) and, if taken, would could towards the required courses for the Major.
- One RLL course taught in English with SPA attribute may be accepted for the major.
- Students may obtain up to 6 credits through the Villanova summer program in Cádiz (Spain) or the Spanish Language and Indigenous Sustainability program in Merida (Yucatan, Mexico).

Course	Title	Credits
	SPA 1138 or SPA 1140	3
	SPA 2220 or SPA 2221	3
SPA 3970	Research Seminar	3
	Spanish Electives for B.A.	21

## Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

## Free Elective Requirement (48 credits)

Students with a Spanish Studies primary major have forty-eight (48) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 30 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 48 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Spanish Studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

## Category Descriptions

### SPA 1138 or SPA 1140

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
SPA 1138	Advanced Spanish	3
SPA 1140	Writing & Stylistics in Span.	3

## SPA 2220 or SPA 2221

Credits: 3

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SPA 2220	Literature & Culture of Spain	3
SPA 2221	Lit. & Cult. of Latin America	3

## Spanish Electives for B.A.

Credits: 21

Select 7 Classes of 3 or more credits from SPA 1123:9999 (21 cr)

- (Maximum of one class with subject RLL and Attribute SPA).

## Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)

Credits: 3

Students must take one course in either Mathematics or Statistics. Any course offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics fulfills the Core Curriculum requirement. Certain courses offered by other departments (e.g., Computer Science and Philosophy) also fulfill the requirement. These courses are designated by the Mathematics A & S Core attribute.

## Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.