Key Features of a Spanish Major

- Study and explore one of the world's great languages of commerce and diplomacy.
- Enhance your opportunities for getting certain types of jobs, especially those with an international focus.
- Work with specialists in Spanish language, culture and literature from the Early Modern period to the present.
- Choose to focus in one of two Spanish areas: Spanish Language, Culture, and Literature, or Spanish International Business.
- Graduate with the awareness of the international opportunities that await you, including further specialized studies in literature, language, and culture, or opportunities in other fields such as education, public service, business, law, environmental policies, social services, medicine or the arts.

Career Options and Salaries with a Spanish Major

As the world gets “smaller”, the need for people with language skills grows. Many people who major or double-major in a second language find careers as interpreters, translators or educators specializing in language. Interpreters and translators are needed in many different fields, including healthcare, law, tourism, international business, education, etc. Various branches of the Federal Government also employ those with language skills.

- Language specialists working for the Federal Government earned an average of $79,865 annual, as of May 2008.
- In May 2014, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of $54,150 - $56,310.
- In May 2014, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of $43,590.
- In May 2014, postsecondary foreign language and literature teachers earned a mean annual wage of $59,490.


Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the University Career Center & The President’s Promise: [Languages](#)
Advising

If you are considering a major in Spanish, you can easily meet with the advisor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to answer any questions you may have. Advisor office hours are posted in Jiménez 1106.

- Fabián Faccio
- 2211 Jiménez Hall
- Phone: (301) 405-6556
- Email: fabian@umd.edu

Declaring a Spanish Major

*Spanish is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*  

When you declare your major in Spanish, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU), which houses the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. There are two levels in your process of declaring and then later in advising: the department (Spanish and Portuguese) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your CORE or GenEd requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

Before declaring a Spanish major, you should familiarize yourself with the requirements and the focus areas within the major for undergraduates. You may do this by browsing the departmental website [http://sllc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate](http://sllc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate). Once you have decided that a Spanish major is right for you, take the following steps:

1) Meet with the Undergraduate Advisor (Fabián Faccio). You may set up an appointment by calling the number listed above. During this meeting, you will create a 4-Year Plan and a Spanish Advising Worksheet.

2) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Test](#) (FLPT must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students’ majors will not be changed until they have an FLPT score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.

3) You will then submit a “College of Arts & Humanities Change of Major Form.” This is presented to the ARHU Office of Student Affairs, along with your 4-Year Plan, in 1120 Francis Scott Key Hall (301-405-2108). You will either meet with an advisor then or make an appointment for a later meeting. **Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four-Year Plan worksheet.**

4) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.
# Spanish - Professional Contexts Four Year Academic Plan

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Four Year Plans (CORE)
Language and Culture in Professional Contexts
Literature and Culture
Linguistics and Culture

SPAN: B.A. in Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures - Language and Culture in Professional Contexts

YEAR 1

Semester 1
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE (eg. MA)
ENGL 101 (A/H/U/S or X)
UNIV 100 or 101
CORE (eg. SH or SB)

Semester 2
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE (eg. Lab - LL or PL)
CORE (eg. 1M or second 1M)
MATH 110/111/114/120/STAT 100
CORE (eg. Diversity)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:
MAJOR: SPAN 203

YEAR 2

Semester 3
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE (eg. Non-lab Science - L1/PS/MS)
CORE (HF) or Elective (1xx-4xx)
CORE (eg. SH or second 35)

Semester 4
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE (eg. Non-lab Science - L5/PS)
CORE (eg. HL)

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:
CORE: seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses
MAJOR: SPAN 301

YEAR 3

Semester 5
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE Advanced Studies (61)

Semester 6
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
Professional Writing (ENGL 101/103/105/106/105/106)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

YEAR 4

Semester 7
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
CORE Advanced Studies (62)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

Semester 8
CORE/ARHU ELECTIVES
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR: SPAN 402
Supporting Area (1xx-4xx)
SPAN : B.A. in Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures – Literature and Culture

**YEAR 1**

Semester 1
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE (e.g. HA)
  - ENGL 102 (A/H/US or X)
  - UNIV 100 or 101
  - CORE (e.g. SH or IS)

Semester 2
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE (e.g. Lab - H/S or PL)
  - CORE (e.g. SH or sec of SH)
  - MATH 110/110X, 115/115X, 120, STAT 100
  - CORE (e.g. Diversity)

**1st YEAR Benchmarks**
- MAJOR: SPAN 103

**YEAR 2**

Semester 3
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE (e.g. Mon Lab Science - 1/3/3/3)
  - CORE (HC) or Elective (1mu-4mos)
  - CORE (e.g. SH or sec of SH)

Semester 4
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE (e.g. Mon Lab Science - 1/3/3/3)
  - CORE (e.g. ML)

**2nd YEAR Benchmarks**
- Core (e.g. 1 course in each of three (3) Distributive Studies courses)
  - MAJOR: SPAN 101

**YEAR 3**

Semester 5
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE Advanced Studies (64)

Semester 6
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - Professional Writing (ENGL 190/191/192/193
  - Elective (1mu-4mos)
  - Elective (1mu-4mos)

**YEAR 4**

Semester 7
- CORE/AR/HU/ELECTIVES
  - CORE Advanced Studies (64)
  - Elective (100-400X)

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  - CORE Advanced Studies (64)
  - Elective (100-400X)

MAJOR
- SPAN 412 or 111
- SPAN 101 or 102
- SPAN 315 or 116
- SPAN 316 or 101
- SPAN 310

MAJOR
- SPAN 410 or 111
- SPAN 312 or 102

MAJOR
- SPAN 311 or 103
- SPAN 4xxx (Spanish or Latin American Literature and Culture)
- SPAN 4xxx (Spanish or Latin American Literature and Culture)
SPAN: B.A. in Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures – Linguistics and Culture

YEAR 1

Semester 1
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE (e.g., HA)
ENGL101 (AH/U/3 or X)
UNIV100 or 102
CORE (e.g., PHI or PHI)

Semester 2
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE (e.g., Lab – LL or FL)
CORE (e.g., HI or electives 78)
MATH MATH 114A/B/220/221/115/120
CORE (e.g., Diversity)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:
MAJOR: SPAN101

YEAR 2

Semester 3
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE (e.g., Non Life Science – 115/201)
CORE (HI) or Elective (120-400)
CORE (e.g., HI or electives 72)

Semester 4
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE (e.g., Non Lab Science – 115/73)
CORE (e.g., HL)

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:
CORE: Seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses
MAJOR: SPAN 101

YEAR 3

Semester 5
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE Advanced studies (81)

Semester 6
CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
Professional Writing (BNSH 190/191/192/193/194/195/199)
Elective (120-400)
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YEAR 4

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CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES
CORE Advanced studies (82)
Elective (120-400)

MAJOR
SPAN 100
SPAN 110
SPAN 400 (Spanish or Latin American Literature and Culture)
Q & A

Is there a Minor in Spanish?
Yes, for more information, please see the website: http://sllc.umd.edu/spanish/undergraduate/minor. Additional questions can be answered by the Spanish Advisor (see contact information listed above).

Is it possible to double major in Spanish?
Yes. Here is what the Spanish and Portuguese Department explains:
“A student may wish to fulfill the major requirements in two chosen fields. If the two majors do not belong to the same College, the requirements of both Colleges must be met. The courses for the other major will fulfill the Spanish Supporting Courses requirement. A double major may be earned with completion of all requirements and a total of 120 credits. A double degree may be awarded with completion of all requirements and a total of 150 credits. The student must decide on a primary and a secondary major. Academic decisions for each student are made by the primary College.”

Where can I find more information about earning a teaching certificate in addition to my Spanish major?
According to the Spanish Department website, “Students may combine the Spanish Linguistics Option with a second major in Foreign Language Education to earn teacher certification. Students must take the California Achievement Test to become eligible for admission to the College of Education. Information and Declaration of Major Forms can be found in room 1210 of the Benjamin Building. A graduate program in Education for teacher certification is available to students who receive a B.A. in Spanish from our Department.”

What if I am interested in specializing in more than one romance language? Is there a way to do this besides doing a double major?
Yes. Please see information on the “Romance Languages Program,” which is offered jointly by the Department of French and Italian and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
http://sllc.umd.edu/roml

Can I also study Portuguese? Or, can I get a minor in Portuguese instead of Spanish?
Yes. Please see the website of the Portuguese program for more information:
http://sllc.umd.edu/spanish