



Majoring or Minorin in Spanish at WMU

2025-26 Catalog

MINOR IN SPANISH

Up to 8 retroactive credits for SPAN 2000 or 2010 may be applied to a minor.

See: <https://wmich.edu/spanish/retroactive>

<i>Liberal Education Curriculum("Non-teaching ")</i> 23 hours beyond the 1000-level*	
Intermediate Spanish I (2000)	4 hours
Intermediate Spanish II (2010)	4 hours
Spanish Composition (3160)	3 hours
Spanish Conversation (3170)	3 hours
9 hours @ 3000-level or above, preferably 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240, or 3250	9 hours

**Note: SPAN 5580 cannot be included in this minor.*

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

MAJOR IN SPANISH

Up to 8 retroactive credits for SPAN 2000 & 2010 may be awarded but these credits do not count toward a major.

B.A. in Spanish 30 hours beyond the 2000-level		Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary Education (MAT-SE)	
Spanish Composition (3160)	3 hours	B.A. in Spanish required (see left side)	
Spanish Conversation (3170)	3 hours	Meet oral proficiency standards (OPic). Required prior to application to MAT-SE See www.wmich.edu/spanish/oral-proficiency	
		Highly recommended courses during B.A. ↓	
3 hours from 3210, 3220, or 3230	3 hours	Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition (4520)	3 hours
Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (3240)	3 hours	Advanced Conversation (4530 or 4550)	3 hours
Introduction to Spanish Literature (3250)	3 hours	Spanish Phonetics (4540)	3 hours
3 hours from 5260, 5270, 5280, 5290, 5400, or 5600	3 hours	Spanish course at the post-graduate level ↓	
Plus 4 additional SPAN courses @ 3000-level or above, 3 of which must be @ 4000- or 5000-level*	12 hours	Modern Language Instruction (SPAN 6580) (After ED 5450 Curriculum & Assessment in Secondary Ed)	3 hours
<i>*Note: SPAN 5580 cannot be included in this major. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.</i>		Pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Spanish. Recommended upon completion of MAT-SE	

ARTS & SCIENCES BACCALAUREATE-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT	SPAN 3700 (any topic). It does not apply towards the hours required for a Spanish major or minor. It may be fulfilled in another major.
STUDY-ABROAD OPTIONS	Summer I (Quito, Ecuador): OPTION 1: SPAN 2010 & 3160 (7 cr.) OPTION 2: SPAN 3160 & 3170 (6 cr.)
	Summer II (Santander, Spain): 9 cr. @ 3000-level or above ¹
	Fall (Burgos, Spain): 12 cr. @ 3000-level or above ¹
	Spring (Heredia, Costa Rica): 12 cr. @ 3000-level or above ¹

¹ Must have completed SPAN 3160 & 3170 prior to departure

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These major/minor requirements are valid for students enrolled under the 2024-25 WMU Undergraduate Catalog.

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Course Offerings in Spanish

Note: All courses below may not be applicable to a major or minor in Spanish. See front page for major/minor requirements.

Course Title	Course No.	Cr.	Prerequisites/Comments
Basic Spanish I	SPAN 1000	4	No prerequisites. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Basic Spanish II	SPAN 1010	4	SPAN 1000 or equivalent. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Intermediate Spanish I	SPAN 2000	4	SPAN 1010 or equivalent. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Intermediate Spanish II	SPAN 2010	4	SPAN 2000 or equivalent. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Spanish for Heritage Speakers	SPAN 3080	3	Advisor approval. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Spanish Composition	SPAN 3160	3	SPAN 2010 or equivalent. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Spanish Conversation	SPAN3170	3	SPAN 2010 or equivalent. Satisfies WES II-World Lang & Cult
Spanish for the Professions	SPAN 3180	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170
Spanish for the Health Care Professions	SPAN 3180- MED	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170
Life & Culture of Hispanics in U.S.	SPAN 3210	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES II-Societies & Cultures ¹
Life & Culture of Spain	SPAN3220	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES III-Global Perspectives ¹
Life & Culture of Span-America	SPAN3230	3	SPAN3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES III-Global Perspectives ¹
Intro. to Spanish Linguistics	SPAN3240	3	SPAN3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES II-Science & Technology
Intro. to Spanish Literature	SPAN 3250	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES II-Artistic Theory & Prac.
Span Literature in Eng Translation	SPAN 3700	3	Satisfies Arts & Sciences baccalaureate-level writing requirement
Studies in Hispanic Culture	SPAN 4100	3	SPAN 3160, 3170 plus two 3000-level courses; repeatable for cr.
Span Study Abroad: Global Perspectives	SPAN 4200	3	SPAN 3160 & 3170. Satisfies WES III-Global Perspectives ¹
Spanish with Internship or Service	SPAN 4400	2-3	Min. 15 hrs of SPAN courses @ 3000-level or above; Instructor approval
Advanced Span. Grammar & Composition	SPAN 4520	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & one additional 3000-level course
Advanced Spanish Conversation	SPAN 4530	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & one additional 3000-level course
Spanish Phonetics	SPAN 4540	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & one additional 3000-level course
Span. Conversation for the Professions	SPAN 4550	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & one additional 3000-level course
Foreign Study - Non WMU Program	SPAN 4760	1-16	Departmental approval
Foreign Study	SPAN 4770	1-16	Departmental approval
Survey Span. Lit. - 18th Century	SPAN 5260	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3250
Survey Span. Lit. 18th Cent - Present	SPAN 5270	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3250
Survey Span. Am. Lit. to Modernism	SPAN 5280	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3250
Survey Span. Am. Lit. Modernism-Pres	SPAN 5290	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3250
Studies in Spanish Linguistics	SPAN5400	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3240 ; Repeatable for credit
Modern Language Instruction I	SPAN 5570	3	1 semester abroad in Span-speaking country or Adv. Low on OPI; GPA 3.0 in SPAN. Instructor approval
Modern Language Instruction II	SPAN 5580	3	Minimum of 5 SPAN classes, including SPAN 3160, 3170, & 5570 (which may be taken concurrently)
Studies in Spanish Literature	SPAN 5600	3	SPAN 3160, 3170, & 3250; Repeatable for credit

The following courses are offered in English and can only be counted toward the SPAN major/minor by heritage speakers:

Amerindian Langs. and Cultures	HISP 1240	3	Satisfies WES I-Inquiry and Engagement
Hispanic Culture in the U.S.	HISP 2650	3	Satisfies WES II-Societies & Cultures ¹
Latino Writing/Latino Culture	HISP 2750	3	Satisfies WES II-Societies & Cultures ¹
Contemporary Latin America	HISP 3390	3	Satisfies WES II-Artistic Theory & Practice

¹ These courses also satisfy the university-wide **Diversity and Inclusion** student learning outcome.

An **online placement exam** is required for new students who have taken high school Spanish. It helps students determine which WMU Spanish course is appropriate for their level of preparedness. This online exam can only be taken once, must be taken before beginning Spanish classes at WMU, it cannot be used to satisfy any foreign language requirement, nor are any credits awarded on the basis of the exam; www.wmich.edu/spanish/onlineplacement.

A **monitored proficiency exam or test-out exam** is offered for exceptional students who have ample experience with the Spanish language and are able to place out of the foreign language requirement. Students must take the test-out exam before beginning Spanish classes at WMU; <https://wmich.edu/spanish/test-out>.

For information on **retroactive credits**, visit: www.wmich.edu/spanish/retroactive.

ADVISING: Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor regularly: www.wmich.edu/spanish/advising