

# SPANISH, B.A.

Students who major in Spanish at Saint Louis University gain a necessary asset in an increasingly globalized, complex world. Mastering Spanish as the demand for bilingual workers in the U.S. continues to rise gives graduates a competitive edge in education, health care, business, international relationships, government, cultural studies, social work and law enforcement. It also broadens one's horizons by increasing cultural awareness and global contacts.

## Program Highlights

- The Spanish major at Saint Louis University prepares students for careers requiring Spanish proficiency or for graduate work in Spanish.
- With the help of a team of dedicated, experienced faculty members, instructors and mentors, Spanish majors focus on refining their language skills in Spanish, exploring the Hispanic cultural legacy through literature, linguistics and culture, gaining familiarity with Spanish within professional contexts (such as health care), and increasing their cultural and social sensitivity. Students are encouraged to study abroad; one option is SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain. (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>)
- In the United States, Spanish has been present for more than five centuries, and it is currently the second most used language, spoken at home by more than 50 million people. Spanish is spoken worldwide by more than 460 million native speakers on four continents and in 21 countries. It is the third most used language on the internet, one of the six official languages of the United Nations — along with Arabic, French, English, Mandarin and Russian — and one of the official languages of the European Union. By 2030, Spanish speakers will make up 7.5% of the world's population.
- Based on the growth of the Hispanic population and the increase of Spanish speakers worldwide, bilingual English/Spanish ability and cross-cultural understanding are valued assets within all fields but especially so within the business world, health care fields, government, education, cultural as well as international studies, social work, and law enforcement. In addition, it is reported the need for foreign language teachers will increase 20% over the next 10 years in the U.S.

## Curriculum Overview

Spanish majors at Saint Louis University achieve oral and written proficiency in the language while taking courses in literature, culture, linguistics and Spanish for the Professions. A diverse curriculum that focuses on literary, cultural and linguistic analyses provides students with an informed understanding and a critical perspective of main issues in Hispanic societies. Thus, when graduating, a Spanish major at SLU may have taken some of the following courses:

- Advanced Spanish Grammar
- Spanish Sociolinguistics
- Spanish for the Health Professions
- English-Spanish in Translation
- The African Experience in Latin America
- Latin American Film
- Don Quixote
- Spanish Jewry in Spain and in the Diaspora
- Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics

In addition to coursework in the classroom, Spanish majors at SLU are encouraged to participate in service projects and social activities that help develop cultural awareness and social conscience. Thus, students are invited to be part of the SLU Spanish Club and to participate in service projects as well as social activities such as movie nights, cultural talks, service workshops, dinners and parties. An additional highlight is the Annual Symposium, an intellectual forum that provides students with opportunities to share their research while offering insights into their academic career.

## Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

At SLU's Language Resource Center, all students have access to a wide range of multimedia technology designed to enhance the development of language and cultural proficiency. These include live satellite transmissions with news broadcasts; interactive video, film and multimedia; and various computer programs.

The program encourages all students majoring in Spanish to spend one year at SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>). Besides the traditional courses in Spanish language, culture, and literature, students at the Madrid campus may select from various offerings in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Many courses are taught in English as well. This experience abroad has proven to be an invaluable asset in competing for career opportunities.

## Careers

A major in Spanish, complemented by a second major, uniquely qualifies students to compete and advance in many careers. Spanish graduates can develop career paths successfully in:

- Education
- Medicine and health sciences
- Business
- Law
- Government work; politics
- Social work; non-governmental organizations
- Foreign service
- Scientific research
- Translation and interpreting

## Admission Requirements

### Begin Your Application (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

### Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

### Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	\$52,260

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2022, 99% of first-time freshmen and 90% of all

students received financial aid (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>) and students received more than \$445 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by December 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit [www.slu.edu/financial-aid](https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid) (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to articulate complex ideas and have meaningful interactions in Spanish, both orally and in writing.
2. Graduates will be able to interpret texts and artifacts produced in Spanish.
3. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the diversity of the Spanish language, cultures, and Hispanic populations.
4. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the role of Spanish as a major world language with a relevant cultural legacy.
5. Graduates will be able to engage with Spanish-speaking cultures. They will be able to explain similarities and differences between cultures.

Requirements

Spanish students complete **33 credits** for the major regardless of whether they start at SPAN 2010 ([https://catalog.slu.edu/search/?P=SPAN %202010](https://catalog.slu.edu/search/?P=SPAN%202010)) Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish I or later.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>University Undergraduate Core</b> ( <a href="https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/">https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/</a> )		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Skills-Expanding Courses</i>		
SPAN 2010	Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPAN 3010	Written Communication	3
SPAN 3020	Eloquent Communication in Spanish	3
<i>3000-Level Spanish Elective Courses</i>		6
Select no more than two 3000 level courses beyond SPAN 3020:		
SPAN 3030	Refining Spanish Expression: Grammar & Composition	
SPAN 3040	In Conversation with the Hispanic World	
SPAN 3100	Spanish Pronunciation	
SPAN 3150	Introduction to Medical Spanish	
SPAN 3360	Race, Gender, Class and Social Justice in Latin America	
<i>4000-Level Spanish Elective Courses</i>		18
Select the number of courses needed to complete 33 credits from the following:		
SPAN 4000	Advanced Spanish Grammar	
SPAN 4030	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	
SPAN 4050	Span Phonetics & Phonology	
SPAN 4060	History of the Spanish Language	
SPAN 4070	Spanish in the United States of America	
SPAN 4090	Spanish Sociolinguistics	
SPAN 4130	Second Language Acquisition	

SPAN 4150	Spanish for the Health Professions
SPAN 4160	Business & Prof Spanish
SPAN 4170	English-Spanish in Translation
SPAN 4200	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures
SPAN 4220	Soccer and Society in the Spanish-Speaking World
SPAN 4240	Short Stories: History, Histories. Deciphering Latin-American Societies and Cultures
SPAN 4260	Latin American 'Modernism'
SPAN 4270	Contemporary Latin American Poetry
SPAN 4280	Early Latin American Novel
SPAN 4290	Contemporary Latin American Novel
SPAN 4310	Contemporary Latin-Am Drama
SPAN 4320	The African Experience in Spanish America
SPAN 4330	Latin Am Novel after 1970
SPAN 4340	Identities of the Other in 19th-c. Latin American Narrative
SPAN 4350	Latin American Testimony
SPAN 4360	Women's Literature in Latin America
SPAN 4370	Latin American Film
SPAN 4380	Cultural Stereotypes: Latin Am
SPAN 4390	Contemporary Spanish Women Writers
SPAN 4400	Strangers in a Familiar Land: Displacements in Latin America
SPAN 4510	Contemporary Latino Literature
SPAN 4521	The Kingdom of Brevity: Spanish and Spanish-American Short-Short Stories
SPAN 4560	Don Quixote
SPAN 4571	People and Things Out of Place: Transnational Border Crossings in 21st-Century Hispanic Cinema
SPAN 4590	Spanish Jewry in Spain and in the Diaspora
SPAN 4630	Narrative of the Spanish Civil War
SPAN 4660	Generation of 98
SPAN 4680	Contemporary Spanish Short Story
SPAN 4700	20th Century Spanish Poetry
SPAN 4710	20th Century Spanish Novel
SPAN 4720	Twentieth Century Spanish Drama
SPAN 4740	Peninsular Spanish Poetry 1965-present
SPAN 4750	Spanish Novel After 1970
SPAN 4760	Spanish Literature and Film
SPAN 4770	Spanish Women Poets
SPAN 4790	Spanish Culture & Civilization
SPAN 4820	The short story in medieval Spain: fear, education and humor
SPAN 4830	Spanish Medieval Masterpieces
SPAN 4840	Love in the Middle Ages
SPAN 4850	Don Quixote and the Books that Drove Him Mad
<b>General Electives</b>	
<b>52-55</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>	
<b>120</b>	

## Non-Course Requirements

No more than two SPAN courses conducted in English will be counted towards the major in Spanish.

## Continuation Standards

All courses for the Spanish major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
- Complete the University Undergraduate Core curriculum requirements.
- Complete major requirements: minimum of 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate and/or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s), and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete department-/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 2010	Some students may begin at SPAN 1200 or at SPAN 3010 depending on their proficiency level.	3
Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish I		
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar (Ignite Seminars Taught by Spanish Faculty are: CORE 1000: You are what you Speak (St Louis); CORE 1000 Spanglish: What is it? (Madrid).)	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3

General Electives		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 3010	Written Communication	3
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
CORE 3200	Ways of Thinking: Quantitative Reasoning	3
General Electives		6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 3020	Eloquent Communication in Spanish (SPAN 3020 counts as Core 1200 and should be taken in your first 60 credit hours at SLU. )	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
General Electives		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 3030	Refining Spanish Expression: Grammar & Composition (This course satisfies Intensive Writing; it is offered every semester.)	3
SPAN 3XXX Elective	Students take two Spanish 3000-level courses beyond SPAN 3020 in any order, concurrently or separately.	3
General Electives		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 4200	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures (SPAN 4200 counts as Core 3400 Ways of thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture. SPAN 4200 is a pre-requisite for other literature courses.)	3
SPAN 4030	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (SPAN 4030 counts as Core 3600 Ways of thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
Equity and Global Identity: Global Interdependence	Ask your Spanish Mentor for courses that satisfy Global Interdependence.	3
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	3
General Electives		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 4000-level elective	Students choose to take courses in a variety of areas. Mentors in the Spanish program help students build a comprehensive course sequence from early on.	6
Equity and Global Identity: Identities in Context	SPAN 4790 satisfies Identities in Context.	3
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1

General Electives		5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 4000-level elective		3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry (SPAN 4150 satisfies Collaborative Inquiry.)	2-3
Reflection in Action	SPAN 4150 satisfies Reflection in Action.	3
Equity and Global Identity: Dignity, Ethics, and a Just Society	SPAN 4150 satisfies Dignity, Ethics, and a Just Society.	3
General Electives		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 4000-level elective		3
General Electives		12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120-122</b>

## Program Notes

This roadmap is an example of what a four-year plan could look like for a typical student. Advanced Placement exam scores, 1818 credit and transfer credit may change the roadmap. Also, the sequence of courses may vary according to the student's interests, goals and previous experience with the language and individual preferences.

This roadmap should not be used in place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor and program mentors each semester. Faculty mentors in the Spanish program help majors make the most out of their learning experience.

Students have several options to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country, including SLU's own campus in Madrid, Spain (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

All requirements are subject to change.

## Madrid

Willing to experience Spanish life and culture firsthand? Wanting to put your language skills into practice outside the classroom? You can complete all or part of the Spanish major at SLU's campus in Madrid. You may also choose to take many of your general degree requirements — such as psychology, history and theology — in Spanish.

Learn More (<http://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/spanish.php>)