

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS CHART** <http://www.swarthmore.edu/spanish/academic-program>

	Course Major in Spanish	Course Minor in Spanish
	Total: 8.5 credits — 8.5 credits numbered above 008	Total: 5 credits — 5 credits numbered above 008
Language Prerequisite and Acceptance Criteria	— <u>SPAN 004</u> or its equivalent. It does not count as one of the 8.5 credits required for the major. — A minimum of “B” level work in courses taken at Swarthmore taught in Spanish, demonstrated ability and interest in language and literature, and a minimum “C” average in course work outside the Department.	— <u>SPAN 004</u> or its equivalent. It does not count as one of the 5 credits required for the minor. — A minimum of “B” level work in courses taken at Swarthmore taught in Spanish, demonstrated ability and interest in language and literature, and a minimum “C” average in course work outside the Department.
Introductory Requirement	<u>SPAN 022</u> or <u>023</u> , except in special cases when the department waives this requirement or approves a similar course taken abroad.	<u>SPAN 022</u> or <u>023</u> , except in special cases when the department waives this requirement or approves a similar course taken abroad.
Writing Courses	<i>Only one of the following courses may count toward the 8.5 credits:</i> — <u>SPAN 008</u> : Spanish Conversation and Composition — <u>SPAN 012</u> : Imágenes y contextos hispánicos	<i>Only one of the following courses may count toward the 5 credits:</i> — <u>SPAN 008</u> : Spanish Conversation and Composition — <u>SPAN 012</u> : Imágenes y contextos hispánicos
Study Abroad Requirement	— Recommended: students should take a content writing course (SPAN 008, 012, 022, 023) prior to going abroad. — 1 semester/summer abroad in a Spanish speaking country in a program approved by the Spanish department. Only 2 courses taken abroad may count toward the 8.5-credit requirement. (For summer programs, only 1 relevant course taken abroad may count towards fulfillment of the major.) — Exceptions to the study abroad requirement: https://www.swarthmore.edu/spanish/course-major	— Recommended: students should take a content writing course (SPAN 008, 012, 022, 023) prior to going abroad. — 1 semester/summer abroad in a Spanish speaking country in a program approved by the Spanish department. Only 2 courses taken abroad may count toward the 5-credit requirement. (For summer programs, only 1 relevant course taken abroad may count towards fulfillment of the minor.) — Exceptions to the study abroad requirement: https://www.swarthmore.edu/spanish/course-minor
Special Notes	— One of the eight credits may be taken in English from the courses listed in the catalog under “Spanish Courses Taught in English” (LITR.S). — All majors are encouraged to take at least 1 seminar in the department. Only one seminar in the major will count for two credits. — Students can take a seminar after one advanced course (numbered 040 to 089) or with permission of the instructor. — A minimum of 4 of the eight courses must be taken at Swarthmore College. — Majors must maintain a balance in their overall program, taking advanced work in different historical periods from Spain and Latin America.	— Courses taught in English will not count towards fulfillment of the minor. — All minors are encouraged to take seminars offered by the Spanish department. Seminars count as one credit toward the minor. — To graduate with a minor in Spanish, a student must maintain a minimum grade of B in the discipline, and a C average in course work outside the department.
Culminating Exercise / Final Exam	— The Spanish Final Exam has oral and written components, both entirely in Spanish. — In the spring semester of their senior year, Spanish majors will register in <u>SPAN 097</u> (0.5 credits) to prepare their Spanish final paper, and prepare for their oral examination.	— N/A

Additional Notes:

1. All students are welcome and encouraged to speak with a Spanish faculty member. Doing advance planning is essential, Spanish faculty will help first- and second-year students select the most appropriate courses, offer advise on how to solve scheduling conflicts, and explore the many options and opportunities available to pursue a Spanish minor/major.

2. This chart summarizes the Spanish academic requirements. Please, read the full description of the requirements in the college bulletin and/or the Department of Spanish's [website](#).
3. Students should meet with a Spanish faculty member to discuss their study abroad plans, and find the program that best suits their academic needs and interests. Students can choose from a wide range of destinations in Latin America and Spain from the Spanish [list of approved programs](#).
4. Note that AP and IB credits will not count towards the major/minor.

Learning Goals for the Spanish Major and Minor

- **Linguistic Competence.** Students will achieve an advanced level of communication in Spanish using a variety of linguistic registers, acquiring a more idiomatic use of the language, and writing accurately and effectively in academic Spanish.
- **Critical Thinking.** Students will develop analytical skills to interpret and appreciate different texts including literature, media and visual arts, and other cultural practices, using various critical and theoretical approaches.
- **Content Knowledge.** Students will acquire knowledge of a range of literary movements and historical periods from Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Hispanic Caribbean, as well as those of Latino/a communities in the United States.
- **Cultural Awareness.** Students will gain an informed appreciation of the complex and diverse cultural, political, and socio-historical processes that shape the Spanish-speaking world.