### Course Major in Spanish

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**Language Prerequisite and Acceptance Criteria**

- **SPAN 004** 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.

**Introductory Requirement**

- **SPAN 022** or **023**, except in special cases when the department waives this requirement or approves a similar course taken abroad.

**Writing Courses**

- Only one of the following courses may count toward the 8.5 credits:
  - **SPAN 008**: Spanish Conversation and Composition
  - **SPAN 012**: 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](https://www.swarthmore.edu/spanish/course)

**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.
- 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.

**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 **SPAN 097** (0.5 credits) to prepare their Spanish final paper, and prepare for their oral examination.

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**Language Prerequisite and Acceptance Criteria**

- **SPAN 004** 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**

- **SPAN 022** or **023**, except in special cases when the department waives this requirement or approves a similar course taken abroad.

**Writing Courses**

- Only one of the following courses may count toward the 5 credits:
  - **SPAN 008**: Spanish Conversation and Composition
  - **SPAN 012**: 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 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](https://www.swarthmore.edu/spanish/course)

**Special Notes**

- 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**

- 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.

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