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NEWS, LECTURES, EVENTS

Consult the **Spanish & Portuguese Department Website:**
span-port.yale.edu

OTHER RESOURCES

Whitney Humanities Center:
<https://whc.yale.edu/>

Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies:
<https://clais.macmillan.yale.edu/>

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE CONVERSATION TABLES

See departmental website

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Exploring the Spanish Program at Yale
Fall 2020-Spring 2021



The Spanish Major

The major in Spanish is a liberal arts major that offers a wide range of courses in the language, literatures, and cultures of the twenty Spanish-speaking countries in Europe and Latin America. Today Spanish is the second language of the United States, one of the three most widely spoken languages in the world, and one of the five diplomatic languages of the United Nations.

The program in Spanish provides students with the opportunity to acquire thorough linguistic proficiency as well as in-depth knowledge of both cultural and literary topics. The Spanish major opens up a world of literature, history, art, philosophy and cultural studies, and is an excellent preparation for careers in diplomacy, law, medicine, business, the arts, academics, journalism, and education. Students interested in majoring in Spanish, or in a double major in Spanish and another field, should consult with the DUS about a specialized course of study.

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Yale is known not only for its academic rigor but also for its plurality of critical and theoretical approaches to the study of Peninsular and Latin American literatures. It boasts a world-renowned faculty whose research is considered among some of the most important being done in Hispanic literary studies today.

*For information on the major in Portuguese, consult with the DUS, Prof. K. David Jackson.



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Requirements for the Major

Prerequisite: SPAN 140, 142, 145, or equivalent.

Number of courses: **Ten** term courses beyond the prerequisite (including the senior essay requirement, SPAN 491).

Specific requirements:

- Students may take a maximum of **one** course from SPAN 200-230.
- Students must take **five** courses numbered SPAN 300 or higher.
- Students may take a maximum of **one** SPAN course taught in English, with DUS approval.
- Students must complete the senior essay (SPAN 491) in their final year.

*First-year seminars taught in Spanish count toward the major in the SPAN 231-99 range.

*Up to four approved courses taken abroad may count toward the major.

Advanced Language Certificate in Spanish

For non-majors who have taken a collection of advanced courses in Spanish.

- Eligible courses include all those SPAN courses at the 200 or 300 level which hold an L5 designation (that is, they are taught entirely in Spanish).
- First-year seminars taught in Spanish count as courses in SPAN 231-299 range.
- At least **one** of the **four required** courses must be at the 300 level (an advanced undergraduate course or seminar). With the approval of the DUS for Spanish, one advanced non-L5 course, conducted entirely in Spanish, such as an independent study course (may be graded pass/fail) or a graduate seminar, may count toward certification requirements.
- A maximum of **one** course may be taken abroad, as part of a Yale or Yale designated program.
- All courses must be taken for a letter grade. Students must achieve a grade of B or above. Courses taken Credit/D/Fail will not be counted for the certificate.
- The DUS will review and approve all courses to be applied to the certificate.

Summer Study Abroad

Multiple programs combining **Intensive Intermediate Spanish** (SPAN 130/ SPAN 140) and a **Culture** course (SPAN 248 or 249) will be offered during the summer of 2019. These programs are eight weeks total in length. The first four weeks are taught on the Yale campus in New Haven, and the last four weeks take place abroad, in locations such as **Bilbao, Spain; Quito, Ecuador; or Lima, Peru.**

Conducted in Spanish, these intensive summer courses cover the material of SPAN 130 and 140 in one term. Upon completion, students will be able to perform proficiently at an intermediate level. The Culture course explores the historical, social, and cultural development of the target country through the study of literary texts, essays, films, music, and visual arts. Students will further develop their linguistic skills in Spanish as they increase their understanding of the Spanish language and culture through an intensive immersion program set in one of the target locations. They will have the opportunity to go on excursions, visit museums, attend conferences, interact with popular culture, live with local families, and participate in many cultural activities.

*For information on **L5-level summer courses abroad** as well as **semester or full year abroad programs**, contact the Center for International and Professional Experience (www.yale.edu/yalecollege/international/), or consult the DUS.