

SPANISH, B.A.

Saint Louis University students who major in Spanish at SLU 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 Saint Louis University-Madrid. (<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 about 43.4 million people and eight million students. By 2060, the U.S. is predicted to be the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, right after Mexico.
- Worldwide, Spanish is the second most spoken native language, after Mandarin Chinese, 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. Spanish is spoken worldwide by almost 500 million native speakers on four continents and in twenty-one countries and 23 million students. 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 business, health care, 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 by 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:

- Refining Spanish Expression: Grammar & Composition
- Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
- Spanish in the USA
- Spanish for the Health Professions
- English-Spanish in Translation
- Latin American Film

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, to volunteer in service learning opportunities and to participate in social activities such as movie nights, cultural talks, service workshops, etc.

The program encourages all students majoring in Spanish to spend one year at SLU-Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>). Besides many skill-expanding courses in Spanish language, culture and literature, students at SLU-Madrid may select from 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
- Politics
- Social work
- Non-governmental organizations
- Foreign service
- Scientific research
- Translation and interpreting

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (<https://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 or HiSET.

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/>)
- All academic records must include an English translation. An official course-by-course transcript evaluation may be required and accepted.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	\$54,760

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 2023, 99% of first-time freshmen and 92% of all students received financial aid (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>) and students received more than \$459 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 more information on scholarships and financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<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

Students may start the program at the 2000 level or 3000 level depending on their language and cultural proficiency. No more than a total of two SPAN and/or LLC courses conducted in English will be counted towards the major in Spanish. All students complete **33 credits**.

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		32-35

Major Requirements		
<i>Skills-Expanding Courses</i>		
SPAN 2010	Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPAN 3010	Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish II	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	Medical Spanish	
SPAN 3160	Mental Health and Spanish	
SPAN 3360	Race, Gender, Class and Social Justice in Latin America	
SPAN 3930	Special Topics	
<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	Spanish Phonetics and 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 & Professional Spanish	
SPAN 4170	English-Spanish in Translation	
SPAN 4175	Introduction to Translation English-Spanish	
SPAN 4180	Creative Writing in Spanish	
SPAN 4200	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures	
SPAN 4220	Soccer and Society in the Spanish-Speaking World	
SPAN 4240	Latin American Short Story	
SPAN 4260	Latin American 'Modernism'	
SPAN 4270	Contemporary Latin American Poetry	

SPAN 4280	
SPAN 4290	Introduction to Latin American Novel
SPAN 4310	Contemporary Latin-American Drama
SPAN 4320	The African Experience in Spanish America
SPAN 4330	Latin American Novels after 1970
SPAN 4350	Latin American Testimony
SPAN 4360	Women's Literature in Latin America
SPAN 4370	Latin American Film
SPAN 4390	Contemporary Spanish Women Artists
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	Border Crossings in the Américas
SPAN 4590	Spanish Jewry in Spain and in the Diaspora
SPAN 4630	Narrative of the Spanish Civil War
SPAN 4680	Contemporary Spanish Short Story
SPAN 4700	
SPAN 4710	20th Century Spanish Novel
SPAN 4720	Twentieth Century Spanish Drama
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
General Electives	52-55
Total Credits	120

Every major is assigned a Spanish mentor who provides guidance and support within the program. All students are encouraged to contact and/or meet with their Spanish mentor at least once a year. Mentors in the Spanish program help majors make the most out of their learning experience.

Non-Course Requirements

No more than a total of two SPAN and/or LLC 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. Students who do not achieve the "C" or better grade in a required course will be expected to repeat the course in an attempt to achieve the "C" or better grade. Students may repeat a required course one time. Failure to achieve the "C" or better grade after one repeat attempt will have the student dismissed from the Major in Spanish.

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 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- and 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
Year One		
Fall		
SPAN 2010	Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish 1 (Some students may begin at SPAN 1200 or at SPAN 3010 depending on their proficiency level.)	3
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	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
Credits		15-16
Spring		
SPAN 3010 or CORE 3400	Connecting with the Hispanic World: Intermediate Spanish II (SPAN 3010 counts as Core 3400: Ways of thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture) or Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
CORE 3200	Ways of Thinking: Quantitative Reasoning	3
General Electives		6
Credits		15

Year Two**Fall**

SPAN 3020 or CORE 1200	Eloquent Communication in Spanish (SPAN 3020 counts as Core 1200 and should be taken in your first 60 credit hours at SLU.) or Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
General Electives		9

Credits **15**

Spring

SPAN 3XXX Elective	Students take two Spanish 3000-level courses beyond SPAN 3020 in any order; it is highly recommended they are taken concurrently.	3
Intensive Writing Attribute	SPAN 3030 satisfies Writing Intensive.	3
General Electives		9

Credits **15**

Year Three**Fall**

SPAN 4200 or CORE 3400	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.) or Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
SPAN 4030 or CORE 3600	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (SPAN 4030 counts as Core 3600 Ways of thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences) or 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 (SPAN 4175 or SPAN 4180 counts as CORE 2800)	3
General Electives		3

Credits **15**

Spring

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 4020, SPAN 4590, or SPAN 4790 satisfies Identities in Context.	3
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
General Electives		5

Credits **15**

Year Four**Fall**

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

Credits **15-16**

Spring

SPAN 4000-level elective		3
General Electives		12

Credits **15**

Total Credits **120-122**

Program Notes

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

This roadmap should not be used in place of regular academic advising and mentoring appointments. 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 experiences.

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

All requirements are subject to change.

Madrid

Willing to experience Spanish life and culture firsthand? Want to practice your language skills outside the classroom? You can complete all or part of the Spanish major at Saint Louis University-Madrid. You may also choose to take many of your general degree requirements – such as psychology, history and theology – in Spanish.

Learn About Studying at SLU-Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/spanish.php>)

Contact Us

For additional information about this program, please contact languages@slu.edu or call 314-977-2617.