

Spanish

Program Description:

Spanish is spoken by the third largest group of the world's population today — 250 million people. The Spanish B.A. program at LSSU is designed to give students the opportunity to acquire Spanish language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The program will introduce Spanish majors to prominent historical, social and artistic developments of Spanish speaking countries.

Students successfully completing their Spanish major studies will improve their skills in critical reading, analytic writing, communication and linguistic awareness. In addition, they will develop understanding of, and appreciation for, diversity and cultural difference through immersion into the history, culture, and art of Spanish speaking countries.

The program will prepare students for the communicative and culturally aware use of the Spanish language in careers related to international relations, business, communication and cultural exchange. Students with a degree in Spanish will gain marketable linguistic skills to work in areas of public service with bilingual or Spanish speaking populations in the United States.

Career Descriptions:

Spanish Teaching and ESL — After successful completion of state requirements and certification, students with a B.A. in Spanish are eligible to teach Spanish in elementary as well as secondary education. In addition, students may choose from job opportunities in the widening field of English as a Second Language (ESL), teaching English to students in both the United States and in Spanish speaking countries.

Preparation for Graduate School — Students who earn a B.A. in Spanish at LSSU may apply for graduate school to pursue advanced studies in Spanish as either a major or minor.

International Business, Diplomacy and Law — In an increasingly global society, the ability to speak both English and Spanish provides students with marketable skills to function well in the world of international trade. Developing Spanish skills beyond the level of minimal language requirement classes greatly increases career opportunities for individuals in the areas of business, law, technology, and international relations. The global expansion of American companies creates a demand for those who are able to function and communicate effectively in international settings.

Communication — The process of learning a foreign language and understanding its embeddedness in a rich cultural and social context of diverse human efforts provides Spanish majors with a complex and comprehensive educational experience. Graduates will find an array of business related job opportunities in publishing, editing, the media, the arts, and communication.

Travel and Tourism — Mexico is, and for the past 20 years has been, the number one foreign destination for Americans. Consequently, there is a large demand for bilingual professionals in tourism and travel.

Domestic Careers in Public Services — As the latest USA census data show, the number of Spanish speakers is on the rise. As a result, there is a need for college-educated people able to effectively communicate with bilingual or Spanish-speaking populations in various areas of public service.

Bachelor of Arts Spanish

Career Choices:

Spanish teaching and ESL

Domestic Careers in
Public Services

Preparation for Graduate School

International Business,
Diplomacy, and Law

Communication

Travel and Tourism

Student Profile:

Are you...

committed to the diligence to enjoy a long-range challenge?

interested in various forms of linguistic expression?

fond of literature by authors from diverse cultural backgrounds?

interested in exploring the interpretive possibilities of language and literature?

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Spanish Degree Requirements (45 credits)

Required (20 credits)

SPAN161	First-Year Spanish I	4
SPAN162	First-Year Spanish II	4
SPAN261	Second-Year Spanish I	3
SPAN262	Second-Year Spanish II	3
SPAN361	Advanced Spanish Grammar	3
SPAN362	Advanced Spanish Composition	3

Electives (25 credits)

(9 credits must be at the 400 level)

LANG403	Language Acquisition & Foreign Language Teaching	3
SPAN100	Special Topics	1-3
SPAN200	Special Topics	1-3
SPAN300	Special Topics	1-3
SPAN400	Special Topics	1-3
SPAN165	Spanish for Public Safety	4
SPAN301	Study Abroad	8
SPAN368	Selected Topics in Conversation	2
SPAN380	Survey of Spanish-American Literature I	3
SPAN381	Survey of Spanish-American Literature II	3
SPAN401	The Spanish Novel	3
SPAN402	The Spanish-American Novel	3
SPAN410	Spanish-American Civilization	3
SPAN411	Spanish Civilization	3
SPAN412	Hispanic Literature of the Southwest	3
SPAN490	Topics in Hispanic Literature	1-4

General Electives

COMM101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
ENGL110	First-Year Composition I	3
ENGL110	First-Year Composition II	3
HUMN251	Humanities I	4
	Approved Humanities	3-4
	Approved Social Science	6-8
	Approved Social Science Diversity	3-4
	Approved Natural Science	8
	Approved Mathematics	3-5

Bachelor of Arts Requirement 8 credits

One year of foreign language

SPAN161	First-Year Spanish I	4
SPAN162	First-Year Spanish II	4

Bachelor of Arts Degree:

One year (8 credits) of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be:

CHIN151-152, FREN151-152 or 251-252, GRMN141-142 or 241-242, NATV141-142 or 201-202, or SPAN161-162.

One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.