

SPANISH AND LINGUISTICS (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/spanish/>)

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Program Description

Spanish

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese is an interdisciplinary department focused on the language, cultural formations, and critical thought emerging from Latin America, the Caribbean, the Iberian Peninsula, and the Luso-Afro-Brazilian world. Spanish and Portuguese are among the world's leading languages of culture, sociopolitics, and commerce. Once languages of empire, Spanish and Portuguese are now the lingua franca of important sectors of the Global South, and Spanish is the growing second language of the United States. We practice dynamic, inclusive approaches to language and translation; critical and comparative approaches to film, literature, performance, music, and visual art; humanistic engagements with historiography, memory, and archives; and we participate in debates in philosophy and critical and social thought, including Black and Indigenous perspectives from the Global South. Students are encouraged to study away at NYU Madrid or NYU Buenos Aires, where they may fulfill major or minor requirements through site-specific classes and immersive experiences. In addition, students participate in internships and collaborate on the online undergraduate journal, *Esferas*.

Linguistics

Linguistics is the science of human language. It seeks to determine that which is necessary in human language, that which is possible, and that which is impossible. While linguists work to determine the unique qualities of individual languages, they are constantly searching for linguistic universals—properties whose explanatory power reaches across languages. The discipline of linguistics is organized around syntax (the principles by which sentences are organized), morphology (the principles by which words are constructed), semantics (the study of meaning), phonetics (the study of speech sounds), phonology (the sound patterns of language), historical linguistics (the ways in which languages change over time), sociolinguistics (the interaction of language with society), psycholinguistics, and neurolinguistics (the representation of language in the brain). Current research by faculty members extends across the field, including topics in the interaction of syntax and semantics, phonetics and phonology, languages in contact, pidgin and creole languages, urban sociolinguistics, and computer analogies of syntactic processes.

Joint Honors

Writing an honors thesis allows majors to undertake advanced, independent research, analysis, and writing under close faculty guidance. By writing an original thesis, students participate in the production of new knowledge and critique and make genuine contributions to our field. Engaging in self-designed research can be one of the most exciting experiences of a college career. Students with an overall and major GPA of 3.65 qualify. During their senior year, students register for SPAN-UA 498 Senior Honors Seminar (fall), then enroll in SPAN-UA 499 Honor Thesis Seminar (spring), 4 credits each; one of these courses may count as an elective toward the major, while the second is in addition to the ten courses that comprise the degree. Students also present the conclusions

of the thesis for different audiences, including participation in the Dean's Undergraduate Research Conference and the Annual Departmental Showcase. Students write an abstract and have the opportunity to submit an extract of the thesis to *Esferas*, the undergraduate research journal of the Department of Spanish & Portuguese. Those interested in pursuing joint honors in Spanish and Linguistics should consult with directors of undergraduate studies in both departments during or before the second semester of their junior year.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

This joint major requires ten 4-credit courses (40 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count), which is five courses in each department as outlined below.

Note that SPAN-UA 50 Advanced Spanish or SPAN-UA 51 Advanced Spanish for Spanish-Speaking Students is a prerequisite for upper-level Spanish courses that comprise the major, but this course does not count toward the major.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Spanish</i>		
SPAN-UA 50	Advanced Spanish ²	4
or SPAN-UA 51	Advanced Spanish for Spanish-Speaking Students	
Select one one SPAN-UA 3XX course conducted in Spanish ³		4
Select four additional advanced Spanish courses ⁴		16
<i>Linguistics</i>		
LING-UA 1	Language	4
or LING-UA 3	Language and Mind	
LING-UA 11	Sound and Language	4
LING-UA 13	Grammatical Analysis	4
Select two of the following courses from two different fields of linguistics:		8
Historical Linguistics:		
LING-UA 14	Language Change	
Sociolinguistics:		
LING-UA 15	Language & Society	
LING-UA 18	Bilingualism	
LING-UA 30	Language in Latin America	
LING-UA 57	English Dialects	

Phonology:	
LING-UA 12	Phonological Analysis
Semantics:	
LING-UA 4	Intro to Semantics
Computational Linguistics:	
LING-UA 6	Patterns in Language
Psycholinguistics:	
LING-UA 5	Intro Psycholinguistics
LING-UA 43	Neural Bases of Language
LING-UA 54	Learning to Speak: First and Second Lang Acquisition of Sound
LING-UA 59	First Language Acquisition
Structure of a Modern Language:	
LING-UA 10	Structure of The Russian Language
LING-UA 42	Romance Syntax
LING-UA 44	Field Methods
LING-UA 9032	The Structure of French (in French)
Electives	
Other Elective Credits	
Total Credits	

- ¹ The CAS foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.
- ² This course is a prerequisite for upper level courses in Spanish but does not count toward major requirements.
- ³ Students must take a minimum of one 300-level course. They are welcome to enroll in additional 300-level courses to meet their elective requirements.
- ⁴ Chosen with the advice of the director of undergraduate studies, these courses are numbered in the 200, 300, and 400 range and are taught in the Spanish language. Students may count one Applied Language Course (numbered at the 100 level) toward the major, and they may also count 4 credits of Internship, which may be completed in a combination of two 2-credit courses.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA 10	Intens Elemen Spanish ¹	6
LING-UA 1 or LING-UA 3	Language or Language and Mind	4
Cultures and Contexts		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		18
2nd Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA 20	Intens Intermed Spanish ¹	6
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Credits		18
3rd Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA 50 or SPAN-UA 51	Advanced Spanish ¹ or Advanced Spanish for Spanish-Speaking Students	4
LING-UA 11	Sound and Language	4
Physical Science		4

Elective		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA 3XX	300-level course conducted in Spanish (cannot count toward any other major requirement)	4
LING-UA XXX	Linguistics Elective 1 of 2 ²	4
Life Science		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA XXX	Upper level Spanish course 1 of 4 ³	4
LING-UA 13	Grammatical Analysis	4
LING-UA XXX	Linguistics Elective 2 of 2	4
Elective		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA XXX	Upper Level Spanish Course 2 of 4 ³	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA XXX	Upper Level Spanish Course 3 of 4 ³	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
SPAN-UA XXX	Upper Level Spanish Course 4 of 4 ³	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		132

Note: Students may choose the "extensive" sequence of SPAN-UA 1, 2, 3, and 4 in lieu of the "intensive" sequence of SPAN-UA 10 and 20 and graduate with the minimum 128 credits.

- ¹ Language courses numbered at or below SPAN-UA 50 do not count toward the major, but these meet prerequisites for upper level courses taught in Spanish.
- ² Chosen through advisement from a list of approved courses. Each course must represent a distinct field of linguistics.
- ³ Choose from courses taught in Spanish numbered in the 200, 300, or 400 range. Students may enroll in only one Applied Language course (numbered in the 100 range).

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have acquired:

1. Proficiency in Spanish that will enable them to communicate their ideas clearly, both orally and in writing.
2. The ability to structure and develop analytical arguments and analyses (in Spanish) based on close reading of primary sources ranging from literature, to photography and film, to social activism.
3. An understanding of how to approach the study of human language scientifically.

4. A knowledge of methods for analyzing linguistic data in the subfields of phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics.

Policies

Program Policies

Double Counting of Courses

Students majoring in Spanish and Linguistics may double-count no more than two courses between this major and a second major (or a minor), with permission of the directors of undergraduate studies from both programs.

Policy Applying to Transfer Students

Transfer students must complete at least half of the major in residence at New York University.

Placement in Spanish Language Courses (Including: Placement and Exemption Examinations; Advanced Placement and Other Advanced Standing Credit)

For complete information on placement into the correct level of language study and/or exemption from the Core foreign language requirement, please consult the Department of Spanish and Portuguese webpage (<https://as.nyu.edu/departments/spanish/undergraduate/language-program.html>) detailing its language program policies. Students are responsible for reviewing this page before enrolling in any SPAN-UA coursework. No credit is ever awarded for any CAS placement or exemption exam.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).