

# Major in Spanish

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The mission of the Department of World Languages and Cultures (<http://neiu.edu/languages/>) is to provide high quality instruction in world languages, and to prepare students to be lifelong learners and engaged citizens through the critical study of the literatures and cultures associated with these languages. As a Spanish major, the language and critical thinking skills you develop through written and oral exposition, research, and service learning will enhance your career opportunities in today's global society and provide the basis for a lifetime exploration of multiple cultures and worldviews. The accelerated concentration strand of the B.A. in Spanish provides a pathway for qualified students to move seamlessly into the M.A. in Latin American Literatures and Cultures while sharing up to 12 credits between the two.

To apply to the Accelerated Concentration strand of the B.A. in Spanish, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and have earned at least 60 credits toward their bachelor's degree; at least 12 of those credits must have been earned at NEIU. In addition, students must complete the online application for the M.A. in Latin American Literatures and Cultures and meet the admission requirements for that program. Accepted students may begin the graduate-level shared coursework once they have earned 72 undergraduate credits, at least 12 of which were at NEIU.

## University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Fine Arts (FA)*</b> 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	6
<b>Humanities (HU)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	9
<b>Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	9
<b>Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)**</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	9

### Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

### Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

### Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

### Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

- \* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.
- \*\* Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

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The B.A. in Spanish consists of thirteen courses (39 credit hours): 7 required courses (listed below), one capstone seminar (SPAN 380C), and 5 elective courses at the 300-level. Majors are also required to create an electronic portfolio of work done in the required courses. Majors are encouraged, but not required, to pass both the OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview (<https://tms.languagetesting.com/IndividualSite/>)) and the WPT (Writing Proficiency Test (<https://tms.languagetesting.com/IndividualSite/>)) at the level of Advanced Low or above. Both tests are administered by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), and are nationally recognized for assessing oral and written proficiency according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. Students in the Accelerated Program (BA + MA) must maintain a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA and earn at least a "B" in all graduate-level courses taken for shared credit. In the Accelerated Program, the undergraduate degree must be completed within four (4) semesters of the start of the shared graduate-level courses.

### Required Courses (8) 24 credits:

SPAN 252, 253, 301, 319 (12 credits)

SPAN 314 or 331 (select one culture course from this list) (3 credits)

SPAN 321, 323, 326, 328 and 329 (select two literature courses from this list) (6 credits)

One capstone seminar: SPAN 380C (3 credits)

**Elective Courses (5) 15 credits:** any additional courses numbered SPAN 300-399.

**Total: 24 credits (required) + 15 credits (electives) = 39 credits**

Code	Title	Hours
SPAN-252	Introduction To Literary & Cultural Analysis (Required Courses)	3
SPAN-253	Academic Research & Writing In Spanish	3
SPAN-301	Advanced Spanish Grammar	3
SPAN-319	Applied Spanish Linguistics	3
SPAN-380C	Seminar In Latin American Literary & Cultural Studies	3
One of the following culture courses:		3 crs.
SPAN-314	Latin American Culture	
SPAN-331	Hispanic World Cultures	
Two of the following literature courses, one of which must be SPAN 321, 323, or 329:		6 crs.
SPAN-321	Latin American Literature I	
SPAN-323	Latin American Literature II	
SPAN-326	Spanish Literature I	
SPAN-328	Spanish Literature II	
SPAN-329	Introduction To Spanish American And Spanish Literature	
In addition to 5 elective courses, at the 300-level SPAN 300-399		15 crs.

## Writing Intensive Requirement

Majors in Spanish can meet the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) graduation requirement by taking WLC 333 (WIP: *Cross-Cultural Communication: Fundamentals of Translation*) or LLAS 201 (WIP: *History and Culture of Latinos*) or SCED 311 (WIP: *School Curriculum*). Visit the Center for Academic Writing on the fourth floor of the Ronald Williams Library for peer tutoring and other writing resources. Double Majors, (students who major in Spanish and another discipline) need only take one WIP course in the major of their choosing.

## Proficiency Testing

The Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test are administered by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), and are nationally recognized for assessing oral and written proficiency according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. Register online (<https://tms.languageTesting.com/ProctorSite/login.aspx>) for an appointment to take the tests at the Language Learning Lab.

This sample curricular map is provided to guide you in the planning of your progression for this major. This guide should not replace regular consultations with your program advisor. For specific recommendations of courses not identified, please consult your program advisor.

### First Year

Term 1		Hours
SPAN-101	Beginning Spanish I	3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Term 2		
SPAN-102	Beginning Spanish II	3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Term 1		Hours
SPAN-201	Intermediate Spanish I	3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
General Education Course		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Term 2		
SPAN-202	Intermediate Spanish II	3
Elective		3
WLC-333 or LLAS 201	Writing Intensive Program: Cross-Cultural Communication	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Third Year

Term 1		Hours
SPAN-224	The World Of Texts: Developing Essential Reading Skills In Spanish	3
SPAN-225	Practical Writing: An Introduction To Personal Expression In Spanish	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Term 2		
SPAN-252	Introduction To Literary Cultural Analysis	3
SPAN-253	Academic Research Writing In Spanish	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Term Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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**Fourth Year**

<b>Term 1</b>		
SPAN-314	Latin American Culture	3
SPAN-315	Spanish Culture	3
SPAN-321	Latin American Literature I	3
SPAN-326	Spanish Literature I	3
Elective		3
		<b>Term Hours</b>
		<b>15</b>
<b>Term 2</b>		
SPAN-323	Latin American Literature II	3
Capstone Seminar (SPAN 350-399)		3
SPAN-328	Spanish Literature II	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
		<b>Term Hours</b>
		<b>15</b>
		<b>Total Hours:</b>
		<b>120</b>