

Spanish Department Advising Guide

The Spanish Department curriculum includes a Beginning level course sequence that fulfills SU's Language and Culture requirement; Intermediate level courses designed for native speakers of Spanish, heritage speakers of Spanish, and Spanish language learners who have completed the Language and Culture courses or who have placed out due to previous studies; and Advanced level courses for majors, minors, native speakers, heritage speakers, and any students interested in advancing their language and cultural proficiency and who have taken at least one 200 or 300-level course.

Languages and Cultures Requirement (third semester proficiency)

Course descriptions:

- Spanish 1: Language and Culture (SPA 15-144) Introduction to the language. Skills development in listening, speaking, writing, reading and cultural study. Contingent on placement exam results and language background.
- Spanish 2: Language and Culture (SPA 15-154) Skills development in listening, speaking, writing, reading and cultural study. Prerequisite: Spanish 15-144 or equivalent placement.
- Spanish 3: Language and Culture (SPA 15-164) Intermediate course on Spanish language and culture with emphasis on listening, speaking, reading and writing. Continued practice in the target language. Prerequisite: Spanish 15-154 or equivalent placement.

Course offerings:

We offer Spanish 1, 2 and 3 in fall, spring, and summer terms. Additionally, Spanish 2 and 3 can be taken abroad in our summer [intermediate Spanish programs](#). We also offer a combined Spanish 2 and 3 option during summer term.

Placement information:

Before enrolling in any language class, all students must take the language placement exam. Placement is based on their placement exam score and years of high school study. Students who have not placed out of Southwestern's third semester language proficiency requirement begin language study at the level of placement and must take the next courses sequentially. Students cannot take the placement exam once they have started the language sequence. More information and a link to the placement exam can be found [here](#).

Spanish 1-3 course equivalencies for transfer credit

TX common course number	TX common course title	SU equivalent course	SU equivalent title
SPAN 1411	Beginning Spanish I	SPA 15-144	Spanish 1
SPAN 1412	Beginning Spanish II	SPA 15-154	Spanish 2
SPAN 2311	Intermediate Spanish III	SPA 15-164	Spanish 3

Major and Minor in Spanish

2019-2021 Catalog: Major in Spanish (8 courses, minimum of 30 credits)

- SPA15-164 Spanish III
- One course from:
 - SPA15-214 Written and Oral Expression
 - SPA15-324 Textual and Visual Analysis
 - SPA15-334 Conversation through Hispanic Cinema
 - SPA15-344 Introduction to Literary Studies
- One course from:
 - SPA15-354 Cultures of Latin America
 - SPA15-364 Cultures of Spain
- One additional course from the following levels: 300, 400, 500, 600, 700 (200 approved by request)
- Three additional courses from the following levels: 400, 500, 600, 700
- SPA15-934 Research Seminar for Seniors (Capstone) (offered in spring only)

2019-2021 Catalog: Minor in Spanish (5 courses, minimum of 18 credits)

- SPA15-164 Spanish III
- One course from:
 - SPA 15-214 Written and Oral Expression
 - SPA15-324 Textual and Visual Analysis
 - SPA15-334 Conversation through Hispanic Cinema
 - SPA15-344 Introduction to Literary Studies
- One course from:
 - SPA15-354 Cultures of Latin America
 - SPA 15-364 Cultures of Spain
- One additional course from the following levels: 300, 400, 500, 600, 700 (200 approved by request)
- One additional course from the following levels: 400, 500, 600, 700

Course numbering: Intermediate level courses (200 and 300) are designed for native speakers of Spanish, Heritage speakers of Spanish, and Spanish language learners who have completed the Language and Culture courses or who have placed out due to previous studies. The advanced level courses (400 and above) are for majors, minors, and any students interested in advancing their language and cultural proficiency and who have taken at least one 200 or 300-level course. 400 level courses: literature from **Spain**; 500 level courses: literature from **Latin America**; 600 level courses: **Culture**; 700 level courses: **Linguistics**; 900 level courses: capstone, tutorial, independent study, internship and honors.

Classes for native speakers of Spanish: If you already speak Spanish, please consider taking any of the intermediate or advanced courses. These courses are designed to engage both native and non-native speakers alike. You'll be surprised how much more there is to learn about Spanish as a language and the cultures that speak the language. Don't hesitate to arrange to meet with a professor in the Spanish department for more information or suggestions.

Paideia with Distinction: Most Spanish majors meet two of the **Paideia with Distinction** experiences criteria: Study abroad and Advancing Language Proficiency. Plus Spanish 3 and some advanced level courses often have Community-Engaged Learning components. Consider applying!

Assessment exam: Spanish majors and minors must complete a [language assessment exam](#) upon completion of their coursework.

Paired majors: Spanish majors may pursue a paired major in [Latin American and Border Studies](#) (LABS) or [International Studies](#) (INS) in which any two courses may be counted towards both majors. Students who pair Spanish and LABS must take two capstone courses, one in the Spanish department and the other as outlined under LABS. / Students who pair the Spanish major and IS must take two capstone courses, one in the Spanish department and the other as outlined under IS.

See course descriptions [here](#).

See Spanish department transfer of credit information [here](#).

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