

# Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

## Why study Spanish and Portuguese?

Spanish, the second most spoken language in the world with approximately 559 million speakers, is the official language in 21 countries. Moreover, according to the *Instituto Cervantes*, the United States ranks second behind Mexico in the number of Spanish speakers. Similarly, Portuguese, the official language in 9 nations, is spoken by approximately 210 million people over the world (the sixth most spoken language). Fluency in more than one language and an understanding of literary and cultural texts create educated citizens who can contribute to the betterment of our society.

A major or minor in Spanish or Portuguese demonstrates to future employers and/or graduate schools that you have achieved a certain level of linguistic ability and understanding of Hispanic cultures. Our curriculum is designed to help students hone their oral and written language skills and to learn more about Spanish, Spanish American, and Luso-Brazilian cultures through literature and cultural studies. This knowledge is highly beneficial if you plan a career path with an international component or with an orientation toward the predominantly Hispanic populations in the United States. The major is useful in such diverse careers as advertising, marketing, journalism, health services, government, social welfare, and public administration (to name a few). For a list of possible career paths in Spanish and Portuguese, visit the University Career Center website at <https://career.ku.edu/>.

## Undergraduate Admission

### Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

### Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

## First- and Second-Year Preparation

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Spanish Major Prerequisite or Co-Requisite Knowledge</b>		
Majors must complete the following 2 courses. These hours do not contribute to the minimum number of hours required for the major. Majors must complete SPAN 323 or 324, and SPAN 328, with a grade of B- or higher, in order to go on to advanced-level Spanish classes.		
Intermediate Composition and Grammar. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 323	Spanish Composition and Cultural Analysis or SPAN 324: Grammar and Composition	
Intermediate Conversation. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 328	Intermediate Spanish Conversation	
Spanish Major Introductory Knowledge. Majors must complete the following 2 courses:		
Textual Analysis and Critical Reading. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 340	Textual Analysis and Critical Reading	3
Transatlantic Hispanic Cultures. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 346	Transatlantic Hispanic Cultures	3

## Requirements for the B.A. Major

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Spanish Major Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
Majors must complete at least 1 course (3 hours) in each of following areas:		
Literature: Peninsular Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies. Satisfied by 1 of the following: 3		
SPAN 440	Hispanic Studies: _____	
SPAN 441	Special Topics in Spanish Literature and Culture: _____	
SPAN 450	Medieval Spanish Studies: _____	
SPAN 451	Early Modern Spanish Studies: _____	
SPAN 452	Nineteenth Century Spanish Studies: _____	
SPAN 453	Twentieth Century Spanish Studies: _____	
Literature: Latin American Literary and Cultural Studies. Satisfied by 1 of the following: 3		
SPAN 440	Hispanic Studies: _____	
SPAN 442	Special Topics Latin American Literature and Cultures: _____	
SPAN 460	Colonial Spanish-American Studies: _____	
SPAN 461	Nineteenth Century Spanish-American Studies: _____	
SPAN 462	Twentieth Century Spanish-American Studies: _____	
SPAN 463	National Traditions in Spanish America: _____	
Language: Advanced Spanish Composition and Grammar. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 424	Advanced Spanish Composition and Grammar	3
Language: Advanced Spanish language or linguistics. Satisfied by 1 of the following: 3		
SPAN 429	Spanish Phonetics	
SPAN 448	Spanish Language and Culture for Business	
SPAN 520	Structure of Spanish	
SPAN 522	Advanced Studies in Spanish Language: _____	

SPAN 570	Studies in Hispanic Linguistics: _____	3
Language: Advanced language, linguistics, or Portuguese. Satisfied by 1 of the following:		
SPAN 520	Structure of Spanish	
SPAN 522	Advanced Studies in Spanish Language: _____	
SPAN 570	Studies in Hispanic Linguistics: _____	
PORT 212	Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese I	
PORT 216	Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese II	
PORT 220	Intensive Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese	
PORT 320	Introduction to Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures	
PORT 340	Textual Analysis and Critical Reading	
PORT 347	Brazilian Studies: _____	
PORT 348	Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture for Business	
PORT 365	Studies in Brazilian Film: _____	
PORT 388	Intermediate Brazilian Portuguese Conversation	
PORT 394	Special Readings in Brazilian Studies	
PORT 471	Studies in Brazilian Culture and Civilization: _____	
PORT 475	Studies in Brazilian Literature: _____	
PORT 488	Advanced Brazilian Portuguese Conversation	
PORT 490	Intensive Advanced Portuguese	
PORT 509	Portuguese Phonetics and Phonology	
PORT 540	Textual Analysis and Critical Reading	
PORT 547	Brazilian Studies: _____	
PORT 548	Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture for Business	
PORT 560	Survey of Portuguese Literature	
PORT 565	Studies in Brazilian Film: _____	
Advanced Conversation. Satisfied by:		
SPAN 428	Advanced Spanish Conversation	2
Spanish Major Required Electives. Majors must complete 2 additional courses (6 hours) from the following courses: any Spanish 400+ or 500-level course (literature, language or culture), or PORT 212 or higher (except PORT 300 and PORT 611).		
Spanish Major Capstone: Literature Colloquium. Majors must complete 1 (3 hour) capstone course in literature. Satisfied by 1 of the following:		3
SPAN 540	Colloquium on Hispanic Studies: _____	
SPAN 550	Colloquium on Spanish Film	
SPAN 560	Colloquium on Latin American Film	

Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. Please see your advisor about this opportunity.

### Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

#### Major Hours

Satisfied by 32 hours of major courses.

#### Major Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

#### Major Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

#### Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Spanish. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses>).

#### Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing I) <sup>1</sup>	3 ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing II)	3
MATH 101 (Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning)	3 Quantitative Reasoning (Goal 1.2, BA Quantitative Reasoning) <sup>3</sup>	3
SPAN 104 or 111 (Major Pre-Requisite) <sup>2</sup>	5 COMS 130 (Goal 2.2 Communication)	3
First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3 SPAN 212 (Major Pre-Requisite)	3
Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	3 Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	3
	17	15

#### Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
SPAN 216 (Major Pre-Requisite)	3 SPAN 324 (Major Pre-Requisite)	3
Goal 3 Humanities	3 SPAN 328 (Major Pre-Requisite)	2
Goal 3 Social Science	3 Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	3 Lab Science (BA Lab Requirement)	1-2
Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	3 Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	3
	Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)	3
	15	15-16

#### Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
SPAN 340 (Major Requirement)	3 Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3
SPAN 346 (Major Requirement)	3 Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3 SPAN 440, 441, 450, 451, 452, or 453 (Choose one) Major Requirement	3
Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)	3 SPAN 428 (Major Requirement)	2
Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)	3 SPAN 424 (Major Requirement)	3
	Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)	1
	15	15

**Senior**

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
SPAN 429 (Major Requirement)	3 SPAN 540, 550, or 560 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement) <sup>4</sup>	3
SPAN 440, 442, 460, 461, 462, or 463 (Choose one) Major Requirement	3 SPAN Elective 400-500+ (Major Requirement)	3
SPAN Advanced Language or Portuguese 300+ (Major Requirement)	3 SPAN Elective 400-500+ (Major Requirement)	3
LA&S 490 (Recommended), or elective	3 Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)	3
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	15	13

Total Hours 120-121

- <sup>1</sup> The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- <sup>2</sup> The Spanish department recommends that students with prior Spanish experience begin with SPAN 111. Only students with no prior Spanish experience should begin in SPAN 104 and permission of an advisor is required for enrollment.
- <sup>3</sup> Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/sites/collegeadvising.ku.edu/files/docs/BA.QuantitativeReasoning.pdf>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- <sup>4</sup> Spanish majors must have completed 6 credit hours of Hispanic Literature (SPAN 440 or above) coursework before taking the Spanish Capstone course.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to completed 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.

## Departmental Honors

Undergraduates contemplating honors work should consult their advisers. A declaration of intent form must be submitted to the department. The department notifies students of acceptance to candidacy. At graduation, the student must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 overall and 3.5 in Spanish. 6 hours in SPAN 496 Honors in Spanish generally are required, which may be fulfilled in a variety of ways as described here: each 3-hour SPAN 496 course will include a major research paper. While enrolled in SPAN 496, the student completes 2 courses, one in Peninsular literature and the other in Spanish American literature, from the following options:

1. Graduate courses at the 700 level;
2. Upper-division literature courses at the 500 level, including SPAN 540, SPAN 550, and SPAN 560 (only available to students who have already completed the 500-level capstone course);
3. An independent study course (may only be taken once for SPAN 496 credit).

The student attends 2 courses for SPAN 496 credit and writes 2 honors papers under the supervision of 1 or more faculty members. A committee of 3 faculty members evaluates these papers, and the student makes an oral summary of their content.

## Study Abroad

The department offers summer programs in Barcelona, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Salvador (Bahia), Brazil. KU offers semester/academic year programs in San José, Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salamanca, Spain. More information is available from the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>).

Graduate students have the opportunity to teach and conduct research during summer sessions in Buenos Aires, Argentina; or Barcelona, Spain. The department also has a graduate exchange agreement with the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.