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/.

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First- and Second-Year Preparation
Spanish Major Prerequisite or Co-Requisite Knowledge (6)

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Requirements for the B.A. Major
Spanish Major Core Knowledge and Skills (26)

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 324 in order to go on to advanced-level Spanish classes.

Intermediate Composition and Grammar. Satisfied by:
- SPAN 324 Grammar and Composition
- SPAN 328 Intermediate Spanish Composition
- 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

Majors must complete at least 1 course (3 hours) in each of following areas:

1 of the following:
- Literature: Peninsular Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies. Satisfied by:
  - SPAN 440 Hispanic Studies: ______
  - SPAN 441 Special Topics in Spanish Language 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: ______

1 of the following:
- Literature: Latin American Literary and Cultural Studies. Satisfied by:
  - SPAN 440 Hispanic Studies: ______
  - SPAN 441 Special Topics in Spanish Language and Culture: ______
  - 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:
- 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: ______

Language: Advanced language, linguistics, or Portuguese. Satisfied by:
- SPAN 429 Spanish Phonetics
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- SPAN 522 Advanced Studies in Spanish Language: ______
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### Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

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).

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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  

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:  
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).
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1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Visit this website (http://college.ku.edu/undergrad/curriculum/ba_QR) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

4. 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.