

# Minor in Spanish

## Why pursue a minor in Spanish?

The Spanish minor provides students the opportunity to achieve cultural and linguistic competency and complements many majors within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, as well as other degree programs across the university.

Spanish, the 4<sup>th</sup> most spoken language in the world with approximately 548 million speakers, is an official language in 21 countries and territories, including the U.S., where Spanish is one of the official languages of Puerto Rico. Moreover, according to the *Instituto Cervantes*, the United States ranks second behind Mexico in the number of Spanish speakers. Fluency in more than one language, intercultural awareness and sensitivity, and the ability to critically analyze literary and cultural texts create educated citizens who can contribute to the betterment of our society.

A minor in Spanish demonstrates to future employers and/or graduate schools that you have achieved an advanced level of Spanish language proficiency 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 and Spanish American cultures through literary and cultural studies. This knowledge is highly beneficial for international career paths or for careers that engage predominantly Hispanic populations in the United States. The Spanish minor is useful in such diverse careers as advertising, marketing, journalism, health services, government, social welfare, and public administration (to name only a few). See the University Career Center's page (<https://career.ku.edu/foreign-languages-international-studies/>) for foreign language and international studies careers for more information about careers in which you can use your Spanish minor.

## Requirements for the Spanish Minor

The minor requires 18-20 hours, as well as prerequisite knowledge.

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisites		
To advance to SPAN 340, it is strongly recommended that students earn a grade of B- or higher in either SPAN 325 or both SPAN 328 and either SPAN 323 or SPAN 324, or have departmental consent.		
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
Students must complete 18-20 hours of coursework, including the following required courses:		
SPAN 101	Orientation Seminar in Spanish and Portuguese	1
SPAN 323	Spanish Composition and Cultural Analysis	3
or SPAN 324	Grammar and Composition	
SPAN 328	Intermediate Spanish Conversation	2
Students who meet the qualifications may substitute SPAN 325 for the SPAN 323 or SPAN 324 and SPAN 328 requirements		3
SPAN 340	Textual Analysis and Critical Reading	3
SPAN 346	Transatlantic Hispanic Cultures	3
SPAN 424	Advanced Spanish Composition and Grammar	3
SPAN 428	Advanced Spanish Conversation	2-3
or SPAN 429	Spanish Phonetics	
A 3 hour, 400-level literature course (SPAN 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 450, 451, 452, 453, 460, 462, 463, 464).		3

## Minor Hours & GPA

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

### Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18-20 hours of minor courses.

### Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

### Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 18 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

### Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

## 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.