

# SPANISH

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## College of Arts and Humanities Department of Modern Languages

### Bachelor of Arts

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Literature Option

#### Minor

Spanish Culture

Spanish Grammar and Writing

Spanish Linguistics

Spanish Literature

### Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies Spanish Option

(for major requirements, refer to the Liberal Studies section in this catalog)

### Bilingual Authorization Certificate

Spanish

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Spanish

### Introductory Spanish Subject Matter Authorization

Spanish

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## Program Description

The Spanish Language has become an important global language and those who hold a degree in Spanish is of invaluable asset in California, across the country and the world. Over 534 million people worldwide speak Spanish as a first and second language. More than 41 million people in the U.S. speak Spanish. The US Census Bureau reports that the population of Latino origin is expected to jump to 119 million by 2060. Moreover, the employment opportunities for Spanish majors continue to grow with both the passage of Proposition 58, which removes restrictions on bilingual education programs for California, and with the Global California 2030 Initiative that calls for the expansion of the teaching and learning of world languages and the number of in more than one language over the next 12 years.

## Spanish Programs

The Department of Modern Languages offers students Spanish major with two concentration options: Linguistics or Literature. Both options prepare students who intend to teach Spanish in high schools and students who plan continue their studies in graduate school either in the academic fields of Spanish Linguistics, Romance Linguistics,

Spanish Literature and Latin American literature. Additionally, the B.A. in Spanish also provides opportunities for employment to those who want to become:

1. academic counselor,
2. criminal justice administrator,
3. customs inspector,
4. importer/exporter,
5. international marketing representative,
6. international student advisor,
7. interpreter or translator,
8. language consultant
9. lawyer,
10. librarian,
11. NGO employee, etc.

Additionally, the Department offers four Minors in Spanish:

1. Spanish Culture,
2. Spanish Grammar and Writing,
3. Spanish Linguistics and
4. Spanish Literature.

This minors complement and enhance all majors. It is particularly useful to students majoring in business, in the public and health service fields, in paralegal work, criminal justice, etc.

Due to the passage of Proposition 58, the most urgent need for majors in Spanish is in the area of public-school teaching, from K-12. For students who plan to teach at the elementary level and who are majoring in Liberal Studies, the Spanish program offers a Spanish option and the Bilingual Authorization. The Spanish option in Liberal Studies provides in-depth study of Spanish. This option is particularly helpful for those potential elementary teachers who intend to seek bilingual certification. The Bilingual Authorization is an additional program that students of the Multiple and Single Subject Credential Programs can add to their teaching credential. This Bilingual Authorization permits candidates and teachers to teach in a K-12 bilingual immersion setting. The Subject Matter Preparation Program in Spanish (also known as the Single Subject Waiver Program in Spanish) is designed for students who plan to teach the Spanish language at the secondary school level. Additionally, the Spanish Subject Matter Authorization is designed for teachers who would like to teach Spanish in middle school.

## Academic Advisement

The Department of Modern Languages is eager to provide all its students with the advisement they will need to continue their studies in a modern language. An advisor is vital in choosing the Spanish course best suited to the background and needs of each student. Students must see an advisor upon admission, upon completion of 60 semester units, and during the first semester of the senior year.

## Preparation

High school students who plan to major or minor in Spanish are encouraged to take at least two years of Spanish in high school. Students who have taken AP Spanish, French or Japanese may receive credit for some lower division courses.

Community college transfer students planning to take upper division Spanish courses at CSU Dominguez Hills should have completed four

semesters of college level Spanish successfully. All students are required to take SPA 280. Those who have taken fewer than four semesters of Spanish in a community college will be placed at an appropriate level by means of advisement.

## Student Organizations

**Sigma Delta Pi:** Membership in our Nu Psi Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish National Honorary Society, is open to students who have completed at least 18 upper division semester units in Spanish including at least one upper division course in literature or culture, and who have a 3.0 grade point average in all classes, including a 3.0 grade point average in all Spanish courses. Sigma Delta Pi seeks to honor those who seek and attain excellence in the study of Spanish language, literature and culture; to honor those who strive to make Hispanic contributions to modern culture better known in the world in general; to encourage college students to acquire a greater interest in and deeper understanding of Hispanic culture; and to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between Spanish speaking nations and other peoples of the world. Students interested in applying for membership should consult the chair of the Department of Modern Languages.

## Graduation With Honors

An undergraduate student may graduate with Honors in Spanish provided that the following criteria are met:

1. A minimum of 36 units in residence at CSU Dominguez Hills;
2. A minimum grade point average of at least 3.5 in all courses used to satisfy the upper division requirements in the major;
3. Recommendation by the faculty of the Modern Languages Department.

## Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

### Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

### Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

### General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

### Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

### Minor Requirements

While the department does not require a minor for graduation, it is strongly suggested that the student consider one in consultation with an advisor.

### Major Requirements (39-51 units)

#### Common Core Requirements (24-36 units)

##### A. Lower Division Required Courses (3-15 units)

##### A1. Beginning and Intermediate Spanish (0-12 units)

- SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)
- SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)
- SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)
- SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

##### A2. Required Lower Division Course (3)

The Modern Languages Department strongly recommends those students who need additional fluency in Spanish to travel to a Spanish-speaking country (under the guidance of an advisor) or to take SPA 230 Spanish Conversation (3) before they take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3). All Spanish majors must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.  
SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

##### B. Upper Division Required Common Core Courses (21 units)

- SPA 305 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics I (3)
- SPA 306 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics II (3)
- SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)
- SPA 330 Interpreting Hispanic Literature (3)
- SPA 340 Practical Spanish for Interpreters and Translators (3)
- SPA 350 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spain (3)
- SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)

### Linguistics Option (39-51 units)

#### A. Common Core Requirements (24-36 units)

#### B. Upper Division Required Courses (15 units)

- SPA 414 Spanish Phonology (3)
- SPA 430 Spanish Morphology (3)
- SPA 440 Spanish Syntax (3)
- SPA 450 History of the Spanish Language (3)
- SPA 490 Seminar in Special Topics in Literature and Linguistics (3)

### Literature Option (39-51 units)

#### A. Common Core Requirements (24-36 units)

#### B. Upper Division Required Courses (15 units)

- SPA 453 Literature Of Spain (3)
- SPA 454 Cervantes: Don Quijote (3)
- SPA 456 Literature of Spanish America (3)
- SPA 461 Lecturas Mexicanas y Chicanas (3)
- SPA 490 Seminar in Special Topics in Literature and Linguistics (3)

## Recommended Additional Language

Those students who intend to pursue graduate work in Spanish literature or linguistics are also strongly encouraged to take a year of language other than English or Spanish. In addition to courses in Spanish, the Department of Modern Languages also currently offers courses in both French and Japanese.

## Minor in Spanish Culture (15-27 units)

### Requirements

#### A. Lower Division Courses (3-15 units)

##### 1. Prerequisite Courses (0-12 units)

- SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)
- SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)
- SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)
- SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

**2. Required Course (3 units)**

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed- those who have completed two, three or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or Literature, by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

The Modern Languages Department strongly recommends those students who need additional fluency in Spanish to travel to a Spanish-speaking country (under the guidance of an advisor) or to take SPA 230 Spanish Conversation (3) before they take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3). All Spanish Literature minors must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

**B. Upper Division Required Courses (12 units)**

SPA 305 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics I (3)

SPA 350 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spain (3)

SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)

SPA 353 Cinema of the Spanish-Speaking World (3)

**Minor in Spanish Grammar and Writing (15-27 units)****Requirements****A. Lower Division Courses (3-15 units)****1. Prerequisite Courses (0-12 units)**

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)

SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)

SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)

SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

**2. Required Course (3 units)**

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed- those who have completed two, three or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or Literature, by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

The Modern Languages Department strongly recommends those students who need additional fluency in Spanish to travel to a Spanish-speaking country (under the guidance of an advisor) or to take SPA 230 Spanish Conversation (3) before they take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3). All Spanish Literature minors must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

**B. Upper Division Required Courses (12 units)**

SPA 305 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics I (3)

SPA 306 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics II (3)

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

SPA 340 Practical Spanish for Interpreters and Translators (3)

**Minor in Spanish Linguistics (12-30 units)****Requirements****A. Prerequisite Courses (0-18 units)****1. Spanish Language Acquisition (0-12 units)**

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)

SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)

SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)

SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed; those who have completed two, three or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or Literature, by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

The Modern Languages Department strongly recommends those students who need additional fluency in Spanish to travel to a Spanish-speaking country (under the guidance of an advisor) or to take SPA 230 Spanish Conversation (3) before they take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3). All Spanish Linguistics minors must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

**2. Spanish Grammar and Composition (0-6 units)**

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

SPA 305 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics I (3)

**B. Upper Division Required Courses (12 units)**

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

SPA 414 Spanish Phonology (3)

SPA 430 Spanish Morphology (3)

SPA 440 Spanish Syntax (3)

Note: Student who take SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3) but apply it towards their major must take the following course for the minor: SPA 450 History of the Spanish Language (3).

**Minor in Spanish Literature (12-30 units)****Requirements****A. Prerequisite Courses (0-18 units)****1. Spanish Language Acquisition (0-12 units)**

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)

SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)

SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)

SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed; those who have completed two, three or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or

Literature, by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

The Modern Languages Department strongly recommends those students who need additional fluency in Spanish to travel to a Spanish-speaking country (under the guidance of an advisor) or to take SPA 230 Spanish Conversation (3) before they take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3). All Spanish Linguistics minors must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

## 2. Spanish Grammar and Composition (0-6 units)

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)  
SPA 305 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics I (3)

These courses, which are also required for the Spanish major, are necessary for continuation to the Spanish literature courses in this minor.

## B. Upper Division Required Courses (12 units)

SPA 330 Interpreting Hispanic Literature (3)  
SPA 453 Literature Of Spain (3)  
SPA 456 Literature of Spanish America (3)  
SPA 461 Lecturas Mexicanas y Chicanas (3)

**Note:** Students who take SPA 330 Interpreting Hispanic Literature (3) but apply it towards their major must take the following course for the minor: SPA 454 Cervantes: Don Quijote (3).

## Spanish Option under the B.A. in Liberal Studies (12-24 units)

(for major requirements, refer to the Liberal Studies section in this catalog)

### Requirements

#### A1. Lower Division Prerequisites (0-12 units)

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)  
SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)  
SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)  
SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

#### A2. Lower Division Required Course (3 units)

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

#### B. Upper Division Required Courses (9 units)

SPA 341 Advanced Conversation (3)  
SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)  
SPA 435 A Sociolinguistic Approach to Chicano/Latino Dialect (3)

**Note:** Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed- those who have completed two, three or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or Literature, and/or by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

Lower Division Required Courses: Students must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

Upper Division Required Courses: Students must take courses at CSUDH.

## Bilingual Authorization Certificate

In the Credential Programs of the Division of Teacher Education in the College of Education

### Requirements

#### A. Upper Division Required Courses (9 units)

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)  
SPA 341 Advanced Conversation (3)  
SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)

**Note:** Students must take these courses at CSUDH

## Subject Matter Preparation Program in Spanish (51-66 units)

The Subject Matter Preparation Program in Spanish is designed for students interested in a career in teaching Spanish at the secondary school level. It satisfies the requirements set by the State Commission on Teacher Credentialing for demonstrating substantive preparation in the subject matter field of Spanish. Completion of an approved waiver program or passing The National Teachers Examination in the subject matter field fulfills one part of the requirements leading to the Single Subject Teaching Credential in Spanish. While the waiver in Spanish is not an academic major, credits earned toward a major in Spanish can be used to meet most of the requirements of the waiver program. Students interested in pursuing a teaching career at the secondary level should meet regularly with the designated departmental waiver program advisor.

### Requirements

#### A. Lower Division Required Courses (3-15 units)

##### A1. Beginning and Intermediate Spanish (0-12 units)

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)  
SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)  
SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)  
SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

##### A2. Required Lower Division Courses (3 units)

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

#### B. Upper Division Required Common Core Courses (48-51 units)

SPA 306 Advanced Composition, Syntax and Stylistics II (3)  
SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)  
SPA 330 Interpreting Hispanic Literature (3)  
SPA 340 Practical Spanish for Interpreters and Translators (3)  
or  
SPA 341 Advanced Conversation (3)  
SPA 350 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spain (3)  
SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)  
SPA 400 Teaching School Subject Matter in Spanish (3)  
SPA 414 Spanish Phonology (3)  
SPA 430 Spanish Morphology (3)  
SPA 440 Spanish Syntax (3)  
SPA 450 History of the Spanish Language (3)  
SPA 453 Literature Of Spain (3)  
SPA 454 Cervantes: Don Quijote (3)  
SPA 456 Literature of Spanish America (3)  
SPA 461 Lecturas Mexicanas y Chicanas (3)  
SPA 490 Seminar in Special Topics in Literature and Linguistics (3)  
UNV 300 Early Field Experience (2)

**Note:** All Single Subject Students must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH.

UNV 300 Early Field Experience (2) is optional.