

Spanish

Minor in Spanish

A Minor in Spanish usually consists of: SPAN 1006 Beginning Spanish, SPAN 2013-2023 Intermediate Grammar, and 6 more credit hours from the second or third-year offerings. Students with advanced standing entering directly into second year or beyond would achieve a Minor with 18 credit hours of courses at the higher levels of Spanish appropriate to their standing. The structure for the Minor program encourages students to complete a Minor in two years.

Major in Spanish

The Major program in Spanish consists of 36 credit hours in Spanish, 12 of which should be at the third-year level and 6 at the fourth-year level taken at St. Thomas University. Student Latin based origins. The Double Major is useful for students wishing to further their studies in such areas as education, translation, foreign affairs, journalism, law, management, public relations and international development.

Honours in Spanish

Students wishing to complete an Honours program in Spanish must meet the general norms of the University for an Honours degree, as set forth in St. Thomas University's Calendar, Section Two: Programs.

Honours students must also meet the requirements set forth by the Romance Languages Department (RLD). The Honours degree in Spanish consists of 48 credit hours in Spanish. Twelve credit hours of Spanish will normally be taken at the third-year level and a minimum of 12 credit hours will come from the fourth-year offerings taken at St. Thomas University.

1) a letter of intent in the program of study; 2) a letter of intent in the third or fourth-year level of the student's third year of study. In the Honours Program, the student must complete at St. Thomas University.

The application and program of study must be approved by the Department's Honours and Majors Committee (HMC). The Chair shall notify the student of the committee's decision.

Students opting to write a thesis must have their proposal approved by the HMC. The Honours thesis will normally be read by a reading committee of two other faculty members chosen from within the department. Where this is not feasible or where the thesis involves an interdisciplinary component, the reading committee shall be composed of the program advisor, a member of the RLD and a faculty member chosen from another appropriate department.

Advanced Standing in Spanish

Students who claim advanced standing in Spanish will be expected to take courses at a level appropriate to their knowledge. Advanced standing in Spanish will be determined at an oral interview with a senior faculty member appointed by the Department. At the conclusion of this interview, students will be placed in an appropriate Spanish course.

Students with Spanish as their first language will normally be accepted directly into third and fourth year courses and may proceed to an Honours degree with the appropriate number of credit hours at that level.

Honours Thesis

In addition to the 48 credit hours in Spanish, an Honours thesis is recommended for any student proceeding to graduate school in Spanish. However, this Honours thesis will be in addition to the normal 48 credit hour Honours and is therefore not compulsory.

Accelerated Program in Spanish

Students can accelerate their program in Spanish by taking university courses in a Spanish-speaking environment, with Departmental approval. Such courses have been recognized by the Department at St. Thomas University since 1973 and include such options as the ICUSTA Exchange Program and the Avila Experience, as well as other approved methods of foreign travel and study. Students are encouraged to take such programs after completing their second year in Spanish and they should consult the appropriate departmental advisor for more details.

guage. It represents the basic level in the learning of Spanish. Teaching methods and texts will vary from year to year and from instructor to instructor. The aims of the course are the acquisition of (1) listening comprehension, (2) basic vocabulary suitable for everyday conversations, (3) simple grammatical structures, and (4) a knowledge of reading and writing techniques. The basic skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) are emphasized. In addition, each instructor will introduce the students to selected elements of Hispanic Culture.

SPAN-2013. Intermediate Spanish I

This course begins with a review of the first-year course and proceeds to include, in a progressive way, the new components of intermediate grammar. Conversation will be an essential part of the course. Vocabulary expansion will be developed through short readings. The practice of listening, speaking, writing, and reading will give students the opportunity to improve their use of the language. Audio-visual materials will reinforce the student's understanding of Hispanic Culture.

SPAN-2023. Intermediate Spanish II

This course is the continuation of Intermediate Grammar I or its equivalent. It begins with a review of the indicative mood and then moves on to coverage of the subjunctive mood. This course will stress conversation, oral exercises, and oral presentations. Written assignments will improve the accuracy of the grammatical structures learned in the oral part of the course. Plays will sometimes be used as a part of the learning language process.

SPAN-2113. Culture and Composition I

This course continues with the cultural studies that were introduced in first year. Emphasis is placed on reading and writing assignments. Written Spanish is developed through cultural readings drawn from selected Peninsular Spanish texts. The course contains a basic research component and students will be encouraged to select and develop their own research interests.

SPAN-2123. Culture and Composition II

This course follows on from SPAN 2113 and continues the cultural study methods that were introduced in first term. Emphasis is again placed on reading and writing assignments. Written Spanish is developed through cultural readings drawn from selected Latin American texts. The course contains a basic research component and students will be encouraged to select and develop their own research interests.

SPAN-2413. Oral Intense I

This innovative course will provide intense oral practice in Spanish. In addition to traditional oral practices (film, radio, video, discussions, oral presentations, debates), there will be small discussion groups and regular access to sound and video files on the WWW. News items, current newspapers, radio and television news will be accessed regularly on the WWW and specific news items will be followed in some detail. Prerequisite: At least 12 credit hours in Spanish or the equivalent. 6 hours class per week.

SPAN-2423. Oral Intense II

This course is designed as a follow up to SPAN 2413 and will provide intense oral practice in Spanish. In addition to traditional oral practices, there will be small discussion groups and regular access to sound and video files on the WWW. News items, current newspapers, radio and television news will be accessed regularly on the WWW and specific news items will be followed in some detail. Prerequisite: SPAN 2413 or equivalent.

SPAN-3313. Advanced Reading I

Students will develop their reading and analyses skills by an in-depth reading of selected Peninsular Spanish texts and in addition, they will improve their oral fluency studying the rhythms of Peninsular Spanish poetry. Oral and written expositions on specific topics which arise from their textual analyses will reinforce the accuracy of the use of Spanish language in all its forms.

SPAN-3323. Advanced Reading II

Students will develop their reading and analyses skills by on in-depth reading of selected Latin American texts and in addition, they will improve their oral fluency studying the rhythms of Latin American poetry. Oral and written expositions on specific topics which arise from their textual analyses will reinforce the accuracy of the use of Spanish language in all its forms.

SPAN-3513. Advanced Grammar I

This course aims to build on the knowledge and communicative skills that students have previously acquired, in a limited form, with regards to the subjunctive tense. During the course of the semester, in-class activities will emphasize the practice of the present subjunctive tense. Some structural exercises and reading activities will be used; however, the course is based on communicative activities and projects that will reinforce grammar acquisition.

SPAN-3523. Advanced Grammar II

This course is a continuation of Advanced Grammar I. As in the first course, this one also aims to build on the knowledge and communicative skills that students have previously acquired with regards to the subjunctive tense. During the course of the semester, in-class activities will emphasize the practice of the past subjunctive tenses. Some structural exercises and reading activities will be used; however, the course is based on communicative activities and projects that will reinforce grammar acquisition.

SPAN-4013. Medieval Spanish Literature

Medieval Spanish Literature will be considered from two different points of view. (1) Prose: the development of the medieval novel; and (2) Poetry: the evolution of poetry from epic to lyric. Students will research at least one major text in each area in addition to preparing selected readings from important works. 3 hours per week.

SPAN-4023. Spanish Golden Age Culture and Texts

This course will include a close reading of selected, representative texts covering equally 1) Renaissance and Baroque poetry, 2) the Picaresque Novel, and 3) the Creation of the National Theatre. Emphasis will be placed on the evolution of the Spanish language as the seeming simplicity of the Renaissance changes to the intense complexity of the Baroque.

SPAN-4033. Nineteenth Century Spanish Culture and Texts

This course will consist of two separate unities: 1) the Romantic Movement in Spain with emphasises on theater and poetry and 2) Spanish Determinism. Texts will be determined by the specific interests by the students and instructors. Students will be expected to research at least one major text per unit, in addition to reading excerpts and selected passages from major works.

SPAN-4043. Twentieth Century Spanish Culture and Texts

This course will examine the evolution of Spanish Culture and Texts in five stages: (1) the

generation of 1898; (2) The Generation of 1927; (3) the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939); (4)

modernismo, perhaps the first Spanish American cultural movement to be exported back to Spain.

SPAN-4843. Twentieth Century Spanish American Culture and Texts

The many stories of 20th century Spanish America will be told through the study of 20th-century drama, beginning with the period of Social Realism and followed by in-depth study of some of the most representative works that characterize the political drama movement in Spanish America.

SPAN-4923. Collective Memory, Culture and Texts in Argentina (HMRT)

This course will explore the connections between collective memory, history and culture in Argentina. It explores the cultural production of the post-dictatorship Process of National Reorganization (1976-1983) through essays, fiction, and film. These texts and films reconstruct not only history but also those identities denied by official history. We will define concepts such as official history, Other History, and collective memory in order to understand the discursive fields from which history and memory are reconstructed.

SPAN-4996. Honours Thesis

In this course, one or more faculty member(s) of the Spanish Section will supervise the writing of an Honours thesis by an Honours student. This course is recommended for students who wish to proceed to a Masters Degree in Spanish. It offers an additional 6 ch in Spanish to the traditional 48ch Honours program. It is recommended, but not compulsory.

Independent Studies

