

# Spanish Program/ Hispanic Studies



Department of Language, Culture, and Communication  
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

## The Field

As modern modes of transportation and communication continue to make the world smaller, the need to understand and communicate at a global level grows exponentially. Hispanic Studies offers students a thorough education in the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Emphasis is placed on the Spanish-speaking world as a whole, not just on a specific country or point of view. Students are educated to be able to travel, live, work, and function within a broad range of Spanish-speaking regions and cultures.

## Career Opportunities

The Hispanic Studies program offers a wide variety of educational and employment possibilities. You may prepare for careers in:

- Government service
- Print and electronic journalism
- Translating/interpreting
- Teaching (through high school)
- Travel/tourism
- International affairs/business

## The Major

*Requirements are subject to change. Degree-seeking students will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time that they are admitted or re-admitted.*

Majors are required to complete coursework in three general areas:

- Spanish language, including advanced-level courses and the specialized course in language of business
- Hispanic culture and civilization
- The literatures of the Hispanic people

All students majoring in Hispanic studies must complete 24 hours of coursework at the 300 or 400 levels.

## Prerequisites

Spanish 202 or equivalent Spanish language proficiency.

## Required Courses (24 credit hours)

SPAN 301/302	Advanced Conversation and Composition	6
SPAN 305	Language of Business	3

### One of the following:

SPAN 356	Spanish Civilization and Culture	3
SPAN 357	Latin American Civilization and Culture	3
SPAN 358	Spain in the 20th Century	3

### One of the following:

SPAN 350	Masterpieces of Latin American Literature	3
SPAN 351	Masterpieces of Spanish Literature	3

### Two of the following:

SPAN 406	Advanced Written Expression	2
SPAN 409	Oral Expression	2
SPAN 420	Introduction to Translation	3

Other Spanish area offerings		4-5
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## Notes

Majors must take at least one course that deals specifically with Spanish (peninsular) topics such as SPAN 351, 356, or 358 and at least one course that deals specifically with Latin American topics such as SPAN 350 or 357.

Majors are encouraged to spend a semester or year in one of the many approved study-abroad programs.

## Cognates

Students must complete at least six hours of upper-level coursework, approved by an advisor, in appropriate disciplines in the Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, or Social Sciences Departments. Students may consider taking the Humanities Internship as one of the cognate courses.

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## Minor/Area of Focus

Hispanic Studies is also available as a minor, or as an area of focus in General Studies or Liberal Studies. The minor or area of focus requires successful completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper level Spanish coursework.

## Upper Level Courses Offered by the Spanish Program

SPAN 301	<b>Advanced Conversation and Composition I</b>
SPAN 302	<b>Advanced Conversation and Composition II</b>
SPAN 305	<b>Language of Business</b>
SPAN 350	<b>Masterpieces of Latin American Literature</b>
SPAN 351	<b>Masterpieces of Spanish Literature</b>
SPAN 353	<b>Latinos in the USA</b>
SPAN 356	<b>Spanish Civilization and Culture</b>
SPAN 357	<b>Latin American Civilization and Culture</b>
SPAN 358	<b>Spain in the Twentieth Century</b>
SPAN 385	<b>Spanish Across the Curriculum</b>
SPAN 406	<b>Written Expression</b>
SPAN 409	<b>Oral Expression</b>
SPAN 420	<b>Introduction to Translation</b>
SPAN 421	<b>Advanced Translation</b>
SPAN 450	<b>Hispanic Cinema</b>

## Certification Program, Grades 7-12

The certification program is offered in conjunction with the School of Education. Students must meet the requirements for the major in Hispanic studies, as well as the State of Michigan requirements for teacher certification.

A teaching major consists of 30 upper-level hours including the requirements listed above. A minor for certification consists of 20 upper-level hours. See a Spanish faculty member for further information regarding requirements.

## Co-curricular Activities

The Spanish program offers a number of co-curricular activities designed to support the academic program. Each term the Spanish Club organizes events such as excursions to

Hispanic restaurants, trips to Detroit's barrio, visits to local and regional museums featuring Hispanic exhibitions, and viewing of films in the Spanish language. The tertulia, or social hour, takes place weekly and is designed for students who wish to converse in Spanish with other students outside the normal classroom setting. The Spanish program also offers a special film series that provides students with visual treatment of important aspects of Hispanic culture. Guest lecturers and discussions with area business persons and government officials are also a frequent part of the program.

## Faculty

Faculty are dedicated to classroom teaching and research. They welcome the opportunity to advise students in specific academic programs and in general career planning.

Tenure-Track Faculty

**Jorge González del Pozo, Ph.D.**

**Carlos Rodríguez McGill, Ph.D.**

Lectures

**Samantha Petrak, M.A.**

**Marissa Stepien, M.A.**

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## For More Information

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