Did you know that by 2050 the United States could have more Spanish speakers than any other country (http://qz.com/441174/by-2050-united-states-will-have-more-spanish-speakers-than-any-other-country/)?

Spanish continues to gain ground as a widely spoken, national and international language, making the ability to communicate effectively in both written and spoken Spanish an invaluable intellectual, social, cultural, and professional resource. Spanish is the official or co-official language of 21 countries, and with more than 400 million speakers worldwide (projected increase to about 530 million by 2050), it is the third most widely spoken language on the planet after Mandarin and English.

What can you do with a Spanish major?

The following are just a few of the many career paths for which proficiency in spoken and written Spanish can be a valuable asset:

- Bilingual and second language education
- Medical, legal, and business professions
- Journalism
- Travel industry
- Translation
- Interpretation
- Non-governmental/nonprofit work
- Library science
- Foreign service

**HOW TO GET IN**

Students may declare at any time prior to attaining senior standing (86 credits) in consultation with the Spanish undergraduate advisor.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) section of the Guide.

**General Education**

- **Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts:** 6 credits
- **Breadth—Natural Science:** 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- **Breadth—Social Studies:** 3 credits
- **Communication Part A & Part B**
- **Ethnic Studies**
- **Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B**

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

**COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)**

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Mathematics**

Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

**Foreign Language**

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language

Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

**L&S Breadth**

- **Humanities, 12 credits:** 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature
- **Social Sciences, 12 credits**
- **Natural Sciences, 12 credits:** must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences

**Liberal Arts and Science Coursework**

108 credits

**Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work**

60 intermediate or advanced credits

**Major Declare and complete at least one (1) major**

**Total Credits**

120 credits

**UW-Madison Experience**

30 credits in residence, overall

Experience 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit
NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non-L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

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**Electives to reach 36 credits in the major, chosen from:** 12

- SPANISH courses numbered 400-699
- Or one (and only one) course from:
  - LITTRANS 245 | Topics in Spanish American Literature in Translation |
  - LITTRANS 252 | Spanish Literary Masterpieces in Translation |
  - PORTUG 301 | Intensive Portuguese |

**Total Credits** 36

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

At least 6 credits of SPANISH at or above the 400-level must be taken while physically on the UW-Madison campus.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in SPANISH and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major, taken in residence
- 15 credits in SPANISH, taken on the UW–Madison campus
  - Courses numbered above SPANISH 311 are considered upper-level in the major.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Spanish undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all SPANISH courses 300 level and higher
- Complete the following coursework, taken for Honors, with individual grades of B or better:
  - 6 credits, SPANISH 327 to SPANISH 680
  - 3 credits, SPANISH 300 to SPANISH 680
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Develop communication skills in Spanish and integrate these skills to exchange and assess ideas effectively and with level-appropriate accuracy in written and spoken Spanish.

2. Demonstrate understanding of linguistic, pragmatic, sociolinguistic, and stylistic features of written and spoken Spanish; understand how they influence meaning, and apply these features in level-appropriate ways in writing and speech.

3. Demonstrate knowledge of Hispanic cultures across historical epochs, including awareness of the social, cultural, and linguistic diversity that characterizes the Spanish-speaking world.

4. Demonstrate familiarity with and apply basic methods of literary and/or linguistic analysis, which for literary analysis includes interpretation of written texts and other forms of artistic/cultural creation, both in and of themselves and in the context of the particular social, cultural, and historical milieus in which they were created.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

First Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
SPANISH 203 4 SPANISH 204 4
Communication A 3 Quantitative Reasoning A or Intermediate/ Advanced COMP SCI/MATH/STAT (if B.S.)

Social Science Breadth 3 Science Breadth 3
Electives 5 Electives 5

Second Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
SPANISH 226 3 SPANISH 223 3
SPANISH 225 3 SPANISH 224 3
Communication B 3 Ethnic Studies SPANISH 311.

Physical Science Breadth 3 Social Science Breadth 3
Elective 3 Elective 3

Third Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
SPANISH 311 3 300 level Spanish
Communication B. Literature course

300-400 level Spanish 3 300-400 level Spanish
Linguistics course Culture course

Quantitative Reasoning 3 Biological Science
B or Intermediate/ Breadth Advanced COMP SCI/
MATH/STAT (if B.S.)

Social Science Breadth 3 Electives 6
Elective 3

Fourth Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
300-400 level in Spanish 3 400 level Spanish
Culture course or Elective
Optional Language
Practice course

400 level Spanish 3 400 level Spanish
Elective

400 level Spanish 3 Social Science Breadth
Elective

Science Breadth 3 Electives 6
Elective 3

Total Credits 120
ADVISING AND CAREERS

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L&S CAREER RESOURCES
SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/)

PEOPLE
Professors Beilin, Bilbija, Close, Corfis, De Ferrari, Egea, Hernández, Hildner, Hutchinson, Medina, Podestá, Sanchez, Sapega
Associate Professors Alcalá-Galán, Ancos-García, Armstrong, Cerezo Paredes, Goldgel-Carballo, Pellegrini, Rao, Stafford, Tejedo Herrera
Senior Lecturer Mercado
Faculty Associate Pujol
Associate Faculty Associates Fondow, Neumayer, Rodriguez-Guridi
Department Administrator Simpson
Graduate Coordinator Zimmer
Program Associate Tanner
Financial Specialist McLimans
Undergraduate Advisor Francis