

SPANISH, BA

The curriculum provides students with an attractive mixture of classes with Latin-American, Spanish Peninsular, U.S. Latino, and Transatlantic grounding. Studies will include the renowned works of Cervantes, including Don Quixote.

200 B.B. Comer Hall

Admission into the Major

Course placement information appears in the Spanish course description section of the catalog. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama. Additionally, students must declare a major with the undergraduate advisor in the department.

Special Opportunities

The Spanish program at The University of Alabama offers a quality education and a range of learning opportunities. These include the Alabama in Spain summer abroad program, the Spanish Outreach program in the Tuscaloosa/Northport area and UA's semester abroad program in Cuba (offered by the College of Arts and Sciences). The Department of Modern Languages and Classics also offers honors courses in Spanish.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in Spanish must complete all University, College and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements, all requirements for an approved minor and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Code and Title	Hours
Major Courses	
Select one of the following	3
SP 353 Spanish Conversation ¹	
SP 352 Spanish Conversation (Study Abroad Option)	
SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers (Native Speakers cannot take SP 352 or SP 353)	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	3
SP 356 or Adv Grammar And Compos	3
SP 354 Adv Grammar & Compositn	
SP 364 or Spanish Civilization	3
SP 366 Spanish-American Civ	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	6
Select two of the following:	6
Credit Hours Subtotal:	6
SP 371 Survey Of Spanish Lit	
SP 372 Survey Of Spanish Lit	
SP 375 Masterpc Sp-Amer Lit I	
SP 376 Masterpc Sp-Amer Lit II	
SP 377 US Latino Literature	
Electives ²	
Select six hours of SP electives 300 or 400 level	6
Select three hours of SP elective 400 level	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:	9

Cervantes

SP 491	Cervantes	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3

Ancillary Courses

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA. The major in Spanish requires the successful completion of the following courses:

SP 101	Introductory Spanish I	4
SP 102	Introductory Spanish II	4
SP 201 or SP 211	Intermediate Spanish	3
SP 202 or SP 212	Honors Intermediate Spanish I	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		14

Total Hours	41
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Footnotes

- Native speakers or heritage speakers cannot take SP 353 Spanish Conversation; they should enroll in SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers instead or substitute it with another course in consultation with the Spanish Adviser.
- Of the electives requirements, at least one must be a linguistics course taught in Spanish. SP 361 Intro Romance Linguistic is taught in English and does not count towards Spanish major or minor.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus. Courses taken in the UA summer program in Spain may be used to satisfy the residency requirement.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with minor, College and University requirements.

Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study of Spanish is determined by several factors. These factors include the following: the number of high school units completed, language placement examination scores, AP score, and/or faculty evaluation/consultation. For more detailed placement guidelines, see the College website or Spanish program website: <http://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/undergraduate/course-placement/>

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
SP 101	No prior instruction in Spanish (or >4 years ago); or 3 or fewer high school units; or UA placement test
SP 102	4 to 5 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 201	6 to 7 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 202	8 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 353 / SP 356	UA placement test

Note that 1 high school unit is generally equivalent to 1 semester of high school work.

Credit Option

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in SP 201 or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition. Students are encouraged to take the placement test in order to place into the highest course level possible, as incoming students may receive up to 10 hours of additional credit (SP 102, SP 201, SP 202).

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
SP 101	No prior instruction in Spanish (or >4 years ago); or fewer than 4 high school units; or UA placement test
SP 102	4 to 5 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 201	6 to 7 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 202	8 high school units in Spanish; or UA placement test
SP 353 / SP 356	UA placement test

Career opportunities include teaching of Spanish at the high school level, master's degree, doctorate in Spanish, diplomatic corps, FBI, NSA, CIA, translator, interpreter, and hospitality careers (tourism).

A Spanish major is a great double major to have with history, international relations, political science, English, engineering, pre-med, and many others.

Types of Jobs Accepted

sales representative with foreign firm, Spanish teacher at the high school level, Teach for America, international banker, interpreter, translator, and more

Jobs of Experienced Alumni

university professor, high school teacher, junior or state college teacher, interpreter, translator, international banker, international sales representative, international advertising, media consultant, and more

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center