

Major in Iberian Studies

An interdisciplinary 9-course major in the history, politics, and cultures of the Iberian Peninsula, focused primarily on Spain. Required: Critical Approaches, Iberian Atlantic, and Cultural History of Spain, plus 6 electives related to the field drawn from groups B, C, or D below or from any department at the University.

THE MAJOR

Group A: Foundations in the major

[Critical Approaches \(SPAN-UA.0200\)](#)

Required; offered every semester. Prerequisite: SPAN-UA.0100. The course is a pre-requisite for most upper level courses taught in Spanish.

[The Iberian Atlantic \(SPAN-UA.0300\)](#)

Required; offered every semester. Taught in English with Spanish section available. May be taken at any stage; recommended early in the major, concurrent with language study.

[Cultural History of Spain \(SPAN-UA.0310\)](#)

Required; offered every spring. Taught in Spanish. Prerequisite: Critical Approaches (SPAN-UA.0200).

Group B: Electives

Electives may be drawn from the rich offering of courses on Spain and the Iberian Peninsula across the university. Offerings vary by semester, but relevant courses are always offered in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Recent course offerings in [Spanish and Portuguese](#) include the following:

Transatlantic Avant-gardes; Reel Spain—Modern Spain through Documentary; Cervantes and Don Quixote; Al-Andalus in Modern Fiction; History of Spanish Art; Spain in New York; Jews, Christians, and Muslims Writing Al-Andalus; Theatre of the Golden Age.

Departments that offer courses pertinent to the study of medieval Iberia, the Spanish Golden Age, or modern Spain include: [Art History](#), [Judaic Studies](#), [History](#), and [Medieval and Renaissance Studies](#).

[NYU in Madrid](#) offers a range of electives in Iberian Studies, including: Spain and the European Union—Political and Economic Issues; Islam and Spain—Past and Present; Roaring 20s Spain—Film, Fashion, Literature, and Art; Masterpieces of the Prado Museum; Workshop—Spanish Theatre; Spanish Culture through Cinema.

Group C: Advanced Seminars / Special Courses

Recommended for juniors and seniors. Seminars are smaller classes that offer in-depth study of particular topics. Most of courses are taught in Spanish and carry as a pre-requisite SPAN-UA.0200 "Critical Approaches."

[Topics Seminars](#). Two or three offered per semester, topic varies by faculty expertise.

[Junior Research Seminar](#). Offered every spring; recommended for honors students.

[Honors Thesis Seminar](#). Offered every fall; followed by 4 points of Thesis Writing in the spring. Required for honors students.

For majors, by permission: [Internship](#) • [Directed Research/ Independent Study](#), for 2–4 credits.

Group D: Language Electives. Iberian Studies majors may count one of the following toward their major:

[Portuguese](#): intensive elementary, Portuguese for Spanish speakers, or any more advanced course in Portuguese language.

One semester of any other language with cultural or historical importance to the history of Spain: [Catalan](#), [Gallego](#), [Euskera](#), [Arabic](#), [Hebrew](#), [Latin](#).

Double majors may double count one relevant course with their other major with the permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Spanish and Portuguese.

Honors Program

Students with a general and major GPA of 3.65 or above are encouraged to participate in the Honors Program. Those interested are encouraged to take the Junior Research Seminar in the spring of the junior year. Honors majors enroll in a year-long (8-point) colloquium in the senior year, the Honors Thesis Seminar (4 of these points count toward the major.) The honors thesis is an extended research paper on a topic of the student's choice and directed by a faculty adviser, written in Spanish or English. Students offer an oral presentation of the thesis in the spring of senior year.

AP Credit

4 or 5 in Spanish Language: language requirement fulfilled; credit for SPAN-UA.0004. Enroll in Advanced Grammar & Composition (SPAN-UA.0100)

5 in Spanish Literature: credit for either Advanced Grammar & Composition (SPAN-UA.0100) or Critical Approaches (SPAN-UA.0200) based on the decision of the Director of Language Programs.

Non-NYU Credits: Majors may count a maximum of 4 courses from other institutions toward the major.