
Major in Spanish + Linguistics

A cross-departmental **10-course** major that combines the study of Linguistics with the study of Spanish. Students work closely with both the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Department of Linguistics.

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Courses in Spanish (5)

The Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS) in Spanish and Portuguese (spanish.dugs@nyu.edu) advises the Spanish part of the major.

Advanced Language (3)

[Advanced Grammar and Composition \(SPAN-UA.0100\)](#)

Required, offered every semester. If waived, this course is replaced by an elective from group C or D below. At-home/heritage speakers take “Advanced Spanish for Spanish speakers” instead.

[Advanced Conversation \(SPAN-UA.0101\)](#)

Required, offered every semester. Prerequisite: SPAN-UA.0100. Native speakers replace this course with an elective.

[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.

Electives (2)

Majors choose two courses taught in Spanish from the range of core courses and advanced seminars offered in the department. These carry as a pre-requisite SPAN-UA 0200 “Critical Approaches.”

Core Courses offer broad introduction to fields of inquiry in literature, cultural studies, film, performance or visual culture. Course offerings vary by term. Advanced seminars, recommended for Juniors and Seniors, are smaller classes that offer in-depth study of particular topics. Majors may also pursue a 2-4 point internship, with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Courses in Linguistics (5)

The Director of Undergraduate Studies in Linguistics (linguistics.dugs@nyu.edu) advises the linguistics part of the major.

Introductory (1): One of the following: [Language](#) (LING-UA 1), [Introduction to Linguistics](#) (LING-UA 2), or [Language and Mind](#) (LING-UA 28)

Phonetics (1): [Sound and Language](#) (LING-UA 11)

Syntax (1): [Grammatical Analysis](#) (LING-UA 13)

Electives (2) from two different areas of Linguistics:

- Historical linguistics (LING-UA 14, LING-UA 17, LING-UA 76)
- Sociolinguistics (LING-UA 15, LING-UA 18, LING-UA 30, LING-UA 38)
- Phonology (LING-UA 12)
- Syntax, semantics (LING-UA 4)
- Computational linguistics (LING-UA 3, LING-UA 24)
- Psycholinguistics (LING-UA 5, LING-UA 43, LING-UA 54)

See http://linguistics.as.nyu.edu/object/linguistics.undergrad.joint_major_checklist for a checklist of required Linguistics courses for this major.

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.

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