
Major in Spanish + Latin American Literatures + Cultures

A 9-course major focused on cultural production in Spain and Latin America based on reading, writing, and research conducted in the Spanish language. Required courses (4): Advanced Grammar + Composition, Critical Approaches, Iberian Atlantic, and *either* Cultural History of Spain or Cultural History of Latin America; plus 5 electives drawn from groups C, D, or E below.

THE MAJOR

Group A: Advanced Language

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

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.

[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.

Group B: Foundations in the major

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

No pre-requisite. Required; offered every semester. Taught in English with Spanish section available. Recommended early in the major, concurrent with language study.

[Cultural History of Latin America \(.0305\)](#)

Offered every fall. Prerequisite: Critical Approaches (SPAN-UA.0200). Majors choose between this course or Cultural History of Spain to meet requirements.

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

Offered every spring. Prerequisite: Critical Approaches (SPAN-UA.0200). Majors choose between this course or Cultural History of Latin America to meet requirements.

Group C: Core Courses/Electives

Core Courses offer broad introduction to fields of inquiry in literature, cultural studies, film, performance or visual culture. Most courses are taught in Spanish and carry as a pre-requisite SPAN-UA 0200 "Critical Approaches." Courses recently offered in this category include:

[Cities on the edge](#)

[Fictions of power](#)

[Guilt, desire and the law](#)

[Jews, Christians, & Muslims in Al-Andalus](#)

[Is Spanish one language?](#)

[Latin American cinema](#)

[Myth and literature](#)

[New borderlands](#)

[Photography and Literature](#)

[Reading Don Quixote](#)

[Revolution and culture](#)

[Spanish Civil War remembered](#)

[Theatre of the Golden Age](#)

[Transatlantic avant-gardes](#)

Group D: 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 E: Advanced language electives

All majors may take up to two advanced language electives toward the major, one at the 100-level and one at the 200-level. Advanced Grammar and Composition (SPAN-UA.0100) is a pre-requisite for these courses. Regular offerings include:

100-level:

[Advanced Conversation](#)
[Techniques of Translation](#)
[Creative Writing](#)

200-level:

[Advanced Translation](#)
[Advanced Creative Writing](#)

Majors may take up to two **courses in English**, so long as the writing (and where possible, the reading) is completed in Spanish.

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.