

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 three of the following Cornerstone courses:	9
SP 353 or Spanish Conversation ¹	
SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers	
SP 356 Adv Grammar And Compos	
SP 364 or Cultures of Spain	
SP 366 Cultures of Latin America	
Select two of the following Literatures and Cultures courses:	6
SP 371 Literatures of Spain pre-1800	
SP 372 Literatures of Spain post-1800	
SP 375 LatAm Literatures pre-1900	
SP 376 LatAm Literatures post-1900	
SP 377 US Latino Literature	
Select one of the following Linguistics courses:	3
SP 383 Fundamentals of Spanish Ling.	
SP 384 Spanish Pronunciation	
Electives²	
Select one SP elective course at the 300 or 400 level	3
Select two SP elective courses at the 400 level	6
Credit Hours Subtotal:	27
Ancillary Courses	

The major and minor in Spanish require the successful completion of the courses below. Students may start directly at the 300 level provided they satisfy the requirements explained in the Course Placement section. Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA.

SP 101	Introductory Spanish I	3
SP 102	Introductory Spanish II	3
SP 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SP 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Total Hours		39

Footnotes

- ¹ Native or heritage speakers cannot take SP 353 Spanish Conversation; they must enroll in SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers.
- ² SP 361 Intro Romance Linguistic is taught in English and does not count towards the Spanish major or minor.

Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study of Spanish is determined by the language placement score, AP score, and/or IB score. All students who do not have an AP or IB score should take the UA placement test. The UA placement test is available online at myBama.ua.edu by clicking on the search box and typing "Foreign Language Assessment."

For more detailed placement guidelines, see the College website or Spanish program website: <https://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/undergraduate/course-placement/>.

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
SP 101	No prior instruction in Spanish.
SP 102	UA placement test, or SP 101 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 4
SP 201	UA placement test, or SP 102 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 5, or an AP score of 3
SP 202	UA placement test, or SP 201 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 6, or an AP score of 4
SP 353 / SP 356	UA placement test, or SP 202 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 7, or an AP score of 5

Credit Option

Back credit petition: If placed above SP 101, students are potentially eligible to receive additional back credit upon written petition. Heritage language or bilingual students cannot receive back credit for SP 100-200 courses.

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 UA summer programs (such as Spain and/or Colombia) 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 advisor 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. For more details, regarding the completion of the Spanish BA, check the departmental website at <https://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/undergraduate/major/>.

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