

SPANISH MINOR

The Language and Culture Programs at The College of St. Scholastica offers both a major and a minor in Spanish. The courses in the program combine academic and experiential learning to prepare students with the linguistic and cultural skills to engage in responsible living and meaningful work in Spanish-language contexts. Through the exploration of language, history, culture, literature, service-learning, and contemporary issues in the Spanish-speaking world, the major and minor encourage communicative competency and the appropriate interpersonal/intercultural skills in both foreign and domestic settings. The programs prepare students with a solid background for work in or continued learning about Spanish and Latinx cultures.

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Learning Outcomes

The student completing the Spanish minor will be able to:

1. Handle most communicative tasks and social situations, and be able to initiate, sustain, and close a general conversation using a wide variety of communicative strategies, including circumlocutions with pronunciation that is easily intelligible to native speakers.
2. Understand and respond appropriately to longer stretches of connected discourse in Spanish on a variety of topics that employ all tenses and moods.
3. Read and respond critically to prose of several paragraphs in length, such as short stories, news items, correspondence and general technical, cultural, and historical texts.
4. Write cohesive summaries, narratives, and essays.
5. Identify, discuss, and analyze intangible products of Spanish, Latin American and/or Latinx cultures and societies.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Spanish minor.

Program Requirements

Minor Credits: 20

Program Required Courses

20 credits beyond the level of SPN 1112 Beginning Spanish Language and Culture II.

Code	Title	Credits
SPN 2101 or SPN 2150	Intermediate Spanish I ¹ Intermediate Spanish I in Cuernavaca	4
SPN 2102	Intermediate Spanish II ¹	4
SPN 3101 or SPN 3102	Advanced Spanish in Context I ² Advanced Spanish in Context II	4
Electives		8

Electives that includes at least one Spanish language literature course and one civilization or cultural course:

Select 2 credits of the following Spanish language literature courses:

SPN 3514 Hispanic Poetry

SPN 3516	Cuentos cortos en español
SPN 3777	Topics in Hispanic Culture and Civilization or Literature
SPN 3820	Literatura de la justicia social
SPN 3901	Escritoras latinoamericanas
SPN 3930	Mitos y Leyendas en Español
SPN 3951	Masterpieces of Hispanic Literature
Select 2 credits of the following civilization or cultural courses: ³	
GSJ/SPN 3303	The Other Americas ⁴
GSJ/HIS 3307	Modern Latin American History ⁴
SPN 3601	Civilización y cultura de España
SPN 3602	Civilización y cultura de Latinoamérica
SPN 3603	Perspectivas Culturales Latin@s
SPN 3777	Topics in Hispanic Culture and Civilization or Literature

Additional Elective Options

GSJ 2050	Introduction to Mexico
GSJ 3202	Culture Through Film ⁴
GSJ/SPN 3303	The Other Americas ⁴
GSJ/HIS 3307	Modern Latin American History ⁴
SPN 3150	Spanish Conversation in Cuernavaca
SPN 3220	Conversacion en Espanol
SPN 3777	Topics in Hispanic Culture and Civilization or Literature
SPN 4200	Spanish for the Health Care Professions
SPN 4777	Topics
SPN 4999	Independent Study

GSJ 4555 (GSJ Internship) may count toward the minor with prior approval from CSS Spanish faculty.

Total Credits 20

¹ Students who test out of SPN 2101 (<https://catalog.css.edu/search/?P=SPN%202101>) Intermediate Spanish I and/or SPN 2102 (<https://catalog.css.edu/search/?P=SPN%202102>) Intermediate Spanish II will have the value of the credits for these courses counted toward the minor.

² Similar courses in a study-abroad program may replace this course with prior approval from CSS Spanish faculty. Prerequisite: SPN 2102 (<https://catalog.css.edu/search/?P=SPN%202102>) Intermediate Spanish II.

³ In lieu of these courses, students may participate in a semester-long program to a Spanish-speaking country, with the prior consent of CSS Spanish faculty.

⁴ Up to 4 credits taught in English may count toward the minor. These courses include GSJ 3303 The Other Americas/SPN 3303 The Other Americas, GSJ 3307 Modern Latin American History/HIS 3307 Modern Latin American History, and GSJ 3202 Culture Through Film (Hispanic Films). Other courses in English may count with prior approval from CSS Spanish faculty.