

SPANISH MINOR INFORMATION SESSION

How to apply for the minor and earn credits through study abroad

Spanish Minor Requirements -

At least 18 credits beyond level 003

A. Required courses (9 credits):

- SPAN 100 (Intermediate Grammar & Comp.)
- SPAN 110 (Intermediate Conversation)
- SPAN 215 (Intro. to Spanish Linguistics) OR
SPAN 253W (Intro. to Hispanic Literature)

B. 9 additional credits from 200-, 300- and 400-level SPAN courses, including at least 6 credits at the 400-level.

Now the details...

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100 and 110 may be taken together or in separate semesters.

Take both 100 and 110 before taking...

- SPAN 215 (Intro. to Spanish Linguistics) OR SPAN 253W (Intro. to Hispanic Literature)

- B. 9 additional credits from 200-, 300- and 400-level SPAN courses, including at least 6 credits at the 400-level.

Non-400 level courses:

SPAN 210 Readings in Iberian Civilization (History)

SPAN 220 Readings in Ibero-American Civilization (History)

SPAN 300 Advanced Grammar and Composition through Reading

SPAN 305 Spanish for Social Services

(The pre-requisite for the following is **SPAN 253W**.)

SPAN 353 Survey of Spanish Literature Before 1700

SPAN 354 Survey of Spanish Literature Since 1700

SPAN 355 Survey of Spanish American Literature through
“Modernismo”

SPAN 356 Survey of Spanish American Literature after
“Modernismo”

Take at least two courses at the 400-level:

SPAN 410	Advanced Conversation
SPAN 412	Translation
SPAN 414	Spanish Phonology
SPAN 415	Spanish Morphology and Syntax
SPAN 418	Evolution of Spanish
SPAN 420	Spanish for Bus & International Trade
SPAN 439	Don Quijote
SPAN 440	Teaching Romance Languages
SPAN 472	Contemporary Spanish American Novel
SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Lit.
SPAN 490	Masterpieces of Spanish Prose
SPAN 491	Masterpieces of Spanish Drama and Poetry
SPAN 497	Special Topics (Linguistics, Literature or Culture)
SPAN 499	Spanish Study Abroad

Heritage Speakers of Spanish

- Heritage speaker: Someone who grew up in a Spanish-speaking environment (all or some family members spoke Spanish). This student need not have native proficiency.
- Instead of SPAN 100 and 110, heritage speakers must enroll in **SPAN 100A and 301**. These courses are designed especially for students who frequently heard or spoke some Spanish while growing up. Also, heritage speakers may not take **SPAN 410** (Advanced Conversation).

Course Prerequisites

- SPAN 100 and 110 (or 100A and 301 for heritage speakers) should be completed before taking any SPAN courses at the 200, 300 or 400 level.
- If SPAN 200 is listed as the prerequisite for a course, you may take that course if you have completed 100 and 110.
- If SPAN 300 is listed as the prerequisite for a 400-level course, you may take that course if you have completed 100, 110, and at least one of the following: 210, 215, 220, 253W or 305. (If your grammar and writing skills are weak, take at least two of those 200/300-level courses before attempting the 400-level course.)

You can make progress in your Spanish Minor over the summer through intensive courses offered by the **LANGUAGE INSTITUTE** at Penn State (UP)

These were the dates of the Summer 2009 courses; future summers are likely to have a similar schedule:

SPAN 100 and 110 - June 15 – July 10

SPAN 215 and 253W - July 13 – August 7

For further information, visit:

<http://www.outreach.psu.edu/programs/language-institute/>

Earning Spanish Minor credits through study abroad:

- You may earn up to 12 credits toward the Spanish Minor through study abroad. (Non-PSU programs: you may earn 9 credits abroad toward SPAN.)
- You should plan to take **at least 2 Spanish courses (beyond level 003)** here at University Park.
- Ideally, students should complete at least SPAN 100 and/or 110 here before studying abroad.
- If you have completed only one of these classes, plan to take one more Spanish class here when you return from abroad.

Earning Spanish Minor credits through study abroad (cont'd):

- All courses for the minor **must be conducted in Spanish**. (A course taught in English about a Spanish topic will not count.)
- A course **must be primarily about SPAIN or LATIN AMERICA** to count for the minor.
 - E.g., a course about the European Union in general will NOT transfer as SPAN credit.

- Credits will be awarded based on what you need for the minor. This means that the same course at Seville might count differently for two different students....
- A Grammar course taken abroad will count as Span 100, 110 or 300, depending on the level(s) you have completed prior to studying abroad.
 - For example, if you completed SPAN 100 and 110 here, a grammar course at Seville could count as SPAN 300.
- If you took 300 at PSU already, an advanced grammar course abroad will transfer at the 400 level.

- A Spanish Literature or Spanish-American Literature course taken abroad can count as SPAN 253W. However, if you already completed 253W at UP, a literature course taken abroad will receive higher-level credit (300- or 400-level Literature credit, depending on what you need.)

- Likewise, a Linguistics course taken abroad can count as SPAN 215. If you don't need 215 credit, it will count as a higher-level linguistics course.

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- History/culture courses can count as SPAN 210 or 220, if you need non-400 level credits.
- You may take any two topics about Spain, Latin America, or the local region where you are studying to complete the 400-level courses (as long as they were taught in Spanish!)

Spanish Minor declaration form

Minor forms are available in the hallway outside 237 Burrowes Bldg.

It is not necessary to meet with someone in the Spanish Department before you turn in your minor form. If you have questions, though, please go to the Spanish Department website for information on Spanish Minor advising:

<http://sip.la.psu.edu/students/undergraduate/index.shtml>.

The next set of slides shows how to fill in the Spanish Minor form...

Spanish Minor declaration form

Semester Graduating: _____

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese
Application for Admission to Minor Program: Spanish Minor

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____
Last First Middle

Local Address: _____ Local Telephone: _____
Street City State ZIP

Campus Location: UP College: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Major: _____ Desired Minor: SPANISH Current Semester Standing: _____

Spanish Minor declaration form (cont'd)

COURSES ALREADY TAKEN OR IN PROGRESS

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 100		3
SPAN 110		3

COURSES TO BE TAKEN

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
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Total Credits (at least 18): _____

Spanish Minor declaration form (cont'd)

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Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 100		3
SPAN 110		3

COURSES TO BE TAKEN

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 215 or 253W		3

Total Credits (at least 18): _____

Spanish Minor declaration form (cont'd)

COURSES ALREADY TAKEN OR IN PROGRESS

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 100		3
SPAN 110		3

COURSES TO BE TAKEN

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 215 or 253W		3
SPAN XXX		3
SPAN 4XX		3
SPAN 4XX		3

Total Credits (at least 18): _____

Spanish Minor declaration form (cont'd)

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Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 100		3
SPAN 110		3

COURSES TO BE TAKEN

Course Number & Abbreviation	Brief Title	Credits
SPAN 215 or 253W		3
SPAN XXX	} abroad	3
SPAN 4XX		3
SPAN 4XX		3

Total Credits (at least 18): 18

All required coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher by the end of the semester the student plans to graduate.

Final approval will be made the semester the student graduates. Degree audit substitutions will be done at that time for all required courses that have been taken and passed with a “C” or better to complete the minor.

Spanish Minor declaration form (cont'd)

Approval Signatures:

Student Signature

Date

Your Major Advisor

Date

Spanish Department Signature

Date

After you and your major adviser have signed the form, drop it off in
237 Burrowes Bldg (the Spanish Dept. office).

Some examples of course accreditations ...

...from CIEE Seville

HISP 3502 CSCS

Cultural History of Spain

This course aims to provide students with a better understanding of Spanish history using Seville and its many historical sites as a classroom. This class is highly recommended for students with solid Spanish language skills and a background in Western European History.



SPAN 210 or 497

LITT 3501 CSCS

Short Stories in Spain and Latin America

(offered to academic year students in January only)

This class is designed especially for academic year students who want to continue language and literature study during the semester break. The objective of the class is to study short stories as a literary genre in Spain and Latin America from the 19th and 20th centuries.



**SPAN 253W or
higher-level literature**

AHIS 3102 CSCS

Masterpieces of Famous Spanish Painters

This class is designed to introduce students to the fascinating works and worlds of Spanish painters. Special emphasis will be placed on different styles and how these evolved over time, from antiquity to the present day.



SPAN 499 and

Gen Ed Arts (if needed)

POLI 3101 CSCS

**Transition to Democracy in Spain and
Contemporary Spanish Politics**

This class studies Spain's unique transition to democracy against the backdrop of the nature of the Franco regime. Special emphasis is placed on the current political system: the constitution, political parties, regional autonomies and foreign policy.



SPAN 499 and

Gen Ed Social Science

For Course Accreditation instructions, go to

<http://www.international.psu.edu/ea/>

Click on "Academics" on the left of the screen, then select "Course Accreditations" and read through the information.

Course Accreditation Form

COURSE ACCREDITATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:

Name _____ Student Number: _____

Major _____ Email _____

Course Number: ___ **POLI 3101 CSCS** ___ Number of Credits assigned by Host Institution: ___ **3** ___

Course Title: ___ **Transition to Democracy in Spain...** ___

Program: CIEE: Cape Town, South Africa, CIEE Study Center and University of Cape Town

During the (check one): ___ Fall ___ **X** Spring ___ Summer (Check One) 200_ **8** ___ semester

Credit requested in the **SPANISH** department at PSU as **499**

Questions?

Julianna Chaszar - Spanish Minor adviser

Visit the Spanish Department website for Julianna's walk-in advising hours:

<http://sip.la.psu.edu/students/undergraduate/index.shtml>

The Spanish Dept. reviews all minor forms. If we see a problem on your form, we will contact you!