

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

George Washington University and the Washington, DC, area are ideal locations for learning about Spain, Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America. Through our program, students are prepared to be global citizens from multiple perspectives—our courses cover a variety of topics, including imperial and post-colonial literary and cultural history, poetry, drama, cinema, and prose narratives, as well as all aspects of language learning. Students gain access to symposia, exhibits, and film festivals dedicated to furthering the understanding and appreciation of Spanish and Latin cultures. Graduates pursue careers in a variety of fields, including education, medicine, politics, journalism, publishing, law, and business. Our alumni work within the State Department, nongovernmental organizations, the Organization of American States, the United Nations, and many other international organizations.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

The major-specific curriculum.

Code	Title	Credits
Major requirements		
Required		
SPAN 2006	Advanced Spanish II	
or SPAN 2026	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners	

or SPAN 2056 Intensive Advanced Spanish through Sustainability Literacy

or SPAN 2156 Intensive Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners

SPAN 2500 The Spanish-Speaking World: Spain, Latin America, and the United States

SPAN 3100W Texts and Contexts of the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 4910W Senior Seminar (required of all Spanish majors in the fall semester of the senior year)

Two courses (6 credits) selected from the following:

SPAN 3500 Medieval Iberia in the Modern World

SPAN 3510 Heresy and the Other in Early Modern Iberia

SPAN 3520 Decolonizing the Empire: Colonial Latin America

SPAN 3530 Enlightenment Spain

SPAN 3600 Special Topics

SPAN 4510 Cervantes Don Quixote

Four courses (12 credits) selected from the following. With the approval of the major advisor, two of these courses may be taken outside the program.

SPAN 3200 Bilingualism in the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 3400 Theatre of Spain and Latin America

SPAN 3410 Latin American Short Fiction

SPAN 3420 The Essay in Spain and Latin America

SPAN 3430 Afro-Latin America in the Diaspora

SPAN 3440 Caribbean Literature and Culture

SPAN 3540 Major Authors of Spain and Latin America

SPAN 3550 Queer Latin America

SPAN 3570 Women Writers of Spain and Latin America

SPAN 3650 Literature and Dictatorship

SPAN 3700 Cinema of Spain and Latin America

SPAN 4200 Topics on Hispanic Linguistics

SPAN 4410 Contemporary Narrative in Latin America

SPAN 4450 Mexican Literature and Culture

SPAN 4460	Southern Cone Literature and Culture
SPAN 4480	Studies in Latinx Cultural Production
SPAN 4520	Experimental Literature
SPAN 4540	The Myth of the Two Spains
SPAN 4550	1898 to 1998: Spain's First Century without Empire
SPAN 4560	Modern Poetry of Spain and Latin America
SPAN 4600	Special Topics
SPAN 4650	Literary Translation
SPAN 4700	Film as Text in Latin America
SPAN 4800	Independent Study

Excluding courses taught at GW Study Centers abroad, no more than four courses taken abroad or at another institution may count toward the major.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

Coursework (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext>) **for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).

- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/>), in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in Spanish and Latin American languages, literatures, and cultures, candidates must have attained a minimum 3.75 GPA in the major and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA. By the end of their junior year, qualified students may be invited by the Director of the Spanish and Latin American Literatures and Cultures program to write an honors thesis. Students writing an honors thesis complete SPAN 4919 Honors Thesis Research in the fall of their senior year and SPAN 4920W Honors Thesis in the spring of their senior year.