

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

School of Arts and Humanities

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Program Description

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at CSUB prepares students to interact and succeed in an increasingly global world. Cultural understanding and second language skills offer distinct advantages to graduates, particularly at a time when cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity in society is rapidly increasing. The department offers B.A. and M.A. degrees in Spanish, minors in Spanish and French, and a California Single Subject Credential in Spanish. A Special Major in French is available to interested students.

Program Goals and Objectives

Goals of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are to foster a broader linguistic, literary and cultural understanding of global societies, equip students with skills that are necessary in career fields, and prepare teachers of modern languages with the necessary knowledge and skills for teaching languages and cultures to others. These goals are accomplished by fostering interest in, and understanding of, cultures and peoples, and by developing student proficiency in the fundamental language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the languages offered.

Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
Major Requirements	33-35 units
Lower Division	6-8
Upper Division	27
General Education Requirements	38-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	12
LD Area B Natural Sciences	6
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	0-3*
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	0-3*
UD Thematic Areas B and D	0-6*
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	31-49 units

*The SELF requirement may double count with B, C, or D. JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement. Students are waived from UD area of their program. GWAR may be satisfied with waiver exam. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.

In addition to university education requirements, students can expect the following requirements for majors and minors in modern languages:

Requirements for the Major in Spanish

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Spanish requires a minimum of 33 units of coursework as specified below. In addition, students must achieve satisfactory performance on proficiency tests upon entrance to and exit from the major program, with a minimum grade of C in each course applying to the major program. Course requirements are as follows:

Lower Division (6-8 units)

1. SPAN 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011 or SPAN 2020, 2030
Credit may be awarded for these courses if proficiency/ placement testing demonstrates student to be on an advanced level and the student achieves a grade of B or above in the course the student places into. Note: Students with little to no prior experience with Spanish may need to take SPAN 1000 and 1010 in preparation for major coursework, but these courses do not count toward the 33 units required for the degree.

Upper Division (27 units)

1. SPAN 3000
2. Select two literature courses:
SPAN 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3710
3. Select one linguistics course:
SPAN 3200, 3210, 3220, 3230, 3720
4. Select one culture course:
SPAN 3300, 3310, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3730
5. Select 9 additional units (3 courses) not counted as fulfilling other requirements with at least 3 units at the 4000 level.
6. SPAN 4908 to be completed in the final semester of program study.

Requirements for the Minor in Spanish

A minimum of 12 units of Spanish coursework are needed for a minor in Spanish, 9 of which must be at the 3000 level or above.

Requirements for the Minor in French

A minimum of 12 units of French coursework are needed for a minor in French, 9 of which must be at the 3000 level or above.

Requirements for the Teaching Credential - Spanish Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program

Students wishing to complete the requirements for the California Single Subject Credential in Spanish should consult with an appropriate Spanish faculty advisor.