

Spanish Major Requirements for Heritage Spanish Speakers

Spanish heritage speakers are Spanish/English bilingual individuals who have grown up in Spanish-speaking environments in the United States.

Students of Spanish heritage who matriculate in SMU prior to Fall 2013 must accumulate 24 term hours of advanced courses to complete the Spanish major. These eight courses must include the following:

- Two of the following conversation/composition courses: 4355 and 3373 or 3374.
- 4358
- 4395
- and a minimum of nine term hours of 5000-level courses in literature and linguistics, including at least one course in Spanish Peninsular literature and one course in Spanish American literature.

In addition:

- a) All 3000-level courses must be taken before registering for any 5000-level course. Exceptions will be made for Study Abroad courses. At home, the only exceptions allowed are 4395 that can be taken with 5000 Linguistics courses and 4357 that can be taken with 5000 Literature courses. 4385 can also be taken simultaneously with or after completion of 5000 level courses. Individual courses may have prerequisites.
- b) The electives must be from the same level as highest level course the student is taking. The student cannot take electives from a level lower than the level in which s/he is enrolled. E.g. if the student is taking 5000-level courses, the elective can only be another 5000-level course, and not a 3000 or 4000-level course.

Recommendations:

Study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country is strongly recommended (see Spanish webpage listing for Study Abroad for a selection of programs).

Suggested electives outside the Spanish area are a second foreign language, courses listed under the Latin American Studies major, literary theory, other foreign literature in translation, English and American Literature.

ALL MAJORS AND PROSPECTIVE MAJORS SHOULD ALSO REVIEW THE SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION LISTED UNDER THE “ADVISING” HEADING OF THE WEBPAGE, AND VIEW THE SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR SCHEDULES PROVIDED THERE.

Quick Guide to Requirements for a Spanish Major for Heritage Spanish Speakers (Matriculated Prior to Fall 2013)

Requisite Type	Number	Notes	Hours
Advanced Spanish for Heritage Speakers	4358	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisite for 4395 	3
Two Conversation/ Composition Courses	4355 3373 (Topics: Spain) 3374 (Topics: SpanAm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Conv/Comp a prerequisite for 4395 	6
Introduction to Hispanic Literature	4395	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3358 a prerequisite • One Conv/Comp a prerequisite 	3
One Elective	3373 Topics: Spain 3374 Topics: SpanAm 4357 Intro to Linguistics 4352 Service Learning 4361 Translation 4385 Internship 4391 Commercial 5000 Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual courses may have prerequisites 	3
Three 5000-Level Courses (One in Peninsular, one in Spanish American, the third in either Pen, SpanAm or Linguistics)	5310 Pen 5311 Pen 5315 SpanAm 5316 SpanAm 5317 SpanAm 5320 Pen 5321 Pen 5323 Pen 5334 Pen 5335 Pen 5336 SpanAm 5337 SpanAm 5338 SpanAm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4395 a prerequisite for all 5000 literature courses (no exceptions) • 4357 a prerequisite for all 5000 linguistics courses (no exceptions) 	9

	5339 SpanAm 5340 Ling 5341 Ling 5342 Ling 5343 Ling 5361 Pen 5364 Pen 5365 Pen 5375 SpanAm 5370 Pen/SpanAm		
			Total Hours
			24