

Spanish

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
 (same language or two years of
 American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at
 least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

Students in the Department of Modern Languages and Classics can earn dual undergraduate degrees with the College of Engineering and the College of Education or a five-year M.B.A. in cooperation with the Maine Business School.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program Description

Courses are offered in Spanish language, literature, linguistics, film and culture. Several have an applied or service-learning component. Many programs throughout the University of Maine require or recommend the successful completion of 6 credit hours of a foreign language, or proven proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level as an integral component of their majors. Students planning to teach a foreign language need to complete a major program in the department, as well as 18 credit hours in a subject commonly taught in high school (i.e., history, English, mathematics, etc.)

Within the framework of courses on Spanish language, linguistics, literature and culture, the Spanish Program includes courses with a Peninsular and Latin American focus, which address historical and contemporary Latino/Hispanic experience, including in Maine migrant communities. There is opportunity through internships and study abroad for “authentic” language situations in ecology, business, the sciences, and the health professions. Future teachers have access to courses leading to Spanish teaching certification, including MLC 466 The Teaching of Modern Languages.

The Spanish minor combines well with programs such as Business Administration (international business), Education, Engineering, Health Professions, Sciences, and the Arts, and Social Work.

Specialized Information

There are several study abroad options for Spanish students, including UMaine’s direct exchange with the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela in Galicia (Spain). Spanish study is an excellent preparation for this service learning opportunity. Groups of students may spend Spring Break or May Term in Honduras. All students (not just language majors or minors) are encouraged to make study abroad part of their educational experience.

Students may also major in French or Spanish and take the appropriate classes leading to an M.B.A. developed in cooperation with the Maine Business School, or to a dual degree in engineering.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Career options for students majoring in Spanish include: teachers, study abroad coordinators, travel consultants, translators, hotel services, international corporations, higher education admissions counselors, communications and journalism, and law. Knowledge of a foreign language enhances job possibilities in every field, including library sciences, and medical and social services. In a global society, the knowledge of another language and culture is of increased importance in finding employment.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Teaching Spanish

Representative Courses

SPA 301 Introduction to Literary Theory
SPA 305 Applied Spanish
SPA 306 Workshop in Speaking and Writing Spanish
SPA 307 Readings in Peninsular Literature
SPA 308 Readings in Spanish American Literature

SPA 410 Latin American Novel
SPA 420 Spanish Film
SPA 444 Theory and Techniques of Translation
SPA 495 Senior Project in Spanish
SPA 496 Service Learning in Spanish

About UMaine

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