



SPANISH (2021-2022)

Division of Language & Literature

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Placement Guidelines for Spanish

All incoming students who plan to enroll in a Spanish course must take the online Spanish placement exam. Transfer students who have taken Spanish at another college or university are exempt from the exam. The Admission office will provide new first-year and transfer students with the placement exam information prior to orientation and registration. Current students should contact a member of the Spanish faculty to make arrangements to take the placement exam prior to registering for any Spanish course.

Study Abroad Programs

Study in another country is a vital component of the language student's college experience. There are many opportunities for Loras students to study outside the U.S. for a semester, a summer or a full academic year. Such study greatly enhances a student's skills in the target language and brings the student into direct contact with another country's culture(s). The Division of Language & Literature strongly encourages its students to participate in such programs. All credits from Loras sponsored semester study abroad programs will automatically transfer back to the College. In order to apply credit from courses taken in a non-Loras sponsored study abroad program (semester or summer) students must obtain PRIOR written approval from a Spanish faculty member and must receive approval from the Study Abroad Coordinator in the Center for Experiential Learning.

Students may not apply more than 12 of the 30 credits required for the Spanish major, nor more than 6 of the 18 credits required for the Spanish minor, from courses taken through a single study abroad (not including January Term courses). Study abroad credits will count as L.SPA-300 and L.SPA-400 level elective credits or L.SPA-280. Additionally, courses can count as course equates as approved by the Program Manager.

Student Learning Outcomes – Spanish
1. Students demonstrate speaking and writing skills in the target language consistent with the Advanced levels as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
2. Analyze the cultural and literary products of the Spanish speaking world in order to evaluate the historical, social, economic and political forces that shape these societies.
3. Examine the validity of one's own cultural beliefs, behaviors and norms by contrasting and comparing them with those of the target cultures.
4. Conduct independent, scholarly research by integrating, comparing, and evaluating ideas and materials from various critical, cultural and literary sources and applying this research orally and in writing.

Requirements for the major in Spanish (B.A.):

Students must obtain a final course grade of C or better in each core sequence course of L.SPA-210, L.SPA-220, L.SPA-270, and L.SPA-280 and satisfy all prerequisites in order to proceed through the sequence. Depending on placement, students may begin the major at any point in the Spanish course sequence as long as they satisfy all prerequisites but **must complete equivalent credits if placed above L.SPA-210**. Only one L.SPW course offered in English may be applied to the major, this does not include international January Term courses with the SPW prefix.

Req	Course	Cr's
1	L.SPA-210: Intermediate Spanish I	3
2	L.SPA-220: Intermediate Spanish II	3
3	L.SPA-270: Advanced Communicative Modes	3
4	L.SPA-280: Critical Analysis-EC	3
Select one from Req 5		
5	L.SPA-350: El Mundo Hispano	3
5	L.SPA-360: Major Writers	3
Select one from Req 6		
6	L.SPA-450: Topics in Culture and Civilization	3
6	L.SPA-460: Themes in Literature	3
7	Electives: Any L.SPA Course	3
8	Electives: Any L.SPA Course	3
9	Elective: Any L.SPA or L.SPW Course	3
10	L.SPA-490: Senior Seminar & Portfolio-PJ, IN	3
30 total required credits		

Requirements for the minor in Spanish:

Students must obtain a final course grade of C or better in core sequence courses that are applied to the minor (L.SPA-210, L.SPA-220, L.SPA-270, and L.SPA-280). Depending on placement, students may begin the minor at any point in the Spanish course sequence as long as they satisfy all prerequisites. Only two L.SPW courses offered in English may be applied to the minor, this does not include international January Term courses with the SPW prefix.

Req	Course	Cr's
1	Elective: One L.SPA Course	3
2	Elective: One L.SPA Course	3
3	Elective: One L.SPA Course	3
4	Elective: One L.SPA Course	3
5	Elective: One L.SPA Course	3
6	Elective: One L.SPA or L.SPW Course	3
18 total required credits		

2021-2022 SPANISH COURSES:

L.SPA-210: Intermediate Spanish I

L.SPA-210 and L.SPA-220, sequential in nature, involve extensive and intensive reading, writing, conversation and grammar at the intermediate level. Students will study the cultures of Spanish-speaking peoples. This sequence of courses will prepare students for further study in Spanish and serves as the introductory sequence for the major. Prerequisites: L.SPA-120 with grade of C or higher or placement or equivalent and permission of instructor. 3 credits.

L.SPA-220: Intermediate Spanish II

L.SPA-210 and L.SPA-220, sequential in nature, involve extensive and intensive reading, writing, conversation and grammar at the intermediate level. Students will study the cultures of Spanish-speaking peoples. This sequence of courses will prepare students for further study in Spanish and serves as the introductory sequence for the major. Prerequisites: L.SPA-210 with grade of C or higher or placement, or equivalent and permission of instructor. 3 credits.

L.SPA-235: Intermediate Spanish for the Professions

These courses are designed to enhance communicative skills and “real-life” applications of specialized vocabulary and workplace practices in Spanish at the intermediate level. Particularly appropriate for students with a Spanish minor or double major, each course will focus on attaining intermediate proficiency in workplace Spanish within one general context: business, criminal justice, education or health/ social services. Fulfills an elective requirement for the major or minor. Prerequisites: L.SPA-210 with grade of C or higher, or equivalent and permission of instructor. 1-3 credits.

L.SPA-237: El Camino de Santiago

Ours are misty stone trails through the same green lands that legend says St. James the Elder travelled during and after life. We will follow the Route from Portugal to Santiago. Into this same time and place we will weave the theme of modern human migrations across the Galician landscape, learning the emigrant/immigrant history of recent years. How do the modern American pilgrim and the modern African immigrant move through this landscape; how are they received by the inhabitants of the place? Throughout the trip we will investigate the efforts of Cáritas Diocesana. On the Camino, we will be walking about 15 miles/day, maybe more. 3 credits. January term.

L.SPA-248: Spanish in the Schools Practicum

This course will be experiential in nature, providing pre-service teachers the opportunity to continue to implement specific methodological approaches in second language acquisition, classroom experience, and the opportunity to reflect upon the experience, both individually and as a group. Prerequisites: permission of instructor. 1 credit. May be repeated for a total of 3 credits.

L.SPA-270: Advanced Communicative Modes

Higher level skill development and refinement in writing, speaking, and comprehension for students of Spanish. Includes: informal and formal writing (note-taking, drafts, style sheets, research strategies, paper formats) and informal and formal oral presentations (class discussions, group conversations, formal presentations). Prerequisite: L.SPA-220 with grade of C or higher, or placement, or equivalent and permission of instructor. 3 credits.

L.SPA-276: La Frontera-AC

This bilingual version of the advanced general education course, “The Latino Experience in the US-AC”, focuses on “la frontera,” the areas along the border between the U.S. and Mexico and includes a travel component to Arizona, U.S. and Sonora, Mexico. In this course, we will explore the history of both the U.S. and Mexico and the cultural, economic, linguistic, political and social contexts of this globally unique region. Pre-requisites: L.LIB-100, L.LIB-105, L.LIB-110 and completion of either L.LIB-130, L.LIB-135 or L.LIB-220. Completion of L. SPA-220 or equivalent and permission and interview with the instructor. 3 credits. January term.

L.SPA-280: Critical Analysis-EC

Using a wide variety of source materials (both academic and non-academic formats), students will engage in activities and analyses that provide them with additional tools and techniques for becoming more thorough thinkers and communicators in Spanish. Additional emphasis is placed on utilizing and processing materials and content that enhance students' understanding and appreciation of their own and other cultures.

Prerequisite: L. SPA-270 with grade of C or higher or placement, or equivalent and permission of instructor. 3 credits.

L.SPA-295: Topics

Spanish topics course. Used to develop courses which have not been approved under another catalog number. See Division Chair for more information. May be taken concurrently with L.SPA-280. 3 credits.

L.SPA-335: Advanced Spanish for the Professions

This level of courses in Spanish for the professions builds upon advanced level communicative competencies in Spanish, with particular emphasis on translation and interpretation and bilingual proficiency. Each course will address one general professional context supplemented with individualized projects and materials that allow each student to more narrowly focus on particular specialized aspects of the general professional topic: business, criminal justice, education and health/social services. Prerequisites: L.SPA-280 with grade of C or higher or placement or equivalent and permission of instructor. 1-3 credits.

L.SPA-338: Advanced Spanish for the Professions Practicum

Field placements, special community outreach projects and/or applied independent study related to Spanish for the Professions at the advanced level. Prerequisites: L.SPA-335 with grade of C or higher, or equivalent and permission of instructor. 1-3 credits.

L.SPA-350: El Mundo Hispano

This course examines the Spanish-speaking countries and cultures on both sides of the Atlantic from earlier centuries to modern times. Students will enhance their knowledge of persons and events and develop intercultural perspectives. Prerequisite: L.SPA-280 with grade of C or higher or placement or instructor permission. 3 credits.

L.SPA-360: Major Writers

Representative authors from the Spanish-speaking world and works from various genres. Prerequisite: L.SPA-280 with grade of C or higher or placement or instructor permission. 3 credits.

L.SPA-400: Advanced Grammar

Intensive practice in the subtleties of Spanish grammar and syntax. Prerequisite: L.SPA-350 or L.SPA-360 or equivalent semester study abroad courses. 3 credits.

L.SPA-450: Topics in Culture & Civilization

In-depth study of a particular issue or area of cultural studies. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Possible topics may include the Spanish Civil War, the Inquisition, Evita Perlin, the Virgin of Guadalupe, music of Latin America and its influence in popular American culture. Course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: L.SPA-350 or L.SPA-360 or equivalent semester study abroad courses. 3 credits.

L.SPA-460: Themes in Literature

Intensive study of a particular period, region, genre, or author. Topics will vary from semester to semester, and could include Golden Age, Chicano literature, short stories of Argentina, Sor Juana de la Cruz. Course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: L.SPA-350 or L.SPA-360 or equivalent semester study abroad courses. 3 credits.

L.SPA-490: Senior Seminar & Portfolio-PJ, IN

This is the capstone experience for students majoring in Spanish. Students undertake individualized research projects culminating in a formal oral presentation and a formal written narrative. A significant community connection component is required. Students also complete a College Portfolio that connects to the major that will aid

Spanish majors in demonstrating the transferable knowledge and skills that they have developed through their liberal arts education at Loras College. Prerequisite: L.SPA-450 or L.SPA-460 or equivalent semester study abroad courses. 3 credits.