

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication	SPAN 2313	Spanish for Heritage Language Learners II
Choose 1	American History	Choose 1	Mathematics
Choose 1	Creative Arts	UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication	Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1	Spanish for Heritage Language Learners III
Choose 1	Spanish for Heritage Language	SPAN 2315	Free Elective
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SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture	SPAN 3300	Advanced Spanish Grammar
Choose 1	& Composition I	SPAN 3305	Techniques of Literary Analysis
Choose 1	Government/Political Science	SPAN 3301	Advanced Spanish Grammar & Composition II
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Choose 1	Government/Political Science	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
Choose 1	Government/Political Science	SPAN 3307	Intro to Latin American Literature

THIRD YEAR

SPAN 3306	Introduction to Spanish Literature	SPAN 3306	Introduction to Spanish Literature
13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor	SPAN 3311	Spanish Phonology & Phonetics
SPAN 3310	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	13XX-43XX	Free Elective
SPAN 3308	Intro to Latina/o Literature	SPAN 3308	Intro to Latina/o Literature
SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Literature or Culture	SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Literature or Culture
13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor	13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor
13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor	13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor
SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Linguistics or Creative Writing	SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Linguistics or Creative Writing
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning

FOURTH YEAR

SPAN 4380	Senior Seminar	SPAN 4310	Spanish Applied Linguistics or
Choose 1		SPAN 4311	Spanish in Social Context
13XX-43XX	Free Elective	13XX-43XX	Free Elective
13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor	13XX-43XX	Restricted Elective or Minor
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SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Literature or Culture	SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Literature or Culture
13XX-43XX	Free Elective	13XX-43XX	Free Elective
SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Linguistics or Creative Writing	SPAN 33XX-43XX	Advanced Spanish Elective – Linguistics or Creative Writing

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC). "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans.

Additional Info

- Spanish at UTRGV is not just about taking six hours to meet your language proficiency requirements. It's about learning how languages develop, how we interact with other people and cultures, and how we can communicate with each other to change our world for the better.
- Globalization and online communication have intensified contact among cultures and languages. An education in multiple languages is a must in the new millennium, providing students with bilingual and bicultural competencies that set them apart in professional situations.
- Spanish studies also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, and cultural studies. A Spanish BA with experiences in those areas, then, is great preparation for careers in law, business, education, and the many health professions.

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BLUE PRINT

SPANISH (BA)
Catalog: 2019-20
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Degree Info

Globalization and the Internet Revolution have intensified contact among cultures, and hence an education in multiple languages and technology is an absolute imperative in the new Millennium. Pursuing a B.A. in Spanish not only insures bilingual and bicultural competencies, but also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, Culture, and cultures. Our program promotes these skills by introducing students to philosophical issues examined in literature and art; to writing and analytical skills; and to the rich cultural complexities of languages, peoples, and nations across the globe.

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

CAREERS

MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them, especially for the practice necessary in your freshman and sophomore Spanish acquisition classes.
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.
- Complete major foundation classes, such as SPAN 2313 & SPAN 2315.

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- Complete SPAN 3300, a prerequisite for many upper level SPAN classes.
- Complete 30 credit hours.

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- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

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- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: SPAN 4349
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors.
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- Seek out research opportunities within Spanish and talk to your Spanish teachers about joining a professional organization or doing an undergraduate research project.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as working with a local school on a literacy project or contributing to FESTIBA as a student presenter.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as SPAN 3308: Intro to Latina/o Lit, SPAN 4311: Spanish in Social Contexts, or a SPAN creative writing class.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at Multilingual Fest!
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a WLS/LCS program highlighting Heritage Languages & Literatures like Multilingual Fest or a Film Festival featuring international works.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Spain.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization that challenges you to practice your Spanish and even a third language.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend a minor in English for a bilingual background in literatures and languages, but a minor in any area is complemented with a Spanish Major.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the LCS and WLS department websites for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- Translation
- Interpreting
- Language documentation
- Fieldwork
- Lexicography (work with dictionaries)
- Technical writing
- Editing
- Journalism
- Medical linguistics
- Forensic linguistics
- Product naming
- Consulting

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter