B.A in SPANISH

Program requirements beginning **Fall 2026***

Build advanced Spanish-language skills while exploring the cultures and literatures of Latin America and Spain. This major prepares students for careers in education, translation and interpreting, public service, international relations, graduate study, and more.

42	**120**	**a grade of C or better**
units required in the Spanish major	total units required for the B.A.	is required in all major courses

Major requirements: 42 units

Most courses in the major are 3 units.

Requirement	Units	Courses and choices
Required lower division	3 units	**SPAN 47** Introduction to Composition and Grammar Review
Required upper division	6 units	**SPAN 100** Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literature **SPAN 103** Advanced Spanish Grammar
Language requirement	6 units **choose two**	**SPAN 102** Spanish Phonetics **SPAN 106** Advanced Spanish Composition **SPAN 121J** Spanish Language for Criminal Justice **SPAN 125** Spanish-English Translation and Interpreting **SPAN 126** Spanish-English Medical Interpreting
Peninsular literature	3 units **choose one**	**SPAN 110** Survey of Spanish Literature to 1800 **SPAN 111** Survey of Spanish Literature from 1800 to Present
Latin American literature	3 units **choose one**	**SPAN 113** Latin American Literature, Beg. to Modernism **SPAN 114** Latin American Literature, Modernism to Present **SPAN 130** Contemporary Mexican Literature
Culture requirement	6 units **choose two**	**SPAN 151** Civilization and Culture of Hispanic America **SPAN 152** Civilization and Culture of Spain **SPAN 153** Civilization and Culture of Mexico **SPAN 159** Cultures of Latin America for the Professions
Electives	15 units	*See the elective rule below and the complete course list on page 2.*

Elective rule. The 15 elective units may be completed with any courses listed in the Language, Peninsular Literature, Latin American Literature, or Culture sections that are not already being used to satisfy those requirements, or with courses from the additional elective list on page 2. At least 3 elective units must be upper-division (100 level).

*Students who began at Sacramento State before Fall 2026 should consult the catalog for the requirements that apply to their catalog year: https://catalog.csus.edu/archives/

ELECTIVES AND COURSE OPTIONS

The 15 elective units (5 courses) may come from any upper-division Spanish courses that are not already being used to satisfy the Language, Peninsular Literature, Latin American Literature, or Culture requirements. Students may also choose from the additional courses listed below.

Upper-division courses that could be electives:

Content Area	Course options
Language requirement · choose two	**SPAN 102** Spanish Phonetics **SPAN 106** Advanced Spanish Composition **SPAN 121J** Spanish Language for Criminal Justice Professionals **SPAN 125** Spanish-English Translation and Interpreting **SPAN 126** Spanish-English Medical Interpreting
Peninsular literature · choose one	**SPAN 110** Survey of Spanish Literature to 1800 **SPAN 111** Survey of Spanish Literature from 1800 to the Present
Latin American literature · choose one	**SPAN 113** Latin American Literature, Beginnings to Modernism **SPAN 114** Latin American Literature, Modernism to Present **SPAN 130** Contemporary Mexican Literature
Culture requirement · choose two	**SPAN 151** Civilization and Culture of Hispanic America **SPAN 152** Civilization and Culture of Spain **SPAN 153** Civilization and Culture of Mexico **SPAN 159** Cultures of Latin America for the Professions

Additional courses that may count as electives:

Course	Catalog title
SPAN 6A **SPAN 6B**	Intermediate Spanish for Professionals I Intermediate Spanish for Professionals II
SPAN 8A **SPAN 8B**	Intermediate Spanish for Criminal Justice I Intermediate Spanish for Criminal Justice II
SPAN 121J **SPAN 142**	Spanish Language for Criminal Justice Professionals Advanced Spanish Conversation
SPAN 123 **SPAN 129**	Topics in Spanish Literature Spanish Civil War
SPAN 131	Special Topics in Latin American Literature

Planning reminders

- Complete SPAN 47 before upper-division (100 level) Spanish courses.
- Complete SPAN 100 before any literature course.

Consult the appropriate catalog, class schedule, and an academic advisor when planning your individualized program.