The Department of Hispanic Studies aims to develop the student’s language skills, to provide an understanding of the cultures and literatures of the Spanish-speaking world, and to enhance the student’s career opportunities in a multicultural society. The department offers a major and a minor in Spanish.

**Hispanic Studies Department Policy for Spanish Language Placement Exams**

The Spanish language placement exam – currently the AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment for Performance toward Proficiency in Language) – is administered to incoming and current students who have not completed any Spanish language course work at the University of Kentucky. This exam is administered for the sole purpose of determining the most appropriate initial course for students embarking on their study of Spanish at the University. However, it is also used to exempt students from the A&S language requirement if their score demonstrates language ability roughly equivalent to that which is expected of students who have completed 4 semesters of Spanish language study at the Elementary and Intermediate levels (SPA 101, 102, 201 and 202) here at UK. This differs from other exams that give incoming students credit on their transcripts, such as the Advanced Placement Exam (AP), the International Baccalaureate Exam (IB) and the College Level Examination Program Exam (CLEP). No credit is earned through this placement exam.

Most often, this exam is administered when students arrive as freshmen or transfers, whether for the fall or the spring semester, during their initial orientation and registration for incoming students. However, if a person chooses not to take the placement exam upon entering as a freshman or transfer student, the Hispanic Studies Department offers alternative opportunities to take the exam in our departmental office by appointment. Sometimes, students choose not to take the placement exam or choose to enroll in a course that is below the level recommended by the AAPPL exam score. If a student has a question or concern about the level recommended for a certain score, we recommend that the student consult with the department directly, in order to assure that the decision is in the best interest of both that student and the other students in the class.

Sometimes, students take the placement exam at the start of their time at the university but choose not to take language classes immediately. If a student does not choose to enroll in Spanish classes the semester following the administration of the placement exam, the placement score is valid for another two years and is reported on the student’s advising profile on myGPS. As with many skills, language ability begins to degrade over time if those skills are not employed regularly. Pedagogically, it is important that the student be placed into the appropriate class for her/his current skill level. Thus, after two years, the student will need to repeat the placement exam in the Hispanic Studies departmental office before enrolling in course work in Spanish.

Once a student has chosen to take a class in the Spanish language sequence – or has chosen to transfer credit from another institution as Spanish language credit – the placement exam is no longer an option for that student. The exam serves as a placement exam and will not be used to determine language competency beyond recommended placement for continued study. Therefore, no student may take the AAPPL placement exam to satisfy language requirements if they have already taken Spanish language course work at UK or if they have transferred in Spanish language course work from another college or university, since that course work determines the placement of the student in the language series.

If you have any questions regarding the use and scope of the placement exam, please contact the Hispanic Studies department directly at (859) 257-2565.

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College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (completed by Premajor Requirement)
II. Disciplinary Requirements
   a. Natural Science ............................................................... 6
   b. Social Science ............................................................... 6
   c. Humanities (completed by Major Requirements) ............... 6
III. Laboratory or Field Work ................................................... 1
IV. Electives ........................................................................ 6

College Requirement hours: .................................................... 19

Premajor Requirements

SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish III ............................................. 3
SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish IV ............................................. 3
SPA 210 Spanish Grammar and Syntax ..................................... 3
SPA 211 Intermediate Spanish Conversation ........................... 3

*Premajor Requirements
SPA 210 Spanish Grammar and Syntax
and
SPA 211 Intermediate Spanish Conversation ........................... 6
or
SPA 215 Written Spanish for Bilingual Students ....................... 3

Premajor hours: ..................................................................... 3-6

*The premajor requirements may be fulfilled by AP exam – credit bearing or departmental placement exam – non-credit bearing.

Major Requirements

Major Core Requirement
SPA 310 Spanish Composition Through Textual Analysis ............... 3

Major Core hours: .................................................................. 3

Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department:
Choose 10 300+ level Spanish courses to include at least 4 courses at the 400+ level from any of the 3 available options and that fulfill the requirements for one of the three options listed below .......................................................... 30

From Outside the Major Department

Choose 3 courses outside Spanish (SPA) with any of the following prefixes at the 200+ level that complement the major. Courses used to satisfy College requirements may also count here. Courses with prefixes not listed below must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies .......................................................... 9

A-E  Art Education
A-H  Art History
A-S  Art Studio
AAD  Arts Administration
AAS  African American Studies
AIS  Arabic and Islamic Studies
ANT  Anthropology
APP  Appalachian Studies
ART  Art
BSC  Behavioral Science
CGS  Cognitive Science
CHI  Chinese Culture and Language
CIS  Communications and Information Studies
CLA  Classics
CLD  Community and Leadership Development
CLM  Clinical Leadership and Management
COM  Communication
CSD  Communication Sciences and Disorders
EAP  Education Abroad Program
EDC  Curriculum and Instruction
EDL  School Administration
EDP  Educational and Counseling Psychology
EDS  Special Education
EDU  Education
ELS  Teacher Leadership
ENG  English
EPE  Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation
FA  Fine Arts
FR  French Language and Literature
GEO  Geography
GER  German Studies
GWS  Gender and Women’s Studies
HIS  History
HJS  Hebrew and Jewish Studies
HMN  Humanities
HP  Historic Preservation
IAS  Interdisciplinary American Studies
IEC  Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
INT  International Studies
IS  Information Studies
ISC  Integrated Strategic Communication
ISP  International Studies Program
ITA  Italian
JAT  Journalism, Advertising, Telecommunications
JOU  Journalism
JPN  Japan Studies
LAS  Latin American Studies
LIN  Linguistics
LIS  Library and Information Science
MAS  Media Arts and Studies
MCL  Modern and Classical Languages
MUC  Class Instruction in Music
MUP  Music Performance
MUS  Music
PA  Public Administration
PS  Political Science
PSY  Psychology
RS  Religious Studies
RUS  Russian
SOC  Sociology
ST  Social Theory
SW  Social Work
TA  Theatre
TSL  Teaching English as a Second Language
WRD  Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Media

Total Major hours: .................................................................. 42

OPTIONS

Option A – Spanish Language and Linguistics

Required Course
SPA 310 Spanish Composition Through Textual Analysis ............... 3

Specialty Option Courses
Choose 18 credit hours from Language and Linguistics courses:
*SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence ........ 3
SPA 302 Spanish for Business Professionals .................................. 3
SPA 313 Advanced Spanish Language ........................................... 3
SPA 323 Introduction to Spanish Translation ................................ 3
SPA 332 Spanish and Latin American Business Environments ....... 3
*SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish ....................................... 3
*SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education ..................... 1-15
*SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages
Subtitle required)........................................................................ 3
SPA 410 Advanced Spanish Grammar ......................................... 3
SPA 413 Spanish Phonetics ....................................................... 3
SPA 420 Spanish in the World .................................................... 3
SPA 423 Advanced Spanish Translation ...................................... 3
SPA 430 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics ............................... 3
*SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky .................................................... 3
*SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis ................................... 3
SPA 501 Spanish Phonetics, Pronunciation and Phonemics ......... 3
SPA 506 Introduction to Comparative Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian Linguistics ................................................. 3

*These courses must have a focus on language or linguistics.
Non-specialty Option Courses

Choose 6 credit hours from Literature and Culture courses:

**SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence** 3
SPA 312 Civilization of Spain 3
SPA 314 Civilization of Spanish America 3
SPA 315 Introduction to Hispanic Literature 3
SPA 320 Literature, Life and Thought of Spain 3
SPA 322 Literature, Life and Thought of Spanish America 3
SPA 324 The Theatre in Spain and Spanish America 3
SPA 350 Hispanic Cities (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 361 Latin American Literature in Translation (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 371 Latin American Cinema (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 372 Spanish Cinema (Subtitle required) 3
**SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish** 3
**SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education** 1-15
**SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages (Subtitle required)** 3
SPA 424 Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 432 18th and 19th Century Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 434 Spanish Literature of the 20th Century 3
SPA 438G Literature of Social Protest in Spanish America 3
SPA 445 Colonialism and 19th Century Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 464 Contemporary Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 474 Topics in Hispanic Studies (Subtitle required) 3
**SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky** 3
**SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis** 3
SPA 519 Themes in Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Literature and Culture (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 529 Themes in Modern and Contemporary Spanish Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 539 Themes in Latin American Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3

**These courses must have a focus on literature or culture.**

Non-specialty Option Courses

Choose 6 credit hours from Language and Linguistics courses:

*SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence* 3
SPA 302 Spanish Business Professionals 3
SPA 313 Advanced Spanish Language 3
SPA 323 Introduction to Spanish Translation 3
SPA 332 Spanish and Latin American Business Environments 3
*SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish* 3
*SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education* 1-15
*SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages (Subtitle required)* 3
SPA 410 Advanced Spanish Grammar 3
SPA 413 Spanish Phonetics 3
SPA 420 Spanish in the World 3
SPA 423 Advanced Spanish Translation 3
SPA 430 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics 3
*SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky* 3
*SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis* 3
SPA 501 Spanish Phonetics, Pronunciation and Phonemics 3
SPA 506 Introduction to Comparative Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian Linguistics 3

Additional Courses

Choose 6 credit hours from other list 6

**These courses must have a focus on literature or culture.**

Total SPA hours: 30

Option B – Spanish Literature and Culture

**Required Course**
SPA 310 Spanish Composition Through Textual Analysis 3

Specialty Option Courses

Choose 18 credit hours from Literature and Culture courses:

**SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence** 3
SPA 312 Civilization of Spain 3
SPA 314 Civilization of Spanish America 3
SPA 315 Introduction to Hispanic Literature 3
SPA 320 Literature, Life and Thought of Spain 3
SPA 322 Literature, Life and Thought of Spanish America 3
SPA 324 The Theatre in Spain and Spanish America 3
SPA 350 Hispanic Cities (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 361 Latin American Literature in Translation (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 371 Latin American Cinema (Subtitle required) 3
**SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish** 3
**SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education** 1-15
**SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages (Subtitle required)** 3
SPA 424 Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 432 18th and 19th Century Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 434 Spanish Literature of the 20th Century 3
SPA 438G Literature of Social Protest in Spanish America 3
SPA 445 Colonialism and 19th Century Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 464 Contemporary Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 474 Topics in Hispanic Studies (Subtitle required) 3
**SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky** 3
**SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis** 3
SPA 519 Themes in Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Literature and Culture (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 529 Themes in Modern and Contemporary Spanish Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 539 Themes in Latin American Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3

**These courses must have a focus on literature or culture.**

Non-specialty Option Courses

Choose 9 credit hours from Literature and Culture courses:

**SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence** 3
SPA 312 Civilization of Spain 3
SPA 314 Civilization of Spanish America 3
SPA 315 Introduction to Hispanic Literature 3
SPA 320 Literature, Life and Thought of Spain 3
SPA 322 Literature, Life and Thought of Spanish America 3
SPA 324 The Theatre in Spain and Spanish America 3
SPA 350 Hispanic Cities (Subtitle required) 3

Spanish Literature and Culture (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 529 Themes in Modern and Contemporary Spanish Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3
SPA 539 Themes in Latin American Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) 3

Total SPA hours: 30

Option C – Spanish (General)

**Required Course**
SPA 310 Spanish Composition Through Textual Analysis 3

Specialty Option Courses

Choose 9 credit hours from Language and Linguistics courses:

*SPA 300 Contact Zones: Cultivating Intercultural Competence* 3
SPA 302 Spanish Business Professionals 3
SPA 313 Advanced Spanish Language 3
SPA 323 Introduction to Spanish Translation 3
SPA 332 Spanish and Latin American Business Environments 3
*SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish* 3
*SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education* 1-15
*SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages (Subtitle required)* 3
SPA 410 Advanced Spanish Grammar 3
SPA 413 Spanish Phonetics 3
SPA 420 Spanish in the World 3
SPA 423 Advanced Spanish Translation 3
SPA 430 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics 3
*SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky* 3
*SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis* 3
SPA 501 Spanish Phonetics, Pronunciation and Phonemics 3
SPA 506 Introduction to Comparative Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian Linguistics 3

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SPA 361 Latin American Literature in Translation (Subtitle required) .................3
SPA 371 Latin American Cinema (Subtitle required) ........................................3
SPA 372 Spanish Cinema (Subtitle required) ....................................................3
**SPA 397 Independent Work in Spanish ..........................................................3
**SPA 399 Field Based/Community Based Education ...................................1-15
**SPA 400 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Languages (Subtitle required) .................................................................3
SPA 424 Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) ...3
SPA 432 18th and 19th Century Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) ..........3
SPA 434 Spanish Literature of the 20th Century ...............................................3
SPA 438G Literature of Social Protest in Spanish America ................................3
SPA 444 20th and 21st Century Spanish Studies (Subtitle required) ............3
SPA 454 Colonialism and 19th Century Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) .................................................................3
SPA 464 Contemporary Spanish-American Studies (Subtitle required) ....3
SPA 474 Topics in Hispanic Studies (Subtitle required) ..................................3
**SPA 480 Hispanic Kentucky ........................................................................3
**SPA 497 Hispanic Studies Honors Thesis ..................................................3
SPA 519 Themes in Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Literature and Culture (Subtitle required) ..................................................3
SPA 529 Themes in Modern and Contemporary Spanish Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) ..................................................3
SPA 539 Themes in Latin American Literature, Culture and Film (Subtitle required) .................................................................3

Additional Courses
Choose 12 credit hours from either list .........................................................12

**These courses must have a focus on literature or culture.

Total SPA hours: ............................................................................................30