

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS



Modern Languages and Literatures: Spanish

The university offers the study of four modern languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish) as well as a major in comparative literary traditions. One-semester courses in other languages are occasionally available.

Learning a second language provides not only a practical skill in communicating with others but also a viewpoint from which to observe the phenomenon of language itself. At the same time, it gives you access to the mental and psychological dimensions of cultural traditions and peoples other than your own. Exploring how others express themselves yields insights into patterns of thinking and behaving. Now that communication worldwide has become almost instantaneous, the ability to understand these dimensions and patterns is more important than ever before.

Basic requirements for a major in modern languages include 30 credits in upper-division courses in the department and successful completion of the comprehensive examination and defense of a senior thesis.

The Spanish Program

UD's Spanish program offers an innovative and challenging curriculum that begins with an in-depth study of language and culture in the Core offerings. Students can begin a study of Spanish by establishing a foundation in basic language skills as they become increasingly acquainted with the rich diversity of Spanish-speaking peoples and cultures. Within the Core, intensive language courses offer an efficient and valuable option to complete the language requirement prior to a semester in Rome. With a foundation in fundamental language skills, students can then pursue a focused study of literature, history, linguistics and culture, either through a concentration or a major. Study abroad programs in Cartago, Costa Rica, and Ávila, Spain, allow for more advanced work in the culture and language of Spain and Latin America.

Modern Languages Four-Year Plan:

Freshman Year

Art, Drama, Music or Math	3	Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
English 1301	3	English 1302	3
History 1311	3	History 1312	3
Language 2311	3	Language 2312	3
Philosophy 1301	3	Theology 1310	3
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

Junior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	6
Philosophy 3311	3	Economics 1311	3
Science	3	Science	3
Elective	3	Elective (or required course)	3
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311 and 2312	6
History 2301 and 2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Politics 1311	3
Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
Major Language	6
Total Sophomore Year Credits	30

Senior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	3
Philosophy Elective	3	Senior Thesis (or req. course)	3
Electives	6	Electives	9
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

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Spanish Study-Abroad Programs

Spanish majors are encouraged to study abroad during the summer at one of the UD-affiliated programs in either Spain, Ecuador, or Costa Rica. These study abroad experiences offer a valuable opportunity for students to study language and culture while living with host families. Each program includes several excursions to historically and culturally relevant destinations. The Spanish program gives credit toward the major for up to six credits taken abroad. These courses can include disciplines not regularly taught in our program, such as politics or economics.

Concentrations

A concentration in French, German, Italian or Spanish consists of four courses (12 credits) in a single language/literature at the advanced level (3000 or above). If you wish to concentrate in a language, you should consult with the coordinator no later than your junior year and declare the concentration in the Registrar's Office.

Action Items for Spanish Majors:

- Join campus clubs and organizations that support your interests, like the **Spanish Club**. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.
- **Explore electives beyond your Spanish coursework.** Electives from other departments, such as business, art or philosophy, could benefit your career.
- Work with your academic adviser and Office of Personal Career Development to explore **internship, research and volunteer opportunities** that will complement your study of Spanish. Because UD students develop particularly good textual analysis skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.
- **Study in Spain or Latin America.** Work with your academic adviser to find opportunities that will allow you to experience Spanish culture first-hand.

Applying your interests, skills and values in a changing world

A few examples of the types of experiential learning in which modern languages students engage include:

Bilingual Operations Intern, Dallas Goethe Center
Summer Assistant to General Director and CEO, The Dallas Opera
Bilingual Marketing Intern, Irving Chamber of Commerce

Below are a few of the professional destinations of recent modern languages major graduates:

Part-time Translator, Dallas Contemporary
Property Administrator, Lincoln Properties
Assistant, Bell Publishing
Spanish Teacher, Decatur High School
Risk Management Coordinator, Enhanced Senior Customer Assistance Representative, Enterprise Holdings
Associate Activities Director, Ashford Hall

Below are examples of the institutions where recent modern languages graduates pursued graduate-level degrees:

University of Dallas
University of Texas School of Pharmacy